



Joseph T Lazzara

June 16, 2024

Pawleys Island.....

Joseph T. Lazzara, 87, of Pawleys Island, SC, formerly of Park Ridge, IL died peacefully at Arbor Landing at Pawleys on June 16, 2024, following a long-fought battle with Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Kidney Disease and Parkinson's.

Joe loved his family more than anything else and is survived by his loving wife, Marlene, of 66 years, their children Lynne Halper (Mark) of Murrells Inlet, SC, Joseph G. Lazzara (Gail) of Georgetown, SC, Joyce Lazzara (Tom) of Pawleys Island, SC, and Lori Lazzara also of Pawleys Island, SC. Joe was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren - Andrew Halper (Dana), Keely Halper, Jenna Toothaker (Brandon), Nicolette Lazzara, and Gabriella Lazzara, and three great-grandchildren - Ava Lynn Halper, Adam Halper, and Asher Halper. Joe leaves behind his sister Mary DeVito of Port St. Lucie, FL, his brother-in-law Frank Grzesik of Coral Springs, FL and his sister-in-law Carol Addante (Louis) of Wheaton, IL. He was also very close to many nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Josephine Lazzara, his sister, Angela Grzesik, his brother-in-law, George DeVito and Mary DeVito's special friend Bill Johnson.

Joe was born in Chicago, IL and obtained an AAS Degree in Accounting at Wright Junior College and a BA Degree in Management and Developing Organizations at DePaul University in Chicago. He served the Chicago Transit Authority for 33 years in a variety of positions including Senior Project Controller, where he was responsible for development and management of all

projects related to busses, rail cars, construction, contracting, procurement contracting and environmental assessment.

Joe continued his transit career at the Proviso Council on Aging in Bellwood, IL where he was the Transportation Coordinator and managed the transit operation for elderly handicapped, including training of employees and construction projects oversight.

In February of 1998, Joe and Marlene relocated to Pawleys Island where he continued to share his transit expertise on the Board of Directors for Coast RTA while dabbling in retirement, enjoying the beaches and exercising his favorite sport, golfing. Joe loved traveling and was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan and enjoyed cheering his teams on with family and friends whenever he could. Joe was a devout Roman Catholic, served as an usher at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church and was a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus.

Joe will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation with family and friends will be from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel, 202 Hinnant Lane, Pawleys Island, SC. The Prayer Service will begin at 6:30 PM. Mass of the Catholic Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC. The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting the church's website at www.pbocchurch.com.

Inurnment will follow in the church Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joseph's name to the:

Alzheimer's Association of South Carolina at: <https://www.alz.org/sc/donate> or
The Parkinson's Foundation, South Carolina Chapter at: <https://www.parkinson.org/carolinas>

Please share a memory and sign the family's guestbook at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to serve the Lazzara family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch- Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Friday, July 19th, 2024 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel, 202 Hinnant Lane, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph T Lazzara



Goldfinch Funeral Home - July 17, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Mr. Joseph will truly be missed. I always love to see him smile when I walk in the room all them my condolences to the family. Love you guys, Samantha G.

samantha Grant - July 20, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph T Lazzara.



July 18, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph T Lazzara.



July 16, 2024 at 02:40 PM

LA

“ Uncle Joe was a wonderful person along with my Auntie Marlene. I have many childhood memories of going to his house in Park Ridge, IL. with my grandma and grandpa. He put up with all my shenanigans. You will be greatly missed.

Your nephew

Louis Addante (aka little Lou)

Louis Addante - June 23, 2024 at 06:22 PM

SM

“ Marlene, cousin Joe was very dear to me. We shared some great moments in our younger lives, and of course, standing up at your wedding was my pleasure. My thoughts and prayers will always be with you and your family.



Salvatore, Sam Muscarello - June 22, 2024 at 11:10 AM

SM

We also had fun bowling together at the local bowling alley in our spare time. Sal Muscarello

Salvatore, Sam Muscarello - June 22, 2024 at 11:14 AM

KM

“ I so loved spending time with your family and sweet dad over the years. He always made me feel so comfortable especially most recently at Lori's house last fall. What a wonderful dinner party and I was blessed to be sitting next to him all evening! I know his absence here will be felt deeply by your family. May you take comfort knowing he's rejoicing in heaven with our loving God and all those he held dear who went before him.
Much Love- Kim McGreevy

Kim McGreevy - June 20, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAMILY OF MR. LAZZARA..WHAT A GREAT LEGACY AND LIFE STORY TO LEAVE BEHIND FOR HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. DAVID AND DALE CARTER LORIS SOUTH CAROLINA

DAVID CARTER - June 20, 2024 at 09:17 AM