



Mr. Joseph Badaracco

September 15, 1938 - August 14, 2023

Joseph Badaracco was born on September 15, 1938 in New York City to Adam and Ruby Badaracco.

Growing up on the lower east side of Manhattan, Joe relished the ethnic foods of his neighborhood, including knishes, pierogies, corned beef, and hot pretzels. He worked as a shoeshine boy and told stories of earning a dime for turning on the stove of his Jewish neighbor on each Sabbath.

After high school, Joe proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He earned a Combat Action Ribbon for a fire fight in Sidon, Lebanon in July of 1958. In his heart he remained 19 years old and was forever a Marine. He loved to tell stories of his time in the service.

Joe moved to Maryland in 1967, but through all those years, he never lost his New York accent. He loved living in Parkton and he took great pride in taking care of his home, garden, and yard. He loved Maryland so much that he would regale his family with his rendition of "Maryland, my Maryland, oh how I love my Maryland" even after short weekend trips to Pennsylvania.

He was a meticulous person with artistic talent and a great eye for detail and color, skills he deployed throughout his career as a printing press operator. He also enjoyed fishing and setting up his model train displays. He was a movie

buff and loved rewatching his favorites and reciting all the lines. He collected coins, baseball cards, and sports memorabilia, and he was thrilled by the pursuit of adding to his collections.

His memory was nothing short of amazing. He could remember movie lines and actors' names from the 1950's that he hadn't seen in over 50 years. He loved to travel and was determined to put as many miles on his rental car as he possibly could on every trip. Many decades after visiting a place only one time, he could describe accurately how the town was laid out, where the gas station was, and what the price of gas was. He liked to compare notes with his family about who knew the Final Jeopardy answer, because he frequently knew the answer when none of the family (or the contestants) did.

On August 25th he would have celebrated his 61st wedding anniversary with his loving and patient wife, Gail (Means) Badaracco. He was extremely proud of his two daughters, Karen Prettyman and Stephanie Badaracco, and his son-in-law Gib Prettyman. He was an adoring Granddaddy to his granddaughters Greer and Kate Prettyman, and his canine grandson Rosco. He spoiled his granddaughters and wanted to give them everything he never had. He was also very close to his "adopted" son Chris Herring, and he enjoyed their long talks. He leaves behind many cherished friends, relatives, and in-laws whose lives he shared.

In particular, Joe's family wishes to express their infinite thanks and gratitude to their thoughtful and kind neighbors, who were family to them, most especially in their times of need.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maryland's Veterans Affairs department, the American Cancer Society, or a charity that is meaningful to you.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Evans Funeral Home-Monkton
16924 York Rd.
Monkton, MD

Visitation

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories from High School of Mr. Joe (usually if Steph and I got into something we shouldn't have!). And having had the pleasure of working with Gail as well. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Julie (Mucha) Springer - September 06, 2023 at 09:34 AM

MW

“ I have been friends with Joe and Gail for 50 years. Our children were the same ages and we spent a lot of time together while they were in school. We will treasure the memories we made during that time. Homemade pizza, Joe's delicious meatballs and sauce, Joe fishing in our pond, taking turns watching our children during the blizzard of '79 (when Karen and Gib met!) and Joe's remodeling help at our old farmhouse. Pinochle games were always a challenge: Joe liked to win! I could always count on their support and friendship, through good times and bad. Peace and Love always, Joey.
Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Winter - August 16, 2023 at 06:54 PM

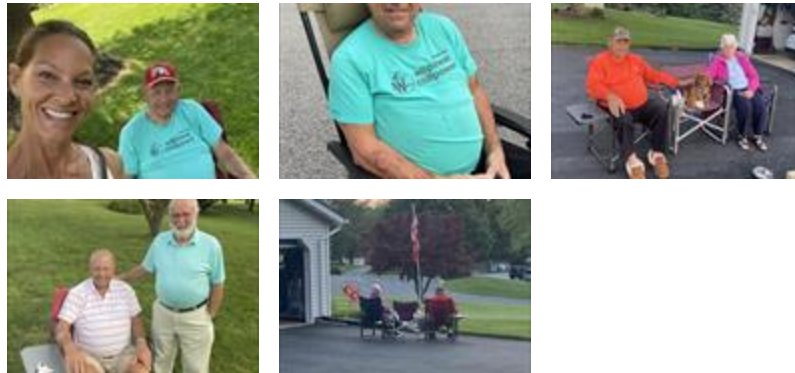
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“ Gail I was so sorry to hear about Joe. Sadly, I will be on vacation and won't be able to attend his services. Reading the write up on his life I can remember when he would get on a new collectors kick and you would complain that there wasn't room for another thing - he always found room. I always enjoyed the stories he told when he would stop in the office as he was quite the storyteller. I know he will be missed by many. We need to get together with Rick and Joe H and talk about the old office. Thinking of you and sending prayers your way. ~Barbara Leland

Barbara Leland - August 16, 2023 at 11:43 AM

KD

“ When we moved onto Apple Valley Ct 24 years ago, we became instant friends with Joe & Gail... such great next door neighbors. We always watched out for each other, shared things, stopped and chatted... like good neighbors do. He quickly became “uncle Joe” to us. I’ll miss seeing him raise and salute his flag daily (which I thankfully got a pic of one day :) and our regular visits but mostly I’ll miss his smile and his warrior spirit mindset ... a Marine until the end. Rest in peace uncle Joe.



Karen Dubs - August 16, 2023 at 09:47 AM

CH

I was fortunate to know the man for 50 years. He was a friend, a mentor, and a Brother in Arms. He stood guard for his country as a US Marine and was fiercely proud of The Corps. 100% Solid in any man's book. Until we meet again, I will miss our talks but look forward to our reunion.

chris Herring - August 16, 2023 at 10:58 PM

GK

As always Joe fought the gallant fight . A good man with a great heart and strong family love. We salute you Joe and trust you will carve the path for us in the next life. I will always remember the discussions of The Corps, family, world and local occurrences and pride and love of country. We give our best for health and happiness to Gail, Stephanie and rest of family as we all all know there will certainly be a void in our universe without Joe. GOD bless. George Kassolis, Brenda Beale Josie and Maddie

George Kassolis - August 25, 2023 at 06:14 PM