



## Joe Fiorentino

February 6, 1934 - August 14, 2021

Joseph “Joe” Fiorentino, most recently a resident of the Brightwater community, went to his heavenly home on Aug. 14, 2021. Joe passed away in the company of his sons, Steve and Rob, at the McLeod Hospital in Little River, SC, after a courageous battle with COVID-19. In retirement, Joe and his wife, Josie, moved to Indigo Creek of Murrells Inlet, SC, from Riverdale, NJ, in 1996.

Born Feb. 6, 1934, at Greenpoint hospital in Brooklyn, New York, Joe was the son of Salvatore Fiorentino whose father immigrated from Sciacca, Sicily, and Mildred “Millie” Aquino whose mother immigrated from Italy. Joe attended Brooklyn Tech and graduated from the New York School of Printing in 1952. After a neighborhood courtship that included many soda fountain and movie dates, he married his childhood sweetheart and the “Love of his Life,” Josephine “Josie” Sicher in 1955 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY. They honeymooned after a train ride to the Poconos at Vacation Valley in Echo Lake, PA.

Joe and Josie raised their two sons in Riverdale, NJ, and East Long Meadow, MA, before retiring to South Carolina. Joe was a devoted family man who was actively involved with his sons and his community -- from the Indian Guides to the Boy Scouts -- never missing one of his sons’ events even with his round-trip commute into Manhattan. He served on the Riverdale Board of Education

for eight years, including being elected President.

From humble beginnings as a shoe-shine boy in the Brooklyn Navy yard earning 10 cents a shine, Joe went on to have a distinguished 43-year career at the Wall Street Journal where he was employed out of trade school. He rose through the ranks and ultimately managed and mentored many over his career. He retired in 1995 at a special gathering at the Windows on the World in the north tower of the former World Trade Center.

During retirement, he enjoyed golfing weekly with his friends and golf leagues. Joe was a member of the Elks and a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was particularly passionate about the Order of the Sons of Italy, Lodge 2662, in Myrtle Beach, where he was an active member since 1998. He served on the arbitration committee and the acquisition and build-out teams of the current lodge. He was known for his enthusiasm and skill in bocce. In fact, Joe initiated bocce leagues everywhere he resided.

He loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed family vacations and visits, Christmas with family, drawing, painting Easter eggs, pasta and ravioli making (and eating), crabbing, fishing, and was a sandcastle builder extraordinaire. In 2008, Joe and “Jo” celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering in New Jersey with family and longtime friends. They traveled to Italy with their boys for a vow renewal in Segno Val di Non where they were surrounded by their Italian relatives. Joe’s devotion to family was his love and is his legacy.

Joe is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Josie; one of his sisters, Jennie Fiorentino; and his parents. He is survived by his two boys - Steve Fiorentino and his wife Robin of Algonquin, IL, and Rob Fiorentino and his wife Angie of Annandale, NJ; three grandchildren, Stephanie (22), Abby (20) and Joseph (18); and his sister, Fran McCabe, of Queens NY.

The family requests that you honor Joe by spending time with your children and grandchildren and always placing FAITH and LA FAMIGLIA first. That is what Joe would wish for you!

A memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Garden City, SC, on Fri., Sept. 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach. A visitation will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass on Thur., Sept. 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The family asks that memorials be sent to the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Myrtle Beach Lodge 2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or St. Michael's Catholic Church, 542 Cypress Ave, Garden City, SC 29576. Memories and condolences may be shared at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel of Murrells Inlet at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel  
11528 Highway 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

## A Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Michael Catholic Church  
542 Cypress Ave  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 651-3737

# Tribute Wall



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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September 08, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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September 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *With lots of love, Doris and Philip purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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**With lots of love, Doris and Philip** - September 07, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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September 07, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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September 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *The DePinto Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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**The DePinto Family** - September 06, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *A LIFE WELL LIVED...*

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**BOYD GAINEY** - September 04, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



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September 03, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



September 02, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joe was a man's man! To know Joe, was to love Joe. He will dearly be missed by all. Rest in peace Joe, rest in peace. Loraine Cipriani*

**Loraine Cipriani** - August 24, 2021 at 11:27 PM



**Rob** - September 01, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



August 22, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *I was so fortunate to have had Joe in my life if even for a brief moment in time. And I will treasure our conversations forever. God bless you Joe.*

**Lorraine** - August 22, 2021 at 04:27 PM

RO



Rob - September 01, 2021 at 09:23 PM

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Rob - September 01, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Fiorentino.*



August 21, 2021 at 08:45 AM

PC

“ *I will always remember the first time I met Joe together with Josephine in Segno for their 50th wedding anniversary. I had the honor to be their translator for those days. Such a kind heart, I will miss him but it consoles me the thought that he is reunited with our beloved Josephine.*



Paola Calliari - August 21, 2021 at 07:19 AM

RO

*How beautiful that trip was and you helped make it so special*

Rob - September 01, 2021 at 09:24 PM

BA

“ Joe I loved playing bocci with you. As a fellow neighbor in Indigo Creek we shared so many memories the love of us playing cards with you and Josie and our times together at restaurants. Rest in peace and I know Josie is there for you!

