



Kenneth Joseph Landgraf

June 19, 1953 - December 5, 2015

Joe Landgraf passed away on the evening of December 5, 2015, at Easton Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD, after a yearlong fight with lung cancer. He was 62 years old.

Kenneth Joseph “Joe” Landgraf, Jr., was born in Salisbury, MD, on June 19, 1953. He was the son of the late Kenneth “Ken” Joseph Landgraf, Sr. and Doris Byrd Landgraf. Early on, Joe and his family moved to Easton, which he would call home for the rest of his life. Joe attended St. Peter and Paul School, where he was an active member in sports, arts, as well as a leader within the student body. He then attended Salisbury State University before beginning his career in food service. Joe worked at and managed a number of foodservice establishments across the Eastern Shore. He was a managing partner at Chambers Restaurant in Easton prior to taking a position with RPA Inc. in May of 1989, where he worked for 22 years. Fulfilling a lifelong dream of owning his own restaurant, in September of 2011 Joe became the owner of Joe’s Bagel Café.

Throughout his life on the Eastern Shore, Joe has continually been an active participant in the community and an avid supporter of veteran’s organizations. As a proud 40+ year member of Elks Lodge 1622, Joe served as Exalted Ruler for three different terms, and consistently pushed for greater community involvement. Among many other efforts, he was a longtime advocate and

volunteer for Operation Christmas; providing meals, groceries, clothing, and toys to less fortunate families during the holiday season.

In 1981, Joe met Robin Hall, the daughter of Bob and Shirley Hall of St. Michaels. The two married on September 22, 1984. at Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels, MD. They have two children, a son Kenneth Joseph "K.J." Landgraf, III, and a daughter Christina Nicole Landgraf. K.J. is currently a Captain in the United States Air Force, stationed with his wife, Captain Jessica Landgraf, and their two daughters, Taryn Lianne and Alison Rae, in Dayton, OH. Joe's daughter, Christina, is in her fourth year as a kindergarten teacher at Sudlersville Elementary School and resides in Cordova, MD.

In addition to his wife, son, and daughter, Joe is survived by his two sisters, Karen Landgraf Brooks of La Quinta, CA, and Angela Price of Columbia, SC; an aunt, Doris Landgraf of Tonawanda, NY; Robin's four sisters and their husbands; as well as a multitude of cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of Joe's life on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 1 p.m., at Easton Elk's Lodge 1622, 502 Dutchman's Lane.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joe's honor can be made to Operation Christmas Spirit c/o Mid Shore Community Foundation, 102 E Dover St #1, Easton, MD 21601 or the Elk's Scholarship or Veterans Fund at 502 Dutchman's Lane, Easton, MD.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Easton Elks Lodge # 1622
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 10, 2015 at 02:17 PM

DK

This video is a beautiful compilation of Joe's life. His love for his precious family is evident in each and every photo. I've never known a more beautiful smile that so perfectly matched a beautiful spirit. My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Robin, his children, grandchildren and siblings. Our world has lost a true patriot and friend to all. I will miss you, Joe...hope to see you someday again, my friend.

Debbie Kudner - December 11, 2015 at 09:16 PM



“ *Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MH

“ *Mary Clare Favinger Hughes lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Mary Clare Favinger Hughes - February 05, 2016 at 07:05 PM

RH

“ *Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Royce Herman - December 27, 2015 at 01:45 PM

RH

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Joe. Martha and I didn't find out about it until the other daysince we rarely come to Easton. I worked with Joe for a lot of years while I was at Sysco and was truely sorry to hear that he had passed on. Martha and Royce Herman*

Royce Herman - December 27, 2015 at 01:44 PM

KS

“ *To Joe's Family, and to his colleagues at Joe's Bagel Bakery, Please accept our deepest sympathy to you on Joe's recent passing, we will all miss seeing him in his wonderful bakery, Love, Karen S., a thankful customer to Joe and his Bakery staff.*

Karen Sahmel - December 17, 2015 at 03:11 PM

JF

“ Dave & I met Joe and Robin when our son, Ridge, played with their son, KJ, on the USAFA Falcons Lacrosse team together. A year ahead of our son, KJ embraced our son and took him under his wing, both on and off the field. They became great friends and teammates...and we came to know the Landgrafs as a result. The hard work that they put into the team tailgates and meals was extraordinary. They were huge supporters of Air Force Lacrosse, and we had many great times together. We are very blessed to have gotten to know this fine family, and Robin, KJ, Christina and their family are in our thoughts and prayers.

