



Joseph M. Ras

September 28, 1947 - April 12, 2024

Joseph M. Ras passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at his home in Chestertown, MD on April 12, 2024. He was 76 years old.

He was born the only son of the late Anna (Tylus) Ras and James Ras in Baltimore, MD on September 28, 1947. He was raised in Catonsville, MD where he graduated from Catonsville High School with the class of 1965 before going on to attend the University of Maryland. He received his B.S. in Pharmacy in 1973. He began working as a pharmacist right after graduation and worked at local pharmacies in both Queen Anne's and Kent counties before his retirement in 2016. Joe met the love of his life, Susanne, in college and they were married on June 14, 1965. They moved to the Eastern Shore in 1975 and raised three beautiful children together. He enjoyed being on his boat crabbing, working outdoors in his flower gardens, and traveling, but for him, family was the most important thing. Joe and his family attend the Chestertown Baptist Church. He will be remembered as a family man, a dedicated professional, and will be missed by all that met him.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Susannne Christophe Ras; children, Lara Hedrick (Jim) of Seneca Rocks, WV, Michelle McNeil (Ben) of Church Hill, MD, and David Ras of Chestertown, MD; as well as his ten grandchildren.

Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Compass Regional Hospice at 160 Coursevall Dr. Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 18, 2024 at 08:48 AM

BL

“ *Dear Sue,
Janie just emailed me to tell me about Joe's death. I am so very sorry for your loss! I just watched the wonderful video tribute to him. You were certainly blessed with a long and loving marriage and a beautiful family. Joe's career as a pharmacist obviously made a positive impact on your community. I hope the love and support from your family and friends will give you peace and comfort at this time. With love and sympathy,
Barbara Crampton Linthicum* ❤️🙏❤️

Barbara Crampton Linthicum - May 01, 2024 at 10:46 PM

DV

“ *Sue and family, so sorry about Joe. I worked with him back in the day at Drug Fair. Such a nice man...and funny too. RIP Joe.*



Debe Churay Voshell - April 24, 2024 at 07:16 PM

TS

“ I used to work at Walgreens and Mr. Joe was just a pleasure to work with! He was a great pharmacist and a wonderful man. Sending prayers and comfort to the family ❤️

Tiffany Scott - April 19, 2024 at 10:37 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry, sending our love and prayers. Love, Mary Lou, Autumn and Brandon



Mary Lou Christian - April 19, 2024 at 10:06 AM

RM

“ Robin Merchant sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Robin Merchant - April 17, 2024 at 03:50 PM

JR

“ Joe was one of a kind. He was not only my boss for several years but also a true friend. He was the best man anyone could ever have in their life. He taught me so much in the 4 years I worked for him. I'm so grateful I was able to know him and his family. He will truly be missed.

Joshua Russum - April 16, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ *Mr. Joe was always my favorite pharmacist. He was such a great man. I will miss him so very much!*



Janet Tucker - April 16, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MR

“ *Mary Riley lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Mary Riley - April 16, 2024 at 07:36 AM

SK

“ *Samantha Kamm lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Samantha Kamm - April 16, 2024 at 07:24 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 15, 2024 at 03:44 PM

GP

To the family...Joe was a great man and loved by so many. He loved his work and was so dedicated. He will be missed by many, but knowing he is with the Lord will give you comfort. Prayers to your family with many blessings. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 15, 2024 at 03:46 PM

TE

“ *Timmy And Andrea Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Timmy and Andrea Edwards - April 15, 2024 at 09:51 AM

ML

“ *Joe was one of the kindest individuals I've ever known. I'm sure he'll be missed. My Prayers for his family.*



Margi Landgraf - April 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM

GW

“ *Gwen Walker lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Gwen Walker - April 14, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MU

“ *Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Mary Ellen Unruh - April 14, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donnd Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Charles & Donnd Edwards - April 14, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Jeanette Stubbs - April 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LP

“ *Mr. Joe was such a sweet, kind man. He always had a beautiful smile on his face and such a pleasure to talk with. He will be missed so much.*



Lee Phillips - April 13, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DO

“ Sue, I was at Pat’s tonight for dinner when I saw this post. I said, “uh oh”. She could tell it wasn’t good news. When I read this to her, she said “ Sue’s been on my mind all day. I knew I should have called her.” We are both very sad to hear of Joe’s passing; but at this same time grateful that he is finally home with the Lord. Pat said call her when you want to. She said Joe and Joyce are having a nice reunion. Our love goes out to you and the family. Take comfort in knowing Joe is well and resting in God’s embrace.



