



Joseph Francis Meehan Jr.

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MEEHAN, Joseph Francis, Jr., of Dunedin Florida passed away in his home on February 1, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. Raised in Jackson Heights, New York, he lived with his wife and 11 children in Massapequa, New York, and moved to Dunedin, Florida in 1990. Joe learned to fly helicopters in the United States Marine Corps where he was a Captain and a Korean War Veteran. For more than 20 years he was a helicopter pilot for New York Airways. Joe loved sunsets at Honeymoon Island, and celebrating his Irish Heritage. His greatest joy was from his wife of almost 63 years, 11 children, 26 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. Joe is survived by his wife, Eileen Meehan of Dunedin, Daughter, JoAnn (Augustin) Veiga of New York, Son, Joseph (Lisa) Meehan of Colorado, Daughter, Mary Farrell of Virginia, Son, Michael (Becky) Meehan of North Carolina, Daughter, Jean (Fritz) Rote of Virginia, Daughter, Kathleen (Chad) Goss of Massachusetts, Daughter, Margaret (Henry) Costa of Virginia, Son, Daniel (Dawn) Meehan of Florida, Son, Matthew (Bonny) Meehan of Florida, Son, Brendan (January) Meehan of Kansas, and Daughter, Eileen (Thom) Lutkenhouse of Virginia. Grandchildren include Nicole Veiga; Joseph and Edmund Meehan; Benjamin and Christi Farrell; Brian, Eric, Peter and James Meehan; Justin and Colin Rote; Patrick, Nathan and Adam Goss; Scott, Ryan and Lucas Costa; Sean and Kevin Meehan, Harry Meehan; Colleen, Matthew, Suzanna and Daniel Meehan, and Connor and Amelia Lutkenhouse. Great grand children include Giselle, Mario and Derek Casiano. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice, or Saint Vincent de Paul.




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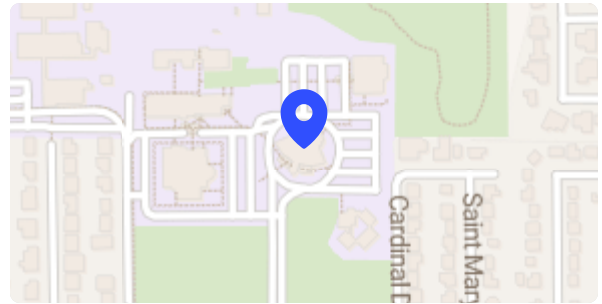
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Funeral Mass

 **Friday**, February 6, 2015

 10:30 AM ET

 **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
750 San Salvadore Drive, Dunedin FL





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Ed Kelly posted:

THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM AN OLD FRIEND OF JOE.I WAS SEARCHING THE WEB TODAY FOR ANY OF MY OLD BUDDIES AND WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF AN OLD FRIEND AND FELLOW MARINE WHO SERVED WITH ME DURING THE KOREAN WAR.MY NAME IS ED KELLY, A RETIRED LT. COLONEL IN THE USMC WHO LIVED DOWN THE BLOCK ON 72nd STREET IN JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY FROM JOE. JOE LIVED IN THE 3500 BLOCK NORTH OF 37th AVENUE AND I LIVED IN THE 3700 BLOCK, JUST SOUTH OF 37th AVENUE. THERE WAS NO 36th AVENUE. JOE WAS THREE YEARS OLDER THAN ME AND HE WENT TO XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL, RUN BY THE JESUITS AND I WENT TO ST. JOHN'S PREP RUN BY THE VINCENTIANS. I WOULD DROP A LITTLE JAB SOMETIMES WHEN WE SERVED TOGETHER IN MAG-16 DURING KOREA AND I WOULD REPEAT A LITTLE DITTY THAT FATHER McQUILLAN, OUR DEAN OF MEN WHEN I WENT THRU ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE USED TO SAY TO US IN HIS IRISH WIT MANNER---"...REMEMBER GENTS, THERE'S ONLY TWO CLASSES OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO HAVE TO BE CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM AND THEY'RE THE JEWISH AND THEN THERE'S THE JESUITS."I'M SO SORRY TO LEARN OF JOE'S PASSING ON TO HIS REWARD IN HEAVEN AND WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WILL CHERISH HIS MEMORY IN MY HEART AND HE WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS. HE'S UP THERE IN THAT BIG COMMAND POST IN THE SKY WITH MY KID-BROTHER FRANK, A RETIRED USMC MAJOR WHO I LOST ON FEBRUARY 22nd OF THIS YEAR.GOD BLESS YOU AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY---I NOW KNOW WHY JOE'S E-MAILS STOPPED COMMING TO ME.SEMPER FI, JOE.

