



## Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz

October 5, 1945 - May 19, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Anthony Maiz died peacefully on May 19, 2024, in Sanford, FL surrounded by family. He was seventy-eight. Joe was born in Cabo Rojo, PR on October 5, 1945.

Joe's early memories were of when he moved to Manhattan at age 2. Living there he had fond memories of his Godfather, Tony, walking him to Grant's Tomb each day. When Joe was six, they moved to Elizabeth, NJ, and he began school at Blessed Sacrament where he received his sacraments. He attended Sacred Heart HS where he was an honor student and a star athlete in basketball. As an ambitious student, he worked two jobs throughout HS. Joe and Barbara met as teens. However, Joe left for the Air Force shortly after they met. They continued their relationship whenever he was able to come home on leave. While in Vietnam, they wrote at least one letter a day and Joe also sent recorded messages (tapes) and pictures as he started film developing/processing as a hobby. Barbara lovingly shared these recordings and pictures with his mom every Sunday.

Joe proudly served in Vietnam at Ben Hoa AFB receiving the Commendation Medal. He heroically saved a Pan Am plane full of soldiers, flight attendants and pilots alerting them that they were about to come under attack and to take off immediately with minimum runway time. This occurred on Joe's day off when he was visiting the air traffic tower and when the controller froze, Joe took the microphone. A few years after his return home, Joe finally and humbly confided why he had received the medal.

Following Joe's honorary discharge from the Air Force in April 1968, Barbara and Joe married in August with a nuptial mass. A short honeymoon in Cape Cod was followed by return to full-time work and evening classes at Rutgers to earn a BS degree in Marketing.

Joe's career spanned solely with Anheuser-Busch for 43 years. He began in sales/marketing and progressed to running distributorships and company wholesale operations.

With all these achievements, Joe's proudest life success was raising his three sons. He loved his family. He rejoiced when each son met the love of their life and married. Joe relished the times when we could gather as a family and be together as in the Outer Banks for Barbara and Joe's 50th anniversary.

Joe's hobbies included sports cars, mainly Corvettes, and aviation. After moving back to FL, Joe joined the Commemorative Air Force and a proud moment was the year after 9/11 when he was part of a missing man formation flight over Lake Eola. In 2004, Joe won a silent auction and flew with General Chuck Yeager in Grass Valley, CA, truly an experience of a lifetime for Joe. He is survived by his wife, Barbara-Ann in Lake Mary, FL, his son, Jimmy (Trisha) of TX, son Keith (Renee) of MN, son Eric (Allison) of NJ. Joe was predeceased by an 11-day old son, Shawn Michael. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Kyle (Vangie), Lexi, and Eli of TX; Vicki and Abbey of MN; and Dylan of NJ.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at All Souls Catholic Chapel, 800 South Oak Avenue, Sanford, FL on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 11 am. The family will greet those participating in the service between 10:30 and 11 in the foyer of the Chapel.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Gary Sinise Foundation, <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/> in order to honor Joe's military dedication.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Souls Catholic Church-Historic Location  
800 S. Oak Avenue  
Sanford, FL 32771

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ *Nada A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz.*

Nada A. - June 07, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz.*



June 06, 2024 at 10:53 PM

DT

“ *To the Maiz Family, May the memory of Joe Maiz be eternal. I was at AB WOD in Newark, Joe was a passionate, enthusiastic leader, who taught all that hard work, dedication and passion will overcome obstacles that come your way. Life lessons that I am grateful for.  
God Bless, Donald Taggart*

Donald Taggart - June 06, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DT

“ To the Maiz Family, My Deepest regrets for your entire family. Joe taught all that hard work, dedication and passion for business, overcomes many obstacles. I enjoyed my time working at the WOD in Newark, as he was the GM.  
His leadership and passion will be missed, God Bless, Donald Taggart



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Donald Taggart - June 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DT

“ To the Maiz Family, Our Deepest regrets, Our condolences, thoughts and prayers for Joe Maiz, May his memory be Eternal, Love, the entire Newark WOD and Distributor Family, He will be missed by many, His passion and enthusiasm was surely evident as the ultimate “Bud Man”

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Donald Taggart - June 06, 2024 at 05:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Donald Taggart - June 06, 2024 at 05:11 PM

DB

“ *Precious memories Joe and Barbara and how they enriched our lives with blessings beyond compare. Heaven has another guardian angel.*

*Surely God blessed your family of three sons and a legacy that praises his name.*

*BG(r) Don and Mrs Grace Barnhart*

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**Don Barnhart** - June 06, 2024 at 02:22 PM

ML

“ *Dear Barbara, Eric, Jim and Keith: your husband/father was truly a man to be proud of and someone to be admired. I will always be grateful for the time we spent together getting acquainted and I will always be grateful for his friendship. The lovely family dinners we shared were enjoyed by us all and are my fondest memories of him....I wish there had been more.*

*Rest in peace dear Joe!*

*Please accept my sincerest condolences to you and your families.*

*Maria Logatto*

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**Maria V. Logatto** - June 05, 2024 at 09:04 AM

LP

“ *Linda Jacobs and husband Ron Pavlak purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz.*



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**Linda Jacobs and husband Ron Pavlak** - May 29, 2024 at 07:37 PM

EG

“ Uncle Joe was like a second father to Elliot. I was fortunate enough to meet him once and he was so kind. His smile was contagious and he proudly told me stories of his friend, Miles. We know that Joe is an angel in heaven catching up with all of his loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Barbara and her wonderful children.

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**Erica Gartenberg** - May 29, 2024 at 02:42 PM

SM

“ Joe will always be rembered as a devoted friend, his great humor and hard work at the CAF. Always enjoyed being with him.  
Steve & Lil Moddle

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**Stephen Moddle** - May 29, 2024 at 07:56 AM

DR

“ We, Dale and David Rozek, express much Sympathy and Prayers to Joe’s wife Barbara and his family. We knew Joe through his Volunteer Service he provided to the Orange City VA Clinic. David too was a Volunteer with Joe. Joe would present to the clinic happy and smiling. And always willing to help the medical staff. During the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas Joe and his wife Barbara would prepare wonderful festive food for the staff. And always very much appreciated by the medical staff. Joe was active with his church expressing much pride. During Halloween and St. Patrick’s Day Joe would dress in a costume or bring decorations. A Corvette, yes a Corvette, Joe loved Corvettes. He would often provide update of any new acquisitions. Prior to Joe leaving Volunteer Services, he was planning a 50th Wedding Anniversary travel to Ireland. Joe was very excited about this plan. Joe will truly be missed with his big smile and gracious spirit. Joe was very involved with his church having a strong faith in GOD. Joe is now in the covenant of GOD and his Spirit will live on with GOD, Faith, and Love of his family.

*Condolences to Joe’s wife Barbara and his Family  
Dale and David Rozek of Enterprise, FLORIDA*

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Dale Rozek - May 28, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz.



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May 28, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DR

“ Dale R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joe" Anthony Maiz.

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**Dale R.** - May 28, 2024 at 03:00 PM