



Joseph Francis Seay

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Joseph Francis Seay, 82, of Lewes, Delaware passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 26, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with dementia.

Joe was born on August 5, 1943, at St. Agnes Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Travis and Catherine Seay. He was raised in Burlington, New Jersey, and graduated in 1961 from Holy Cross High School, a proud member of the school's very first graduating class. He went on to earn an associate's degree in accounting, a field that suited his steady, dependable nature.

Throughout his working years, Joe was known for his strong work ethic and commitment. He was employed by Playtex and Dover Downs before finishing his career at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, where he later retired. No matter where he worked, Joe valued routine, responsibility, and all things numbers.

In his younger years, Joe embraced life with energy and enthusiasm. He enjoyed fishing, playing tennis, bowling, and dancing at the Sheraton, where he created many joyful memories. Joe was an avid fan of movies and loved watching both live and televised sports. In his later years, he often helped his wife Rosie deliver meals for the Milford Meals on Wheels organization. He also found comfort and community at Excel Care, where he enjoyed participating in arts and crafts and chair exercising. Above all, he treasured time with his family and especially loved playing Dominoes, eating pizza, and drinking Pepsi during get-togethers — moments filled with laughter and connection that will be remembered fondly.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Leonilda "Rose" Seay who became an angel in 2021; his brothers, Travis and Lee; and his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Harris.

He is survived by his loving family: step-son David Shuttleworth, and his wife Sharon, of Collegeville, PA; step-son Dean Shuttleworth, and his wife Stephanie, of Lewes, DE; step-daughter



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Dawn Everhart, and her husband Gary, of St. Leonard, MD; son Joseph Seay Jr., and his wife Sally, of Marlborough, MA; and son Michael Seay, and his wife Megan, of Medford, NJ. He was a proud grandfather to Jacob, Riley, Logan, Jessica, Dawson, Liam, Ethan, Catherine, Trey, Oliver, Bennett, and Vera, and a cherished great-grandfather to Nora.

Joe is also survived by his sister, Lillian Schoen; his brothers, Paul and John Seay; and many nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly.

Funeral services will be held at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE on Monday, March 9, at 11:00 am. Family and friends can visit from 10-11am. Graveside service to follow at Sharon Hill Cemetery in Dover, DE at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Meals on Wheels Delaware: 100 West 10th St, Suite 207, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please sign the tribute wall at this site.

FLORIST NOTE - PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS TO OUR LEWES LOCATION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7, BY 3 PM.




Events


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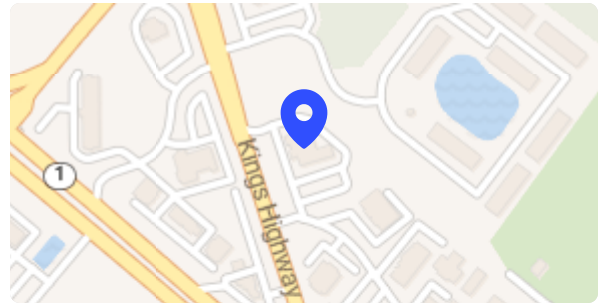
Visitation

 **Monday**, March 9, 2026

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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


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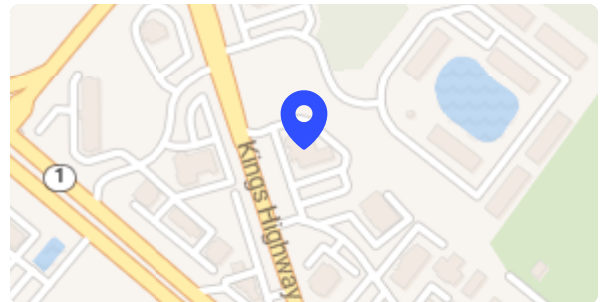
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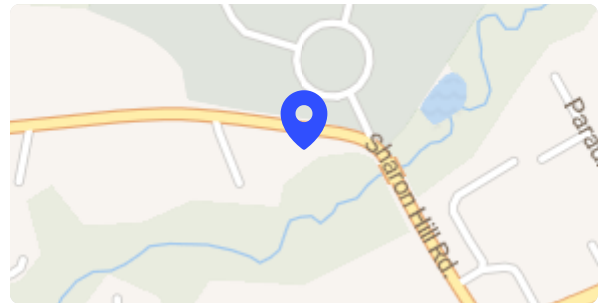
Interment

 **Monday**, March 9, 2026

 1:00 PM ET

 **Sharon Hills Memorial Park**

2928 Sharon Hill Road, Dover DE





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Scott, Michelle, Lexi And Gabe planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



March 3 at 5:41 PM



Scott, Michelle, Lexi And Gabe sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Seay family.



March 3 at 5:41 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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