June 27 at 12:18 PM



Tess And Shannon posted:

Very sorry to hear of your loss, JoAnn. My condolences to your entire family. 🙏🙏🙏

February 7 at 2:51 AM



Leah And Dan Bradley sent an Arrive in Style to the Meehan family.



February 6 at 3:43 AM



Rick Polehonka sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Meehan family.



February 5 at 7:37 PM



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Ron & Jennifer Sparks (Vantix Realty) sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Meehan family.

February 5 at 9:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Meehan family.

February 4 at 7:22 PM



Jan And Josette Klaus, & Family (Hays, Ks) sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Meehan family.

February 4 at 1:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Meehan family.

February 4 at 8:49 AM



Cheryl V. sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Meehan family.

February 4 at 8:35 AM



From All Florida Vas sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Meehan family.

February 4 at 6:24 AM





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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Meehan family.

February 3 at 9:27 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Meehan family.

February 2 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Meehan family.

February 2 at 5:47 PM





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AV

Augie Veiga posted:

One winter evening 42 years ago, I sat across from him in his living room trying to gather enough courage to ask his permission to marry his first born child. Just a few months later he talked me down from paying a visit to an old boyfriend of JoAnn's that at the time had been refusing to accept the fact that we were going to be married. He told me at that time that he wouldn't mind going with me, but it just wouldn't be worth it. Joe Meehan was a man who lived for his family, a devoted husband and father who made the world a much better place for being in it. While the family endures this great loss of his body leaving this earth, heaven soars with his spirit returning home. Semper Fi Marine Augie Veiga

February 2 at 3:05 PM

GK

George Konow February 25 at 5:03 AM

I met Joe in early 1964, when I was hired by New York Airways. We worked together, flying many schedules together, and got along beautifully. He was a devoted husband, father, Christian and friend. We worked (and sometimes played) together until NYA closed in 1979. He will always be remembered fondly and with great respect. God bless you, Joe !

RV

Rudy Veiga February 4 at 7:02 AM

I can think of many memories about Joe that bring a smile to my face, however, I will share just two for now. Joe was piloting his New York Airways helicopter, flying by the Statue of Liberty while she was undergoing one of her many make-overs. The crews had erected scaffolds all around her. As the helicopter flew over the construction site Joe would announce to the passengers that since most immigrants to the United States are arriving by jet, as opposed to ship, that the Statue of Liberty was being lifted and moved to Kennedy Airport. I'm sure there were some believers. I regret never sharing my "funny" with him as his Statue of Liberty antidote and his New York Airways career inspired it. I was driving along the BQE with a friend heading into Manhattan. It wasn't long after the helicopter tragedy on the roof of the Pan Am building caused the prohibition to any landing on the roof. As we drove by viewing the NY Skyline, I pointed out the Citicorp building to my friend (not a New Yorker). The Citicorp building is a standout in the skyline as it's the one that looks like a right triangle was placed atop the roof. I told my friend that it was the Pan Am building. I then told him that JoAnn's father is a helicopter pilot for New York Airways and he said that they were not going to obey the no-landing atop the Pan Am building, so the city erected the new roof so they couldn't land their helicopters. He bought it, hook, line, and sinker. I give Joe an assist on that one. RIP Joe.

PS

Phil Smith February 4 at 6:19 AM

Not long after starting work with Joe in the mid 80's we became friends and continued to chat with each other up until recently. Joe was a great guy!! Working together everyday made for a number of memories. But one of my fondest was one St. Patrick's Day, Joe and I sat in Eileen's kitchen knocking off an Irish Soda Bread and a few Amstel Lights. Cheers Joe you are missed!!!! Phil Smith



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Rose Reardon February 3 at 7:17 PM

My love and prayers go out to Jean - my very best friend, Mrs. Meehan and the rest of the Meehan family who I spent a good portion of my high school years with. Your dad was strong, loving and always treated others with respect. Your parents raised a beautiful family and your dad will always be by your side!



Patty White Neri February 3 at 1:39 PM

Prayers go out to all the Meehan family from my family. May your Dad rest easy!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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