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**Barbara** - August 20, 2021 at 08:50 PM

MT

“ He was my uncle. He had the most amazing personality. He kept things light, he was so smooth and bright. Love him.

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**Mark Titone** - August 20, 2021 at 07:18 PM

RO

*Thank you cousin*

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**Rob** - September 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

JG

“ My wife, Emily, and I were very close to Joe. We were all bocce buddies. We shared many good times with Joe and will sincerely miss him. Our condolences to the Family.  
With fond memories and our prayers, Larry Gehman

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**J. Larry Gehman** - August 20, 2021 at 05:38 PM

ST

*Thank you Larry! Hope to see you at the celebration.*

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**steve** - September 07, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JR

“ One of the best neighbors anyone could ask for. Will miss your smiling face my man! You're off to the big bocce court in heaven. Please give Josie a kiss from all of us! You'll be sorely missed! Our blessings to your family!



jan and john rohner - August 20, 2021 at 04:06 PM

TM

“ Joe, you will be missed by so many. I played bocce with Joe and was on our neighborhood bocce committee with him. I last saw him at the Sons of Italy when I joined the club and looked forward to playing bocce again with Joe. RIP

Tami Miller - August 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM

EK

“ Eileen T. Kross purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Fiorentino.



Eileen T. Kross - August 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM

DE

“ Joe was a great neighbor, friend, bocce coach and EXCELLENT Bocce Ball player. Bocce will not be the same without Joe. You will be dearly missed by MANY!



Dawn Edone - August 20, 2021 at 02:29 PM

DM

“ We will miss you so much my friend! Rest easy and know you are very loved ❤️



Diane n Joe Marretta - August 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM

ST

Great picture of two wonderful “Joes”

steve - August 19, 2021 at 07:25 PM

SF

“ Dad,  
I am so proud and blessed to be your son. I am eternally grateful for all you have done for me and our family. You taught me so much as a dad and a roll model and you inspired me to be the best father I can be.

*I look forward to the day we will all be together again...fishing, playing golf, hunting, building sand castles with the family, cooking at the holidays or just being together.*

*Our Lord and Savior promises this and it gives me strength that we will be together in eternity.*

*All my love and adoration...your oldest son Stephen XOXO ❤️❤️*



steve fiorentino - August 19, 2021 at 05:21 PM

JR

*my sympathies to you and your family Steve! your dad was an awesome person and he'll surely be missed!*

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**jan and john rohner** - August 20, 2021 at 04:08 PM

BL

*Our Sincere Sympathy to You and Your Family. Your Dad was a gentle man and we were blessed to have known him as a friend and Brother of the Sons & Daughters of Italy. It is very recognizable, Your Dad was Blessed with a loving and caring Family..*

*R.I.P. Dear Friend. 🙏🙏 Barbara And Neil*

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**Barbara Longobardi** - August 23, 2021 at 11:34 AM

ST

*Thank you. He love his SOI family!! La famiglia❤️*

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**steve** - August 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MS

*Dear Family of Mr. Joe---so very sorry for your loss. I never had the pleasure of meeting your Dad. However, reading his obituary and all the kind tributes from family and friends, I certainly wish he and I had crossed paths. I have always enjoyed talking with elderly folks who have lived their lives to the fullest with family and friends by their side--- this is what I gather about Mr. Joe. I was born and raised in Aynor, SC. (not far from the beach) Daily, I check the obituaries in Horry County, SC, so this is the reason I saw Mr. Joe's obituary. I currently live in Greer, SC. May wonderful and cherished memories bring all of your family comfort and peace.*

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**Marilyn L. Skipper** - September 05, 2021 at 12:37 AM

FD

*My deepest condolences to the Fiorentino family. Your father and mother were wonderful people. I treasure their friendship. We had such good times together Traveling, visiting and eating our favorite foods. we were a great foursome. Now it's just me left I will miss them dearly. I'm sure he's in heaven with his Josie and they are at peace. 🙏*

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**fFrances DePinto** - September 05, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JM

*Dear Steve and Rob. We were truly blessed when we met your mom and dad on one of our cruises. We shared a lot of good times together celebrating anniversaries and birthdays or just getting together to go for dinner or to the Sons of Italy. Our weekly game of canasta was also a lot of fun. Your parents were the kindest, friendliest couple we have ever met They will always be remembered and greatly missed.*

*Jack and Mary Muscavage*

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**Jack and Mary Muscavage** - September 09, 2021 at 10:49 AM

KP

*What a beautiful service for Joe! I know he is so proud of his family. Rest in peace Mr. Fiorentino. Kerry Peeler*

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**Kerry Peeler** - September 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM