



Joe Renna

February 23, 1940 - July 11, 2014

Joe Renna was 74 when he passed away on July 11, 2014 at home in DeBary, Florida. Joe leaves behind his wife, Mary Renna, his daughters, Nicole Renna and Kathryn Paparella, his grandson, Enzo Paparella and granddaughter, Luca Paparella. Joe and Mary's son, Tony Renna, passed away in 2003.

Joe was born "Giuseppe" in Los Angeles, California to Stanislao Renna and Maria Mastronardi Renna, both of Bari, Italy. He had 5 brothers and sisters, Nick, Grace, Tony, Marian and John.

At age 16 Joe became a professional race horse jockey. Joe and Mary owned and operated several McDonald's Restaurants in Southern California and Central Florida and then Gator's Dockside Restaurant in DeLand and J.R.'s Cactus Bob's Restaurant in Sanford, Florida.

Joe retired from business in 2005 and took a keen interest in the sport of skeet shooting. He became an accomplished shooter, won many awards and passed on his knowledge and love of the sport to many up and comers. Joe was affiliated with the Volusia Skeet and Trap Club and Flagler Gun Club in Central Florida as well as Waukesha Gun Club and Boxhorn Sportsman Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Joe was an avid auto racing fan and when his children were old enough the family began traveling the USA to compete in Quarter Midget Racing ... kids from ages 5-15 are the drivers and Dad is the mechanic. Joe, and son, Tony's, love of auto racing continued as Tony advanced to become a professional Indycar driver and in 2003 finished 7th in the prestigious Indianapolis 500 Race.

Joe was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather ... his family was always his top priority. He loved being called "Pa Joe" by his grandchildren and he cherished the time they shared together. Joe is loved, admired and dearly missed by his family and friends.

Joe, Dad, Pa Joe,
May perpetual light shine upon you and may you rest in peace.
We love you always.

Memorial Mass for the soul of Joe Renna
Friday, July 25, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
St. Ann's Catholic Church
25 Dogwood Trail, DeBary, Florida

Donations in memory of Joe will be accepted by:
The Tony Renna Memorial Fund
421 Fenwick Court, DeBary, Florida, 32713
www.tonyrennamemorialfund.com

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Hello,

My name is Joseph Renna. I met Joe once when one of his checks was delivered to my home in maitland by mistake. We had a conversation and for some reason Joe thought I was a spoiled college brat.

I didn't explain to Joe that I was simply a hard working guy who simply did the right thing. I didn't want to embarrass joe at the time and simply walked away and gave Joe the satisfaction that he was right. To be honest I liked your husband and admired his success.

I have achieved my goals successfully and understand more fully why Joe thought I was a college entitled brat and I'm glad I walked away not attempting to correct Joe.

Sometimes a minute with someone can change a whole life. God Bless.

Joseph Renna - March 28 at 06:53 PM

SF

“ *Dear Mary, just heard of Joe's passing, and I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Joe back in our early McDonald's days when he was supervising Gordon Gray's stores & I had just opened my Fullerton store. Joe spent hours helping me get my stat reports in line along with numerous other aspects of running a store. I was sad to see you guys move to Florida when y'all bought your stores as that's when we pretty much lost contact. Joe was a hell of a good guy and I'm sure he'll be missed by all. God Bless, Steve Frohling*

Steve Frohling - August 16, 2014 at 01:28 PM

KG

“ *Mary & family:*

It is with deep condolences and respect that we learn today of the passing of Joe.

It is so ironic that just tonight Keith and I were talking about Joe, your family and my associations with Mc Donald's. Those are memories that will never be forgotten. Joe and you, Mary will always hold a special place in my heart for the opportunity and trust you gave me.

All our love and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,

*Karen & Keith Golden
760 242 5510 Home
760 985 2726 Cell*

Karen Golden - August 06, 2014 at 09:09 PM

JO

“ *My Love to you ALL!!*

You were all such a huge part of my life. Joe taught me to be the person I am today. To love, honor and respect your family. As well as work hard for success. Love to you all

Jody - July 24, 2014 at 09:09 PM

J)

“ *Mary and Family,*

So sorry for your loss. I'm sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet Joe.

Our prayers are with you..

Jim and Chris O'Neil

Jim)Neil - July 22, 2014 at 01:19 PM

RO

“ *Mary Katie Nicole, I am so sorry for your loss of a great man. I will not be able to make the trip back to say my goodbyes to a man that I had the honor to know and work for. Without Joe I would not be where I am today. My heart is sad and I will also cherish the good and bad times that I shared with a great man boss and friend. Much love to the family.*

Love Ro (Ski) Rosemary Kowalewski xoxoxo

Rosemary - July 21, 2014 at 10:31 AM