



Joseph Rush

April 28, 2020

Joseph Aubrey Rush, 75, of Waldorf, Maryland departed this life unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in Florence, South Carolina. He was struck by a vehicle while riding his treasured vintage bicycle. He was born April 19, 1945 in Alcolu, South Carolina to the late Fred G. Rush and Mary Louise Rush. Joe married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Rush, in 1981. Joe was a strong, loving, funny, and hard-working man who adored his family and many friends. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He always made sure they knew they were loved by him and attended all family celebrations. Joe was a great man who never knew a stranger, everyone was his friend. He would help anyone. He loved working in his yard, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, riding his vintage bicycles, traveling to Florence, South Carolina and the Florida Keys. He will be sorely missed by many, but none as much as his family. He served as a General's Aide in Germany for the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. In addition, he retired from Wonder Bread and from Pepperidge Farm. He was the co-owner of Happy Tracks Boarding Kennel in Waldorf, Maryland. Joe is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Rush, his beloved children, Jack and Danielle Rush, Eddie and Vicki Estevez, Richard and Amie English and Eric and April Sjurseth. He is survived by 16 grandchildren, Frank, Madison, Hunter, Jonathan, Jessica, Jacob, Buddy, Andrew, Benjamin, Joshua, Donovan, Connor, Reed, Matthew, Kimberly, and Alexandra. In addition, he is survived by 11 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Makayla, Kylie, Nathan, Logan, Bella, Dominic, Shepard, Scarlett, Tyler, and

Lucas. Joe is survived by two siblings, Ann Cole and Hugh Rush and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Jessie. At this time all services will be private due to COVID-19. The family will be planning a Celebration of Life later this year.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Pat and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Joe and I worked many years with Pepperidge Farm and spent countless hours together. I agree with many of other comments that express Joe's love of life and his constant smile.

Jane and I were just talking about the time Joe was on television hugging and kissing one of his boxers at Westminster. What a perfect example of his personality.

Thank you for letting me know of Joe's passing and we hope you find some solice in how much Joe was loved.

Tom and Jane O'Brien

Thomas O'Brien - June 03, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TB

“ Joe is a sweet and kind and will be missed. My condolences to Pat and loved ones. May God bring you all comfort and strength during this time. Trish Brummer

Trish Brummer - May 11, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ Every person and dog who ever met Joe loved him. He added joy and light to the world, and will be truly missed. He always had a smile on his face, and it was clear that Pat and his family were the reasons for his happiness and warmth.

Katherine Mitchell - May 07, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Rush.*



May 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *So very sad & sorry for your loss Pat
Always enjoyed seeing him ride his bike around the VO park.*

Peggy Bean - May 04, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ *Pat I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Joe
I can remember the conversations we would have every time I would drop off Giuseppe.
He will truly be missed but we know he is in good hands up above.
My Prayers are with you and the family*



Love Terry & Monica

Terry Starks - May 03, 2020 at 03:59 PM

DO

“ *Pat and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Joe always lived life to the fullest and I

Had the opportunity to see him show just that during our many years working

Together at Pepperidge Farm. He had an infectious laugh and made friends

Everywhere he went. He had a generous soul and I will always appreciate the

Generosity both He and Pat extended to me and my family.

Rest In Peace Joe.

Dan and Nancy O'Brien

Dan O'Brien - May 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Dear Pat and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Joe was one of a kind and he will be missed by all your clients and their dogs.

Frank and. Ginny Burk

Frank Burk - May 03, 2020 at 10:49 AM

SL

“ *I am so, so sorry to hear this. Joe was a breadth of fresh air every time he came to pick up Moxie and his love for her - and us - was evident. And when he spoke about Pat his eyes shined. We are sending you all love and hugs.*



Samantha Lasky - May 03, 2020 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ April, Reed and Family,

I'm so extremely sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marissa Sullivan - May 01, 2020 at 12:20 PM

AS

Thank you Marissa❤️

April Sjurseth - May 01, 2020 at 10:00 PM

BH

“ *Joe was like a father to me. When I was the Manager at happy tracks boarding kennel for almost 8 years. Joe and I were a team I never will forget when he taught me how to Drive his John Deere tractor and we also build a chicken coop when Pat was away then he turned around and blamed it on me lol he always made me laugh he would always tell me that everything will be OK, I loved listening to all of his stories we could sit for hours and him just telling me about the things he had done in his past and travels. I will hold on to all the memories he was just like a father to me and a grandfather to my girls. I'll never forget the day I was homesick and Joe came to my house to bring me my check but he was covered in black trash bags just so he wouldn't get sick. He made me laugh so hard and I will truly miss him. Love you Joe I know you're looking down at your family and telling them everything will be all right, as you would tell me. Thank you so much for being a part of my life. Love Bre*



Brianna Harley - May 01, 2020 at 07:39 AM

MB

“ Though I am no longer part of the "Immediate Family", I still hold a special place in my heart for the family. Sitting back and thinking of Joe brings a warm smile to me.

From the times working with him on the cookie route to him actually entrusting me to running his route while he was laid up with a bum knee. There was "Beanie Wienies", Making coffee runs up to Collington Plaza 7-11, waiting for them to brew a fresh pot of coffee. The always immaculate lawns wherever he lived. Then there was the ever famous Spade Card Games !!! I wouldn't know where to start on those games, but the laughing, the noise but mostly the love for each other.. I don't know why the Lord chose to take you, but rest assured Joe, Your wife will be well looked after, the values you have taught everyone will reflect as we all grow older, Say hello to all our loved ones who have passed on, and I look forward to meeting you in the afterlife Love Mike

Mike Bowen - May 01, 2020 at 02:42 AM

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Love Bre

Brianna Harley - May 01, 2020 at 05:20 AM

BW

Joe was our Dads half brother...Howard M. Rush...we grew up with them ...me Bettie Frances, Marvin Gene , Beverly Susan and Bonita Carol. So many memories. Love you Joe...Bettie F. Rush Walden.

Bettie Frances Rush Walden - May 03, 2020 at 12:17 AM

RB

“ *Rose Boswell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Rush*



Rose Boswell - April 30, 2020 at 03:04 PM

PR

Joe cared greatly for your family. Thank you & God Bless us all

Patricia Rush - May 01, 2020 at 12:54 AM

 Marilyn Shalash-Boswell

“ *Ms. Pat , we are so very sorry for your loss. Joe was a great person. Our deepest condolences. Brianna , Brent, Marilyn and family*



Marilyn Shalash-Boswell - April 30, 2020 at 01:56 AM