



Joseph Anthony Yannuzzi

September 7, 1954 - May 5, 2020

Joseph T. Yannuzzi (Joe), 65, passed away on May 5, 2020 in his beloved lake house, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late Anthony and Catherine Yannuzzi.

Joe married his childhood sweetheart Nancy in 1972, they were happily married for 48 years. He began his career with the railroad in 1974 as a crew dispatcher and worked his way up the ranks, retiring as the General Superintendent, Amtrak, Southwest Division in 2011. Joe's leadership and work ethic earned him respect and admiration throughout the railroad community.

Joe was a kind, true gentleman, who was loved by all. His infectious personality, kind heart, and quick wit made it impossible not to enjoy his presence. Joe lived his life honorably and authentically. He loved traveling with his wife and living in their slice of paradise. Nancy was his love, his sweetness; someone he shared a love with seen once in a lifetime.

Joe's love for his family was fierce. Anyone could see the man he was through the character seen in his children; his pride in them knew no bounds. He loved to spend time with his grandsons fishing, telling jokes and taking boat rides. Joe also enjoyed golf, playing poker and betting on the horses. He was selfless and humble, someone who asked for nothing but gave everything.

Joe fought valiantly and courageously against his battle with cancer, never letting it define him. He lived his life to the fullest each day and was his jovial, charismatic self to the end. Joe touched countless lives in ways he didn't even realize. He is what so many strive to become; loving husband and father, dedicated brother, and loyal friend.

Besides his wife Nancy, Joe is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Kluzak (Keith), and his son, Jay Yannuzzi (Angelina); grandsons Jacob, Braeden and Lucas; siblings Cathy Langton (Ed), Tony Yannuzzi, Mary Diek (Larry), Flossie Johnson, Tom Yannuzzi (Tish) and Steven Yannuzzi. Joe is also survived by nieces, nephews and extended family who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, Jerry Johnson and sister-in-law, Diane Yannuzzi.

We've lost one of the best, but heaven has gained an angel. We love you, Joe. Look after us.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Joe's memory to Gary Sinise Foundation (<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org>), P.O. Box 368 Woodland Hills, CA 91365, the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>), P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675, or a charity of your choosing.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ We're missing this wonderful, giving, loving man. God is so very lucky to have him in heaven!
We shed many tears and laughter and tears again, Joey will remain forever in our hearts and in our thoughts, he always enjoyed making us laugh. Nancy, we're always here for you! Love, Dawn & Jim Jones

Dawn Jones - May 14, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ On behalf of the National Park Service, it was a pleasure working with you and your team. Thanks for supporting all our Rangers on your trains. You played a major role in enriching the lives of tens of thousands of passengers through our National Park Service - Amtrak partnership. They will be forever grateful for the opportunity you provided. Thanks for your amazing vision in sharing the message of our parks and protected areas and your friendship. Rest easy my friend...

*Jim Miculka
National Park Service
Trails & Rails*

James E. Miculka - May 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM

RP

“ I had the privilege of having a great friendship with Joe since 1986. we both worked for Amtrak and I was working in New Orleans and Joe was working out of Philadelphia. We were both put on a special assignment together when we took over the Southern Pacific railroad crews. We met in San Antonio and immediately it was like we had known each other for years! From this budding friendship, little did we realize that we would be working in California together just a few years later. We always focused on the same key areas at work, safety, customer relations, employee relations, operational excellence, and being honest in all we did.. Joe and I made a great team in all of the different positions we subsequently held. Joe had a keen sense of humor and we laughed even on our worse days. Joe's wife Nancy was his heart along with his son Jay and daughter Jennifer. It was always a pleasure to be around them and watch them grow and mature. I am saddened beyond words to lose my friend but I am happy because I know he is at peace. Joe you made a difference in this world and you were such a positive image to all! I salute you my friend who will never ever be forgotten.

Richard Phelps

Richard Phelps - May 12, 2020 at 12:50 AM

JR

“ Please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Joseph from myself and my family. I had both the privilege and pleasure of working with and for him since his arrival in Southern California. What a warm and understanding person he was. In every respect he was the absolute perfect boss to have worked for. Joseph was the kind of leader that you learned something new from him every day. He was a warm and understanding human being in every sense of the word. His passing troubles me deeply as the world has lost a truly wonderful and inspiring human being. May God bless and keep Joseph and his family.
Thank you giving me the honor of having known him. Joseph and his family remain in our prayers.

Jack and Gail Rich
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Jack Rich - May 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

LS

“ Met Joe thru Lois. He was a guest at our house on an occasion. In conclusion and in my life time (71), he ranks in the top three as an incredible, unbelievable, role model a human being would want to emulate. LOUIS SZOLLOSZY I.e. Lois' other ??

Louis Szollosy - May 08, 2020 at 08:40 PM

RH

“ Don't really have a lot but I'm sorry for the Families loss and he was a Great Guy one of our Chi guys R.I.P joe your pain is gone now

Rita Hensley - May 08, 2020 at 06:52 PM