



Joseph R. Peet "Joey"

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I' d prefer not to think of this as an obituary but as a short story about my son's life journey written by me...his very proud mom.

Joseph Roy Peet (Joey) was born into our family on April 6, 1990. Upon his arrival he became our 4th son. Although Joey was a full term baby he appeared weaker than his brothers did when they came into this world. He had trouble feeding and was diagnosed with developmental delays when he was just 8 days old.

Once Joey gained the ability to take in nourishments along with stimulation and encouragement, provided by his older brothers, he started to thrive, and we never looked back. His bravery, perseverance, and his ability to embrace life to the fullest, regardless of its challenges, taught us all how to play this game of life with the deck of cards you are dealt and be joyful and thankful for every day.

Joey became a well-known member of this community as he never missed a game or event that his brothers were involved in. He was their biggest fan. He was also the loudest clapper when they would score or make a great play. Later his loyalty would transfer to watching his nieces and nephews as they entered the sports world. Our community was a fan of Joey too. There were many occasions when they would clap and cheer him on as he learned to walk or conquer a new skill.

Although Joey was non-verbal and had limited mobility, it never stopped him from participating in and enjoying life. He also had no trouble letting his presence be known wherever he went. He loved being the center of attention and had a very flirtatious nature which he would use to meet and win over any girls he met. This skill earned Joey the nickname of "Squints" (after the boy in the movie Sandlot) from his brothers. He would often hug his brothers' wives and just smile, look at them like "yep she likes me, I'm getting some love and there is nothing you can do about that. Joey's smile was broad, his laughter infectious and he could give the tightest hugs to anyone that got too close to him.



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Joey attended Howard T. Ennis for 18 years where he was an Eagle. He is proof that those Eagles really do earn their wings and fly under the guidance of that amazing staff. After graduation Joey attended Delaware Mentor where he met his most beloved assistant Miss Diana, or his guardian angel on earth is what Tom and I call her. She provided support through the Covid period by coming to our house to spend time with Joey and keep him engaged in learning while staying safe. About one year ago Joey started to attend the day program at Chimes. Socially he blossomed and made many new friends. He would scoot himself around the facility using his transport chair and kept everyone entertained with his sweetness or orneriness depending on the day. His smile was even brighter when it was a "Chimes Day".

Tom and I will always be grateful for the compassion of that staff and their acceptance of every individual who attends their program. With their guidance our son and his peers are able to enjoy each day safely while hanging with their friends and getting time away from mom and dad. In his free time Joey enjoys riding horses at Southern Delaware Therapeutic Riding. I suggest you stop by sometime to witness the connection between a horse, the instructor, side walkers and most importantly the rider. I have witnessed many magical moments watching my son and many others beam with self-confidence and pride as they stride around the ring riding on a horse giggling with joy while feeling free from all their restrictions. Most of all Joey loved his family and was honored to be called "Uncle Joe" by his 3 nephews and 3 nieces.

Our world is going to be dimmer without Joey here with us. He has touched so many lives in his 34 years. I hope part of him will live on in all the hearts he invaded along the way. Maybe his ways will inspire someone to smile at a stranger, give a random hug to someone or just be kind and learn to accept everyone for who they are thus finding the beauty they have to offer in making your world a better place.

Joey is survived by his parents Thomas J. Peet Sr. and Susan Engel Peet; three brothers, Thomas J. Peet, Jr. (Stefania) Milford, DE, Jeffrey E. Peet (Allison), Harbeson, DE, and Steven C. Peet (Marybeth) of Lewes, DE.; nephews T.J. Peet, Nolan Peet, Jordan Peet; nieces Annie Peet, Lillian Peet, Kaelynn Peet; grandparents Jamie Nachman of Lewes, DE and Lola Peet of Essington, PA., and a very special great aunt, Kathy Engel of Milford, DE.

A celebration of Joey's life will be held on Saturday February 1, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE where visitation will begin at 10 AM.



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The services may also be viewed via Live Stream by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11676108/LTWebcast> .

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Southern Delaware Therapeutic Riding,, P.O. Box 219, Nassau, DE 19969, Attn: Howard T. Ennis Riders Program.

