



## Joseph A. Costello, Sr.

October 31, 1936 - February 7, 2021

Joseph Anthony Costello Sr. peacefully passed away on February 7th, 2021 surrounded by loved ones.

Joe is preceded by his parents Patrick Costello Sr. and Marion Costello.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Lisa, of 34 years, his brother and sister in law, Pat and Connie Costello of Cape Coral, FL and his sister and brother in law, Leanne and Henry Migliore, also of Cape Coral, FL. Joe will be fondly remembered by his six sons: Joseph Jr., Scott, Jonathan, Justin, Todd and Seth. Joe's kindness and charm will continue on through his six grandchildren: Caitlyn, Jordan, Scott Michael, Adam, Brooke, and Austin.

Joe was born in Teaneck, New Jersey on October 31, 1936. He graduated from Bergenfield High School in 1954 and was inducted into the United States Army in January 1955. Joe served in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) from 1955 to 1957. Following his years of service, he attended Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.

An entrepreneur at heart, Joe started his own landscaping business in 1959 in Bergen County, NJ, followed by his own real estate company in 1969. As a young builder and realtor, Joe was eager and hardworking. He always aimed to provide the best quality and service to his clients, taking great pride in every

detail of the projects he took on. He was known for his friendliness and attention to detail. His clients couldn't help but love and respect him - Joe always left his mark. Over the course of his career, Joe built many houses and provided numerous remodeling services across New Jersey and Florida.

In his free time, Joe enjoyed teaching Tae Kwon Do and participating in Boy Scouts with his sons as a Scout Master and mentor. Most of all, Joe loved competition in all activities, including golf, corn hole and especially Skee-Ball. Joe was famous for his special Christmas gravy and meatballs, enjoyed by many family and friends. He was happiest spending time with his family.

Services will be held at 10:00AM on Wednesday 2/17/21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 7900 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241.

Burial will be at 1:30PM at Sarasota National Cemetery .

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Folds of Honor at <https://bit.ly/3jlws8E>, where a donation can be made in Joe's name. Additionally, donations may be sent to All Faiths Food Bank at [allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Patrick Catholic Church  
7900 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall

MZ

“ Joe and Stephen Glass had a beautiful romance together, Joe was proud of his alliance with the LGBTQ Community! His wife and Sons Fully Accepted him Coming out as a Gay Man before he passed, Joe always talked about the "Big Secret" and how keeping it secret for so many years was one his biggest regrets, rip

Micky Z - January 27, 2024 at 04:02 PM

AF

You have the wrong Joe Costello.

Anne-Marie Feikema - September 23, 2024 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ Joe Costello was a very special guy. He was kind, compassionate and always, the consummate gentleman. He loved with his whole heart, especially his wife, Lisa and their six boys. If you were lucky enough to spend a holiday at their home, you would be treated to elegance, fabulous food, impromptu concerts and endless laughter. Our families were very close as our children grew up and I am so grateful that we had the privilege to call Joe our "Mr. C" He was a proud and honorable veteran who extolled the virtues of love for his country, family and God. We miss you terribly, Joe. Until we meet again...

Jodi McGaharan - February 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM

MV

He was not a good guy..He was very jealous and controlling guy..He was a sheister and took advantage of situations..In short,good riddance

Mike Vonchota - July 30, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Janice Bradway lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Costello, Sr.*



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**Janice Bradway** - February 17, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Maura Costello lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Costello, Sr.*



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**Maura Costello** - February 17, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *What can I say about Joe! He was crazy, funny, good looking, great personality, always wanted to please you but most of all he had a big heart❤️ He's family was number one always and loved being with them. He also loved entertaining and he was darn good at it. Joe left his Mark on everyone and will be missed by all R.I.P. cuddie❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*



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**Lynne** - February 16, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Mr. C was without a doubt one of the kindest, warmest and most generous people we have ever had the pleasure of knowing. The Costello’s are truly family to us and God sure blessed us to have someone like Joe as a part of our lives and family for the last 20 years. He was someone who’s energy was both magnetic and contagious; you couldn’t help but smile and laugh when you were around him. He always took pride in everything he did, including his famous Braciolo which he was always so excited to make for all of us. Joe always looked out for everyone as he will now from Heaven. We were blessed to know and love him and he will be very missed. All of our love and prayers to you Mrs. C and the entire Costello family.*

