



## Joseph "Joe" Pansulla, Jr.

December 14, 1950 - May 9, 2025

Joseph "Joe" Pansulla, Jr., 74, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025, in Nokomis, Florida. Born on December 14, 1950, in Orange, New Jersey. Joe lived a life marked by dedication to his work, love for his family, and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life.

Joe graduated from West Orange Mountain High School in 1969. He spent his youth playing baseball and football, making surf boards at The Point Surf Shop, restoring Corvettes and running delivery routes for his parent's liquor store. He was later inducted into the Colgate Park Hall of Fame as a recognition of the mark he made on the local sports community.

He went on to study at the NJ School of Engineering & Drafting. His early education laid the foundation for a lifelong career in construction. He began as a heavy equipment operator with IUOE Local 825, where he celebrated 50 years of membership. After marrying Corinne (Hug) in 1974, the couple was called toward the water and moved "down the shore" to Pt. Pleasant, NJ. There, they raised their children while enjoying many hours boating, at the Pt. Pleasant Boardwalk and the Beach & Surf Club.

Driven by a dream and a vision, Joe and his family later took a leap and moved to Sarasota, FL where he founded Trend Building & Development, Inc., and served as a General Contractor. Through this venture, he not only built

structures but also lifelong friendships with his customers and colleagues.

Joe was a man who cherished time with his family. He is survived by his son, Joseph Pansulla III; daughter Suzanne Parrish and her husband, Scott, and grandsons Brandon and Dylan Parrish, all of Sarasota. He also shared many happy years with Corinne Pansulla, his former spouse. Joe was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Pansulla, Sr. and Madeleine (Marucci).

Outside of work and family life, Joe found joy in boating and fishing - activities that brought him peace and connection to nature. He loved watching his children and grandchildren in all their athletic ventures, never missing an opportunity to watch with heartfelt pride from the sidelines. A regular at the local Waffle House, Joe enjoyed visiting with friends over coffee and conversation. Known for his storytelling and remarkable memory of the “good ole days”, he had a gift for bringing people together through shared laughter and recollections. And, of course, he never missed the opportunity to pull a practical joke.

Joe also had a knack for tinkering, fixing things around the house and acting as the neighborly handyman. His hands were rarely still; he found satisfaction in restoring items and giving them new life.

Joe’s memory will live on through his family and friends. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 4-6pm, with a Clergy service at 6pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home Colonial Chapel located at 40 N. Orange Ave in Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe’s memory may be made directly to the American Lung Association or National Kidney Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel  
40 N. Orange Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
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## Clergy Service

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ So often we hear that a person was from the “old neighborhood” but in the case of Joe, it was so thoroughly true. We grew up a block away from one another. My wife grew up three blocks away. We attended grammar school, junior high school, and high school together. Joe’s father and uncle had gone through those exact schools with my mother and they had all remained friends into adulthood. All of that puts a different spin on things. Losing someone that close takes a bit away from oneself. Joe will definitely be missed. --- John & Patricia Dandola

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**John Dandola** - May 20, 2025 at 01:57 PM

DY

“ I am not sure how long ago I met Joe but it was at the Waffle House. I have been a regular at the Waffle House six months of each year for 22 years and I am now back in Ohio for the summer. I will miss Joe as will several other guys that shared space at the counter. Unfortunately our numbers are declining but we all look forward to swapping lies at the counter. Joe was always positive about his health and he was never down! I had to return to Ohio two weeks earlier than normal to see my Cardiologist and have a Cardio-version and Joe followed my situation. Always caring for his friends, family and dedicated to his grandchildren, especially. Joe, you will be missed. You were a bright spot in my life and in the lives of many others. Goodbye my friend.  
David Yerian

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**David Yerian** - May 19, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“ I met Joe many years ago at the Waffle House. There was a group of regulars that would gather there practically daily to drink coffee, and share stories, and many laughs. Joe was always more than happy to lend a hand if needed. He was a good man and will be missed by many. R.I.P. Joe. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

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**Steve Zaborski** - May 18, 2025 at 05:57 PM

JS

“ First, my heart is aching for the Pansulla family. The loss of a spouse, a father and a grandpa, a brother in law and a friend is never easy. Joe was a blessed man throughout his health struggles, but always made his best attempts to show his love to his family. I met Joe and his family many years ago in Saddle Creek , Sarasota. He was a very proud family man and a dear friend to Corinne. Whenever I would visit Corinne, he always treated me kindly. One of my best recent memories was his offer to make me a homemade Cappuccino using his coffee maker at Corinne's. It was delicious! May Joe now be at peace in Gods arms.

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**Joanne Schwab** - May 17, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SP

“ I, as well as my remaining family, will truly miss Joe! He was a special nephew to me over the 74 years. My heart is deeply saddened and feels the hurt with others that shared their moments over time with Joe! Rest peacefully knowing he will look over us for eternity. Uncle Sam Pansulla, Mike, Robyn and Kelly

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**Sam Pansulla** - May 15, 2025 at 09:40 AM

HM

*I had the pleasure of serving Joe at the Waffle House for over 7 years. He shared many stories with me and made me laugh every time he came in. He will truly missed. Rest in peace Joe. Until we meet again - Helene*

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**Helene Milligan** - May 15, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to Corinne and family. Kim Flerlage (Fruitville Elementary).*

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**Kimberly Flerlage** - May 14, 2025 at 07:01 PM