Please sign Joey's Tribute Wall at this site.

Florist note- Please deliver all flowers on Friday Jan. 31, 2025 by 3 PM to the Lewes Funeral Home.




Events

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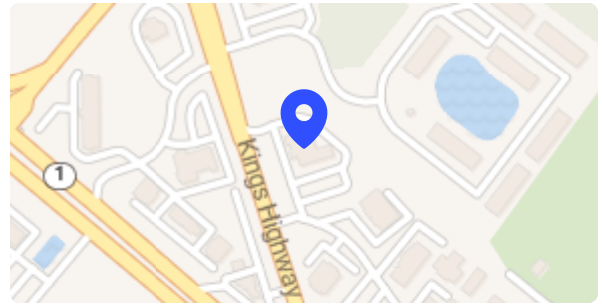
Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 1, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



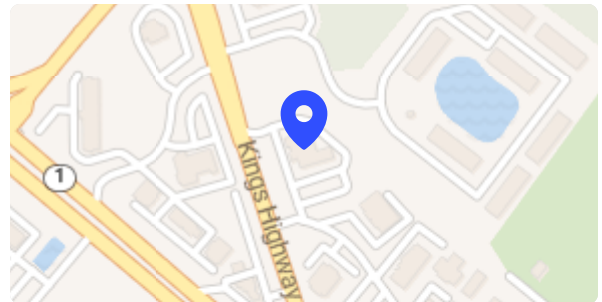
Celebration of life

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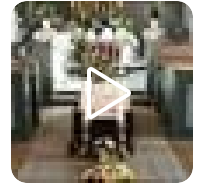
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 29 at 4:52 AM



Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Joseph R..



February 24 at 5:52 AM



Susan Best posted:

Sue and Pete, I am so sorry at the loss of your son, precious Joey. Although I never knew this young man, I know how much he meant to you. I remember our younger days and your beautiful family. I am sending prayers for you all. Susan Best

February 7 at 4:23 AM



Maura Dolan posted:

I am deeply saddened to learn of Joey's passing. Joey was a student when my son Tommy attended Howard T. Ennis. I will always remember Joey's joyful smile. It was evident he was so loved by all who were in his world. Prayers and Peace to you all ❤️ Maura (Colucci) Dolan

February 5 at 5:52 AM



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The Compassionate Friends posted:

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER OF THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS We are so very sorry you have had to experience the loss of your dear, wonderful Joey, and we are here for you. The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help, support organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents. There are no religious affiliations, membership dues, or fees. We meet together to learn to cope with the struggles of living life without our precious children. We, too, are on this journey of grief and extend our hearts and arms to you. Please feel free to join us on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Branford Lounge at Epworth Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For more information call Jill Hicks at 610-368-0236 or e-mail us at JHicks510@verizon.net. We wish you peace, fond memories of happier times, and healing. Your Lighthouse Chapter of The Compassionate Friends

February 3 at 9:24 AM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album.**



February 3 at 5:33 AM



Doris Person lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..

Sending prayers and hugs to the Peet Family.



February 2 at 10:49 AM



Corinne Billger posted:

Tom, Sue, Tommy, Jeff and Steve thinking of you and your family at this time. Joey was a sparkler- an essential part of the Delaware Titans. Didn't seem like a real baseball game without Joey in the stands. He was lucky to have been born a Peet for sure! A great family made spectacular; a great boy/man made spectacular. I imagine he's running, flying, talking w the angels and continuing to inspire all of us here. Corinne

February 1 at 11:56 AM



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SS

Sumner Spence posted:

Our hearts are broken for all your family and we know Joey's spirit will shine through as you carry on. May the tears become smiles in time. From all the Spence Family

February 1 at 7:00 AM

CS

Connie & John Subelka posted:

Although we only met Joey once, his infectious smile remains in our hearts forever. Please accept our sincere condolences, and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time, Joey is now resting peacefully with the angels. Connie & John Subelka

February 1 at 5:59 AM

RB

Rick Barbye posted:

Dear Sue, Tom, Tommy, Jeff & Steven, We are heartbroken and so sorry Joey left us. His smile and hugs will never be forgotten. Love, Rick and Mary Grace.