Dorothy Omelia - April 13, 2024 at 09:28 PM

BA

“ Susanne and family. So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers at this difficult time.



Barbara Mills Allen - April 13, 2024 at 09:07 PM

CK

“ One of the nicest people I have known.



Cindy King - April 13, 2024 at 05:00 PM

KC

“ Joe was the first pharmacist I ever worked with and one of my favorite coworkers. I learned a lot about pharmacy from him when first starting as a pharmacy tech many years ago. Loved how we used to laugh and cut up while at the same time getting everything done. He was a kind man who lived his life with integrity. Very down to earth, he treated pharmacy customers like family/people and not just numbers - huge reason why he was well respected in the community. He absolutely lit up whenever he talked about his family, especially his wife Sue. The world lost a great man.

Kate Chance - April 13, 2024 at 02:43 PM

SR

Your words mean so much. Than you for taking the time to send a message.
Sue

Sue Ras - April 13, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Marie Usilton - April 13, 2024 at 02:10 PM

TM

“ Condolences to Joe's family he was a kind man,
Terry and Paul



Terry and Paul Milash - April 13, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 13, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JE

Sue and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Joe was a good man and father. Sending prayers and our love to you and the children. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - April 13, 2024 at 10:59 AM

SR

Thank you for your kind words. You were always special to him.
Sue

Sue Ras - April 13, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Sara & David Quinn - April 13, 2024 at 09:45 AM

DV

“ Debe Churay Voshell lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Debe Churay Voshell - April 13, 2024 at 07:19 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Joyce Nicholson - April 13, 2024 at 01:38 AM

SO

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences for the family and friends.*



Sallie Osborn - April 12, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LD

“ *Liz And Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Liz and Marty Davidson - April 12, 2024 at 10:15 PM

SW

“ *What a wonderful professional man. He always went above and beyond on the job!*



susan Wersten - April 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



Debbie Wiest - April 12, 2024 at 08:46 PM

PW

“ *Just thought the world of him he was so kind to all never rude to anyone always went out of his way to help . He will be missed but God has a beautiful person in heaven RIPa*

patti Webb - April 12, 2024 at 08:00 PM

PW

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras*



patti Webb - April 12, 2024 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ *Jane Stanton*



Jane Stanton - April 12, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Jessica Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Jessica Jacobs - April 12, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



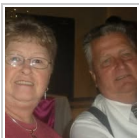
Donna Hollett - April 12, 2024 at 07:15 PM

SM

“ Suzie Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Suzie Miller - April 12, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Peggy Comegys lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Peggy Comegys - April 12, 2024 at 06:27 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Marilyn Ford - April 12, 2024 at 06:27 PM

AP

“ Amy Priddy lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras



Amy Priddy - April 12, 2024 at 03:56 PM

MS

“ Marie Spray lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Ras

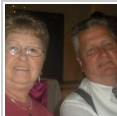


Marie Spray - April 12, 2024 at 03:43 PM

MS

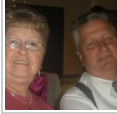
So sorry for your loss sending Prayers for your family

Marie Spray - April 12, 2024 at 03:45 PM



Sue and children we are sorry for your loss,I had lots of fun working with Joe He will be miss a lot. May he rest in heaven

Peggy Comegys - April 12, 2024 at 06:26 PM



Thoughts and prayers are with you

Peggy Comegys - April 12, 2024 at 06:26 PM



Than you for your kind words. He was a special person.
Sue

Sue Ras - April 13, 2024 at 05:26 PM