



Joseph "Joey" Dawson

February 26, 1976 - October 14, 2025

Joseph Edward Dawson of South Carolina passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 14.

He was 49 years old. Born in Suffern, New York, Joseph was the son of Pauline and Harold Dawson.

Joe served for six years with the United States Coast Guard, eighteen years with the New York State Police as an Investigator, and was currently serving, at the time of his death, with the Myrtle Beach Police Department. During his time with the United States Coast Guard, Joseph was stationed out of Staten Island on 9/11 and worked at Ground Zero. Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and loved to salt water fish.

Joseph is survived by Nicole Dawson; his son Nicholas Dawson; his three brothers John (MaryAnn) Dawson, James (Joan) Dawson, and Jeffrey (Lynn) Dawson; nieces Jennifer and Julie; his nephew Brian; and six great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at St. Michael Catholic Church at 542 Cypress Ave, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, Joe's son, Nicholas, has requested that Donations be made to the Myrtle Beach Police Department K9 Unit at <https://mbpdfoundation.com/donation-funds/k9-unit/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
542 Cypress Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Nikki and the Dawson family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Jon & Donna Freyvogel



Donna First - October 23, 2025 at 08:07 PM

ML

“ *Joe was there for me and my family on one of the worst days of our lives. Without hesitation, he jumped in to try to help my father who had just had a heart attack. He provided rescue breaths, then turned his focus on ensuring my mother was alright while others continued caring for my father. He was a calming, steady presence in an otherwise chaotic moment. I don't think I ever got to properly thank Joe, nor do I think I could ever thank him enough for the help he provided to complete strangers in our time of need. I am truly sorry for your loss! My heart goes out to his family, but I hope his memory is a blessing to you all!*

Matt Leis - October 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

BL

“ *Bernie And Liz Listwan lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" Dawson*



Bernie and Liz Listwan - October 22, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" Dawson.



October 21, 2025 at 12:10 AM



“ Nicole&Family, I have no words for Your Loss. Trooper Joe was One Kind Caring Soul.

Chief Gerald J.Napoleone(Ret) - October 20, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Thank you for all your strength and support through your years during your NYS trooper days. The ER always knew you had our back. I was so excited when you married Nicole! What a wonderful gift you were given. And then you were blessed with Nicholas! May you rest in peace Joe. Love Toni & Joe Bolduc.



TonileighBolduc - October 20, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ Rhonda Sanders-Butler lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" Dawson



Rhonda Sanders-Butler - October 20, 2025 at 08:09 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Gone way too young!!
May he rest in external peace.

*Bill Barish
Deputy Chief
Suffern Fire Department*



Bill Barish - October 19, 2025 at 05:55 PM

TS

So sorry for your loss. May he RIP.

Tom Santopietro - October 19, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CO

So very sorry to hear about Joey. He was such a good man. He watched over us while we were in Greenville. I always felt safe there. God bless Uncle Harold, Aunt Pauline and Jimmy. Johnny and Jeffrey. Find peace in your hearts.

Corinne - October 19, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JN

My youngest nephew leaving us much too soon. Thank you for your affection, kindness, caring for others. And bless your parents and brothers in this time of sadness. God love you all.

JoAnne Norton - October 20, 2025 at 07:41 AM

SF

Joseph was a kind soul he always gave me good advice with my son during those difficult teenage years. I will always be grateful. May he rest in eternal peace.

Shannon Farrell - October 20, 2025 at 11:40 AM

KS

Dear Pauline and Harold, so very sorry to hear of your son's passing. Sending hugs and prayers to you all at this very difficult time. Kathi and George Scherer (Roberta's daughter)

Kathi Scherer - October 21, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BJ

Dear Harold & Pauline & Families. My deepest sympathies to you in the passing of Joey. My heart aches for all. Love & Hugs to all. Your Canadian Cousin, Blanche

Blanche Jones - October 23, 2025 at 02:30 AM