



## Joseph Szwajkowski

September 2, 1936 - July 12, 2019

Joseph John Szwajkowski of Chestertown, MD, passed in to the arms of the Lord on July 12, 2019, surrounded by family. He was 82.

He was born on September 2, 1936, in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late Stanley and Stella Szwajkowski (nee Lada). He was raised in Philadelphia, an active member of the BSA Sea Scouts Troop and Ship 314, and was a 1954 graduate of Mastbaum High School. On June 29, 1957, he married Joan Ann Diane Shimukonas, and over the years they resided in Philadelphia, PA, Maple Glen, PA, and Chestertown, MD. He was a Master Carpenter and proud lifetime member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 158 (formerly 1856) in Philadelphia. He managed the interior work in some of Philadelphia's most iconic projects during his career. As an active parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Joe was honored to be a 4th degree Sir Knight of Columbus in the Father James Willard Lutz Council and a member of the Father George S. Bradford Council.

In addition to his loving wife of 62 years, he is survived and will be missed by his five children, Joan Mazzochetti (Ben) of Milton, DE, Joe A. Szwajkowski (Diane) of Leighton, PA, Beth Ostrander (John) of Chestertown, MD, David Szwajkowski of Media, PA, and Kristin Tighe (David) of Philadelphia, PA; a sister, Barbara Beaudin of Stafford, VA; along with eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also remembered with love by Masako Suzuki,

along with many friends and neighbors.

Services will be held privately. A celebration of his life is planned for a date in August to be announced.

“So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you” ~ John 16:22

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 508 High Street, Chestertown.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Sz wajkowski*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Sz wajkowski*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Sz wajkowski*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Sz wajkowski.*



July 21, 2019 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ *My Daddy my best Bud  
You taught me so much  
You will always be with me in my heart ❤️  
Xo*



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**Joan Mazzochetti** - July 20, 2019 at 08:37 PM

MJ

“ *I always enjoyed visiting my Uncle Joe and Aunt Joan. As a youngster we enjoyed our cousins and their friends. Always saw them on holidays at our Nannies house. Joe and Joan were always a loving couple and example of what love and marriage should be. Two people who love each other very much. I saw this through decades. So sorry to see you move on, Uncle Joe but our loss is heaven's gain. God bless*

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**mjford** - July 19, 2019 at 04:20 PM

DS

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**Diane Sz wajkowski** - July 19, 2019 at 03:39 PM

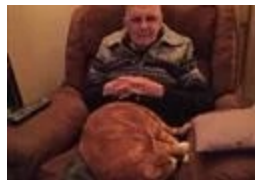
PB

“ Joe always had a smile & a hug waiting for u along with a quick witted joke to put a smile on ur face. Prayers to the family

Pam Ostrander Barthold - July 19, 2019 at 08:16 AM

KT

“ My Dad was the most wonderful man. He was Papa Bear and the Cat Man. He taught me all about the importance of hard work, taking pride in what you do, and living life to the fullest with an open heart. He would jump right in an help where ever and when ever he was needed. He always had a smile, a wink, or a funny comment for everyone he met and a dog treat in his pocket for every dog. He loved meeting, talking to and being with people. He had so many interesting stories ready to tell and an occasional goofy prank up his sleeve. He was full of love and was ready to give a big hug at anytime. I'll miss so many, many things about him. He preferred laughter over tears and that is how I'll always remember him, with a warm smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.



Kristin Szwajkowski Tighe - July 18, 2019 at 02:53 PM



Beautiful- so true, sis!

Beth Ostrander - July 19, 2019 at 01:08 PM

JA

You did good Joey❤️❤️

jadshim - July 20, 2019 at 08:44 PM

KT

“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Kristin Szwajkowski Tighe** - July 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM

SW

“ *Joe was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. He always greeted me with a warm smile and kind words. He was my “go to” when I needed advice about how to fix something or what nail or screw to use. I could always count on my empty recycling bin being delivered to my garage door on Friday’s when I came home from work. He loved animals, especially his beloved cat Mikey, who walked with Joe on the road. He willingly handed out treats to all the neighborhood dogs and called them by name. I feel lucky to have lived next door to him for the last ten years. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.*

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**Sue Willits** - July 17, 2019 at 09:24 PM



*Thanks Sue, it’s been a comfort having you next door to my parents.*

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**Beth Ostrander** - July 18, 2019 at 12:46 PM



*Doug and I wish to send our condolences to the Szwajkowski Family. Doug has fond memories of Mr. Szwajkowski from his youth when he would spend time with Joe and the rest of the family. We wish you comfort during the difficult days ahead. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Ginny and Doug Beaver*

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**Ginny Beaver** - July 18, 2019 at 05:02 PM

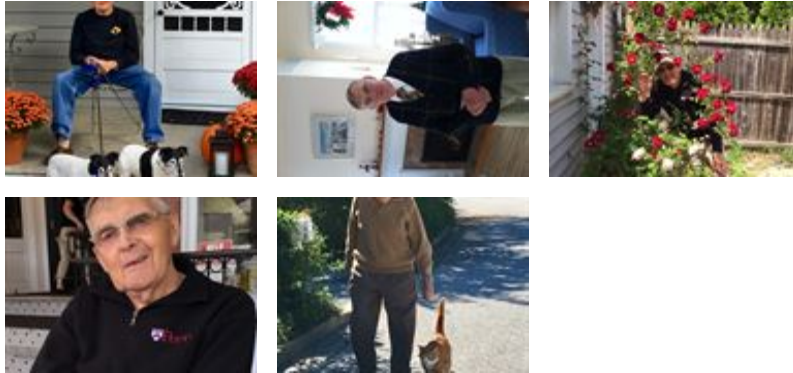
KT

*Thank you Ginny, your memories of Dad mean such much to us!*

**Kristin Tighe** - July 19, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 17, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *My Dad was my best friend. We enjoyed each other and relied on each other and shared a trust and an unconditional love that lifted us both. I miss him popping up at my house and at the riverfront, and in town, seemingly everywhere- I'd see him, always out & about. Always available for hugs and humor and thoughtful, wise advice or quiet company. Always busy, always helping, always loving. I miss him, I miss him. I miss his quirky needs and his crooked smile and the squeeze of his hand.*



**Beth Ostrander** - July 17, 2019 at 09:44 AM

BE

*I will miss seeing your dad at mass, but I know that he will be taking care of us from above and all around. Love to you and your family. Your forever friends, Beth and Mitchell*

**Beth** - July 20, 2019 at 08:08 AM

PT

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss Dave. Your father and family are in my prayers.*

*Paul Tucker*

**Paul Tucker** - July 16, 2019 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ *David, You and your family are in my heart and mind. My condolences on the passing of your father. Janet Kenney*

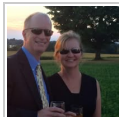


**Janet Kenney** - July 16, 2019 at 11:37 AM

EH

“ *Joe Szwajkowski was my grandfather, lovingly referred to as Bebop. He will be missed more than words can describe, but his love will continue to live a full life in my heart. Sending my condolences to anyone who was lucky enough to know him.*

**Elizabeth Hanna** - July 15, 2019 at 02:42 PM



*Elizabeth, I'm so glad you were able to spend the last few weeks with Bebop. You are an angel!*

**Beth Ostrander** - July 18, 2019 at 12:49 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Joseph Sz wajkowski*



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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - July 15, 2019 at 09:16 AM