February 1 at 4:59 AM

DT

Deborah Treherne posted:

To the Peet family, Joey was one of the first students that I met when I transferred to the Howard T Ennis school. He may have been nonverbal, but he spoke through his eyes, facial expression, and infectious smile. Joey was full of love and compassion. I consider myself as fortunate to have crossed his path in this life. Until we meet again Joey, fly high Ennis Eagle ❤️

January 31 at 3:16 PM

RW

Regina A Willoughby posted:

I have fond memories of Joey while at HTE! His never ending smile brightened every room he walked into. His constant family support was the key to his happiness. Feel comfort knowing he now will be watching over all of you. Regina

January 31 at 2:57 PM



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Glenda Bowden posted:

On behalf of the entire team, please accept our deepest sympathies. Joey was a very Special Gem to us all here at Chimes and he will be missed by all.

January 31 at 11:43 AM



Mary Lou Warren lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..

My heart & prayers go out to all of you - Sue & Tom, Tommy, Jeff, Steve & your families. I had the privilege of watching Joey & all his brothers grow up because I was one of the nurses in their doctor's office. I don't think you can find a more loving & caring family than the Peet's. Sue, your beautiful words about Joey's life journey were truly written from a loving mother's heart. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you today & in the days to follow. Love & prayers, Mary Lou Warren



January 31 at 10:30 AM



Mark Stephen Nicholas posted:

I did not know this young man, but the beautifully written tribute certainly highlights his amazing life.. May he rest in peace. Peace and prayers to the entire Peet family.

January 31 at 7:28 AM



The John Northrop Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Peet "Joey" family.

January 31 at 6:31 AM



The John Northrop Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph R..

January 31 at 6:31 AM





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AC

Aunt Patty, Kelly, Marybeth, Sarah, Clif sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Peet "Joey" family.

January 31 at 4:53 AM



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SS

Shelly Souder posted:

I'm so sad that I never had the pleasure of meeting Joey, but his loving mom's tribute to him makes me want to get to know his wonderful family who took such excellent care of him. May God heal your hearts, and may every memory make you smile.

January 31 at 4:50 AM

JN

Jeanne Northrop sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Peet "Joey" family.

January 30 at 8:58 PM



KF

Kim And Rick Fischer sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Peet "Joey" family.

January 30 at 12:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Peet "Joey" family.

January 30 at 12:30 PM





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BL

Becky Lantz posted:

Our prayers to all of your family — a wonderful loving family. Take good care of each other for always. Rick and Becky Lantz and family.

January 30 at 11:28 AM

KM

Keith And Mike posted:

I loved it when Joey would get the giggles and I loved it when he blew me kisses. It just won't be the same without you around. Rest in Peace Joey

January 30 at 7:22 AM

RS

Roger Springer posted:

Roger! had the honor and privilege to work closely with my friend Joey during his lesson(s) as his sidewalker and horse leader. I will always remember that wonderful smile and his excitement during lessons. I remember he loved hats and would snatch my hat from my head wanting to wear it during his lesson but would give it back when it was time to put his safety helmet on. He was a very funny and playful guy. Thank you Joey for all the joy you brought to the barn. Our condolences to Sue, Tom and family.

January 30 at 5:06 AM

RW

Rebecca F Willey posted:

Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. What a wonderful tribute you shared. My prayers are with your family. Becky Willey

January 30 at 3:31 AM

SE

Sarah (Walls) Esselburn posted:

I had the privilege of hanging out with/caring for Joey a handful of times so that his amazing parents could run an errand here and there. Joey's sweet (and sometimes ornery) smile will never be forgotten!

January 29 at 3:15 PM



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LW

Lara Ware lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..



January 29 at 2:03 PM

LW

Lara Ware January 29 at 2:09 PM
So sorry for your loss , sending love and prayers.

DK

Denise Kates posted:

Our family had the pleasure of knowing Joey for a very long time as his neighbors. We looked forward to seeing him on his "travels" through The Willows. He always greeted us with a huge smile. You will be missed Joey! Hugs to the entire Peet family.

