



Joseph Anthony Russo

March 23, 1931 - January 11, 2015

Joe Russo, 83, of Wildwood Crest, passed away peacefully on January 11 in the same manner by which he lived his entire life surrounded by his loving family.

A lifelong Wildwood resident, Joe was the owner and proprietor of Russo's Bar and Restaurant in Wildwood along with his sisters for over fifty years until the business was sold in 2008. Joe attended Villanova University, Rutgers University, and the Georgetown School of Dentistry before returning to Wildwood to assume control of the business, which was then named "The Gingham Club."

He met his future wife on a blind date arranged by his sisters. They were happily married for 59 years. Joe had a large family and an even bigger group of friends whom he considered to be family as well. Nothing gave him more pleasure than spending time with them, whether it be on the slopes of Pico Peak, VT, (where they were known as 'The Garbanzo Ski Club', or on the back porch of his vacation home in Fairbanks, Tilghman Island, MD, picking crabs.

Joe is survived by his wife, Patricia (Bush) Russo; his sons, Joseph Jr. (Carla) of Cape May Court House, and Sam (Jamie) of Wildwood Crest; his daughters, Elizabeth Russo Magaziner of Wildwood, Bianca (Michael) Davis

of Easton, and Amy (Ed) Coleman of Wildwood; thirteen grandchildren, Joseph Russo, Christopher (Christen)Poponak, Noah (Sara) Poponak, Geoffrey Magaziner, Michael (Holly) Lundberg, Emily Coleman, Eric Coleman, Brenna Coleman, Jill Coleman, Sam Russo, Julia Russo, Jake Russo, and Natalie Russo; seven great-grandchildren, Mya, Riley, Reece, Emma, Lucy, Michael, and Mackenzie; and his sister, Bianchi Sanford of Wildwood.

Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by his sisters, Dolores Clement, Marie Thompson, Mafalda Breakell, and Roma Santaniello.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 17, at Our Lady of The Angels Roman Catholic Church, 35 East Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ, at 11:00 a.m. Friends may call between 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cold Spring, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Love of Linda cancer fund, www.loveoflinda.org, or the Tilghman Watermen's Museum, www.tilghmanmuseum.org, in Mr. Russo's memory.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

West Cape May, NJ

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Our Lady of The Angels Roman Catholic Church
35 East Mechanic Street
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Anthony Russo*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Anthony Russo*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Anthony Russo*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Pat: I'm sorry to hear of Joe's death. I know you had a great life together. I wish I could be at the services but won't be able to make it. Willard Robinson*

Willard Robinson - January 16, 2015 at 11:42 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Russo was a lovely , gentle and kind man.
A happy go lucky kind of guy.*

*Getting to know the Russo during our first few summers on
Fairbanks are wonderful memories my children and I share..*

*Mr. Russo will always be remember on Fairbanks with a warm heart
and a smile.*

*Our love and sympathy to Mrs. Russo,
Bianca and all the Russo family.*

*Jennifer
Sam ,Emma and Avery Brown*

jennifer Brown - January 15, 2015 at 02:09 PM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Pat, the entire Russo family
and friends. Uncle Joe was a giant of a man full of life, stories,
history and a real ambassador to The Wildwoods. We will miss you!*

Steve Grimme

Stephen Grimme - January 14, 2015 at 06:16 PM