



# Joe D. Ruiz

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**J**oe D. Ruiz, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2024, at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, DE. Born on January 3, 1945, in Hatillo, Puerto Rico, to the late Jose and Juana Ruiz, Joe's journey through life was marked by dedication, love, and a passion for the natural world.

Joe honorably served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War, a period that shaped much of his character and resolve. Following his military service, he embarked on a lifelong career as an architect designer and project manager for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Joe's remarkable talent and commitment were evident in his work, most notably in the Twin Towers, where he dedicated over 30 years before retiring.

Beyond his professional achievements, Joe was an active member of the Rockland County Dart League and the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club in Rockland County, NY. These associations were a testament to his camaraderie and community spirit.

An avid fisherman and lover of all things outdoors, Joe found solace in nature. He was often seen biking, bird watching, and fully embracing the beauty of the environment. Summers at Lake George in New York were particularly dear to him, where he cherished the time spent with his family. After retiring to Southern Delaware, he enjoyed everything that coastal living had to offer. Joe found his lake home here and nothing brought him more joy than being on the water and fishing out in his backyard.

In addition to his parents, Joe was predeceased by his sister, Lillian Ruiz. Joe's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife of 10 years, Patricia (Whitney) Ruiz, his daughter Laura Norris (Jason) of Manorville, NY, his son Jason Ruiz of Thiells, NY, his stepdaughter Bridget Kenny (John) of Randolph, NJ, and his sister Nancy White (Warren) of Tampa, FL. His grandchildren, Pearl Norris, Isla Norris, Whitney Kenny, and Savannah Kenny will hold dear the memories of their grandfather, especially the lessons at the domino table, where he taught them strategy and the value of quality time, along with many nieces and nephews.



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A funeral service will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2023, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Dodd-Carey Chapel, 307 N. Bedford St., Georgetown, DE 19947, where friends may call beginning at 2:00 PM. Joe will be interred with Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joe's memory to the veteran's charity of your choice, or Make a Wish, <https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageServer>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024, TO OUR GEORGETOWN LOCATION.



# Events


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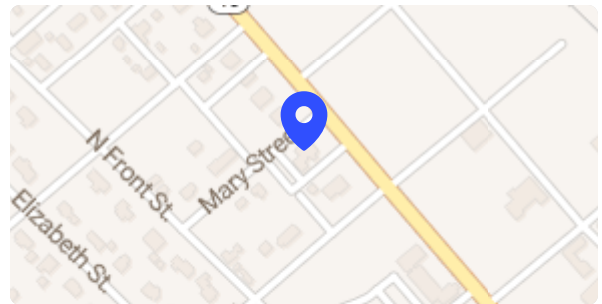
## Flowers

 **Saturday**, January 13, 2024


 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel**

307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



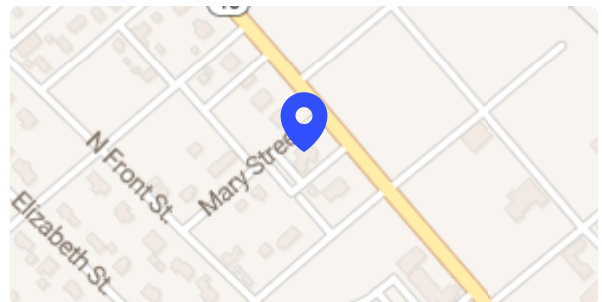
## Viewing

 **Sunday**, January 14, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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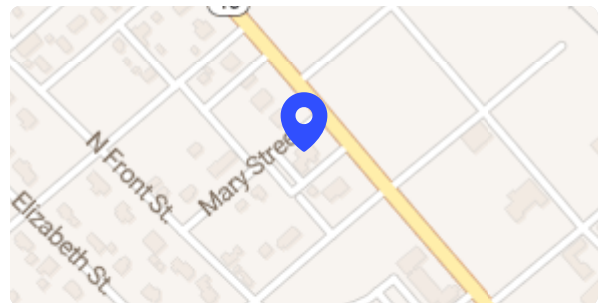
## Funeral Service

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**Frances Ruiz** posted:

Joe and I were married over 25 years when we parted ways. He was a great father to Laura and Jason and devoted grandfather to Pearl and Isla. Joe had a curiosity of many things including whether aliens exist. He loved gadgets and was always making something to improve how things worked. He loved riding his motorcycle with the Nam Knights MC. He had an adventurous personality always trying new things. We kept in touch to keep abreast of what our kids were up to and he offered help whenever he could. I miss him and will cherish the memories.

June 21 at 10:21 PM



**Lynne Domenici** posted:

Dear Pat, I want you to know that my heart, thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. So many funny memories of Joe especially when he got together with George. I am sure all the departed Nam Knights welcomed him home and are on a nice long ride figuring out where to eat. God Bless Pat and sending my condolences to you and all your family. Love Lynne Domenici

April 13 at 5:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ruiz family.



January 13 at 8:25 AM



**From The Parent Chapter** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ruiz family.



January 11 at 9:03 AM



**Tim** posted:

Hi Pat, thinking of you and the kids you are in our prayers, Tim and Michelle Walsh

January 10 at 5:42 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ruiz family.



January 10 at 8:59 AM



**Catherine Maroney** posted:

Sending my condolences to Pat, and to Joe and Pat's families. I am very sad to hear of his passing and, like everyone, wanted Pat to have many more years with him. He was so kind and a pleasure to talk to during the many visits to Bridget and John's home. I always admired him for his service in the Vietnam War, his career with the Port Authority, and his devotion to family. He will be greatly missed.



January 10 at 5:06 AM



**Joyce & John Federico** posted:

John and I want to extend our condolences to Pat and Joe's family whom we know will miss him dearly. We knew Pat many years before she met Joe, her true love. We had the pleasure of visiting with them quite often and they introduced us to many restaurants where we shared many wonderful meals and laughs. One of our favorites became the Racoon Saloon. Joe and Pat also introduced us to Belvale Creamery in Warwick, NY where the view and sunsets were just as good as the ice cream, and then it became a favorite hour ride for John and I in our convertible. Joe had a great smile and warm personality. We were so thrilled when we attended their lovely wedding at West Point. We also had the opportunity to travel with them to Puerto Rico which was very enjoyable and memorable. We also got to spend many weekends in their beautiful retirement home in Millsboro. It was so relaxing sitting in the porch overlooking the beautiful lake and experiencing some beautiful sunsets. Pat and Joe were quite the hosts. They made us feel like we were at home. We spent many a fun night playing dominoes. Joe and John would talk about politics, and even though they were on opposite sides, Joe said he liked John anyway. We will miss Joe very much.

January 9 at 4:54 PM



**Charlie** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Joe was a great guy. A life member of the Nam Knights of America m/c. Joe served his country with honors. His service In Vietnam was one of those where he became our hero. We will miss him greatly.



January 9 at 7:14 AM



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joe by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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