January 29 at 1:57 PM

IZ

Iza posted:

I volunteer at SDTR and although I never had the pleasure of knowing Joey, I am so happy that he experienced such joy at this facility during his lifetime. From the brief time I've been here, the joy in the riders' faces has changed my life as I'm sure it changed Joey's life and everyone he was in contact with. I am so sorry that you have lost such a beautiful soul. My heart goes out to your family.

January 29 at 1:20 PM

KE

Kelly lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..



Joey touched us all in so many ways. His smile and laughter lit up the room and made us all feel joyful. I will always remember his laughter and moments of pure joy during his rides, the way he would pet the horse, his flirty looks checking out the female volunteers (he loved the blonds!), how he would blow kisses to the horse and his team when he was done, how he showed us the Rockette kicks he learned from PT, his amazing hugs that were filled with love and his beautiful eyes that he looked at you so deeply with. Joey - I am so grateful and blessed for our time together. You have forever impacted my life and taught me about living in the moment. I know you are up there galloping through fields on Champ, Lucy and Willy - ride on Joey! Sending my love and prayers to Sue, Tom and family.

January 29 at 12:05 PM



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JB

Jack Amd Maureen Bovich posted:

Maureen and I feel blessed we got to meet and live in the neighborhood with Joey. I remember one of my first meetings with Joey he was ready to give me a hug. Tom quickly tried to warn me and I am glad I ignored the warning and got my first of many hugs from Joey. They are mighty hugs that just warm your heart and let you know he loved you. When he made the move on Maureen he would give the eye that said deal with it. We will miss him. Love you Joeyyyy!!!!

January 29 at 11:30 AM

AP

Annmarie Perrotta posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Joey was a great friend for many years! I enjoyed spending time with him riding horses and seeing him at Chimes. Joe's smile lit every room no matter where he was! One of my favorite memories is when he tried to push my power chair and realized that he couldn't. Then he decided to hold onto the back of my chair for me to pull him around. He loved his rides and certainly got a kick out of it!! Rest in peace Joe i love you my friend. ❤️🙏 sending prayers to his family and friends.

January 29 at 10:18 AM

LC

Lori Chaikin lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..

Joey will always have a special place in the hearts of all of us at SDTR. He will be missed.

January 29 at 10:02 AM



WR

Wendy Rogers lit a candle in honor of Joseph R..

January 29 at 9:35 AM





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DW

Davon Geyer-Wright posted:

Even though I've only had the pleasure to work with Joe for a short time period, one thing for sure is that he was full of love and happiness every day we got together. Joe was a warm soul that loved the little things in life. Whether it be us playing catch or bonding with a hug, Joe will never be forgotten at chimes due to his wonderful and unique personality. I pray for his immediate family everyday since his departure from this life and wishing nothing but comfort and compassion. It's sad to lose such a beautiful soul but it's bring warmth in my heart knowing how much love he had around him inside his home and out.

January 29 at 6:12 AM

DP

Dawn E Peet posted:

Joey will forever live in the hearts of those who loved him. He was our JoeJoe.... He always had a smile to give, he made others feel special. He had the gift of joy in his innocence, we saw the world differently through his eyes. His eyes communicated his heart. You knew you were loved. We are all different people because we loved him- he made us special. His family in Heaven holds him now- he was loved by the best. Until we're together again- send us your smiles. Love you Joe- Aunt Dawne

January 29 at 4:44 AM



Media

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AR

Anna P Rowe February 19 at 1:44 PM

Thinking of you both always The strength you have for Joey and family and Friends grows deep God Bless

EC

Estella Class February 2 at 7:15 AM

Keeping the Peet family in my thoughts and prayers. God knew what he was doing when aHe placed ahoj in Sue and atom's loving arms...you were exactly what Joe needed . May he rest in peace.

DM

Diamond Micielli January 29 at 4:02 PM

I remember Joey coming by to visit you at work in the ER.. he had the best smile. Hugs to your family



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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

February 3 at 5:33 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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