*Love, Blair and Ben*

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**Blair Kirkwood** - February 16, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MC

“ *My father in law will be truly missed by his 3 grandchildren Caitlyn, Scott Michael and Adam. He loved watching them grow up. I will never forget the time when Scott Michael was born and had to be transferred to a children's hospital in New York city. My husband called dad and without hesitation he came picked up Scott from the hospital and went with him to the children's hospital or the time he won a huge stuffed tiger for the kids when we went to Disney World by throwing rings around bottle necks. The kids were so excited. You will be forever in our hearts Dad. Till we meet again love you*

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**Maura Costello** - February 16, 2021 at 06:41 PM

BC

“ Uncle Joe and Aunt Lisa welcome me and my girls into the family with no hesitation. First time we met the girls were small and they invited us over to swim and have lunch. I have never laughed so much in my life. We talked for hours. We had the best time. He will truly be missed.



Brandy Costello - February 16, 2021 at 04:36 PM

MC

My father in law will truly be missed by his granddaughter Caitlyn and grandsons Scott Michael and Adam. I'll never forget when Scott Michael was born he had to be transferred to a children's hospital in New York city. My husband called his father to go with him and dad did so without hesitation. Dad you'll also be in our hearts. We love you

Maura Costello - February 16, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ Jonthan and family,

Read the Obituary and it sounds like you have great memories of your Dad that will last you a lifetime.

James F Magrogan - February 16, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Costello, Sr..



February 16, 2021 at 01:06 PM

MM

“ Joe Costello was a kind, selfless, charismatic man who made people’s lives better by being in them. Over the years, many memories with Joe have been created; all full of love, generosity, and happiness. One of my favorite memories with Joe was when my family and I would come over and he would show us how he made his famous sauce and meatballs. He took the time to explain the process to us and would then share the finished product with us. Joe will be cherished and missed by many. My prayers and condolences go to the Costello family.

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**Maggie McGaharan** - February 16, 2021 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ Joe Costello was more than a great friend to our family- he was family. He was always so caring and thoughtful. Something that comes to mind when I think of Joe’s compassion is that he always called our house before big storms or hurricanes were supposed to hit, to make sure we had what we needed. Even bringing over a generator to our house one morning before a particularly big storm was to make landfall.

Time and time again, he showed us through his genuine acts of kindness that he considered us family as well.

He made everyone around him feel welcomed and important. His laugh was infectious and his energy was palpable. He was such a special person and I feel honored I got to know him.

He will be sorely missed by many.

Lisa and family, our hearts and prayers are with you.

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**Sarah and Tom Soich** - February 15, 2021 at 09:37 PM

LM

“ Lisa and family... we send our deepest condolences and peaceful prayers to all of you.

*Our best memory of Joe really shows his personality. We joined you for Easter....and Joe prepared a fabulous and HUGE meal. We all had a fun relaxing day. Joe apologized for not cooking a turkey because all we had was baked ziti, ham, potatoes, and more! He truly wanted us to feel comfortable and at home...we did!*

*Lynne and Joe Magrogan*

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**Lynne Magrogan** - February 15, 2021 at 10:52 AM

BH

“ Our sincerest condolences to Lisa and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you with Joe's loss.

*Bruce & Carol Hemming*

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**Bruce & Carol Hemming** - February 14, 2021 at 12:45 PM

KM

“ Our friend, Joe, will be remembered as a generous man who knew a lot about a lot of things. Not only would he share his knowledge and tell you how to do something, he would always offer to help you do it. He will be remembered by the many students of Karate which he taught( Back belt) back in New Jersey. Joe enjoyed the art of the deal as a successful commercial realtor and developer. Our prayers go out to Joe and his Family which seemed a part of our family. Joe will be fondly remembered by the many his life touched.

*Kevin and Jodi McGaharan*

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**Kevin McGaharan** - February 12, 2021 at 11:36 PM