We will never forget Joe's kind nature, happy heart, generous nature and dedication and passion for the AF lacrosse team. He was one of this earth's very best.

"Make yourself familiar with the Angels, and behold them in spirit...for without being seen, they are ever-present with you."



Joy & Dave Flick - December 15, 2015 at 02:53 PM

TM

“ The Massa Family first met Joe and Robin when our boys KJ and Brian played lacrosse together at the Air Force Academy. We spent four years together traveling and feeding the team all over the country. We did everything we could do to help academy life easier for our boys. It was a great time for all of the parents as we created our own AF family. Joe and Robin were always so generous and always willing to lend a hand. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.



Tony and Patty Massa - December 15, 2015 at 11:48 AM

KH

“ Robin, KJ, and Chrissy,

Josh & I were both saddened to hear of Joe's death. We have many happy memories of him. With deepest sympathy,

*Kathy Hildebrand
Josh Rhein-Davis*

Kathy Hildebrand - December 10, 2015 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ *My fondest memory of Joe (Buggy) was when Birdie and I were introduced to Robin for the first time when all of us were still dating. We knew she was "the future Mrs. Landgraf" just by reading his smiling face. All of us who knew and loved Buggy were grateful for his smiles and genuine friendship. He will be remembered as a wonderful friend, husband, father and grandfather.*

*Robin, Chrissy and KJ,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Linda Mundt - December 10, 2015 at 04:58 PM

MV

“ *Mitzi Vanderbyl lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Mitzi Vanderbyl - December 10, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ 138 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 10, 2015 at 01:50 PM

WE

“ *I remember many years ago I was in a tearing hurry to get a bagel and a new girl was trying her hardest to take care of me. I finally said hon, I gotta go - keep the money and I'll be back another day! Not more that 10 minutes later, I opened up the shop I was working in and who popped in the door but Mr. Joe and my bagel!! I said how in the world did you know I worked here? He said, I saw the company name on your shirt!! I couldn't thank him enough and honestly, WHO DOES THAT??!! Mr. Joe did and I still remember that like it was yesterday. RIP Mr. Joe.*

wendy - December 10, 2015 at 11:18 AM

CQ

“ *Robin, KJ & Chrissy,*
I am so sorry for your loss. What a fun and nice guy Joe was. It was my privilege to know him through you, Robin, at my time with the school system. You will be in my prayers and thoughts these coming days. May all your special memories help you through this difficult time. Love to all, Cathy Quesenberry

Cathy Quesenberry - December 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf.*



December 10, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ *I first met Joe when he was managing the original Pub restaurant in Easton. He always had a smile on his face and was in a good mood. He would go out of his way to greet you then and at his Bagel store. Robin, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. Joe will be missed.*

Lorri Wilson-Clarke - December 10, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ *The friends and coworkers of Capt KJ Landgraf want to offer our sincere condolences on the passing of his father; we know KJ and the rest of his family will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Friends at NASIC/XP, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.*

NASIC/XP - December 09, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ *Barbara (Stroup) Cichelli lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Barbara (Stroup) Cichelli - December 09, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ Grew up with Joe in Easton before moving back to Salisbury. Hit or miss seeing one another over the years but did have the opportunity to stop in and surprise him last year at the Bagel Shop. Prayers to his family. JR Lloyd

John Lloyd - December 09, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ Robin, So sorry for losing Joe. He was such a big help with the boosters at QACHS. He will be really missed.
Teresa Cooper

Teresa Cooper - December 09, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ I met Joe when he and Robin first started dating and we both attended TSU. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family.

Sharon Burns

Sharon Burns - December 09, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ Angela L Price purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Joseph
Landgraf.



Angela L Price - December 09, 2015 at 08:13 AM

MS

“ Joe, I could never call you Buggy and I could never call my brother, Birdie but the memories of the days when you guys assigned those names to each other is fondly and humerously remembered. You were a special group of guys, for sure, who shared special bonds and created many memories together. I'm betting a lot of those memories you've taken along with you. Whenever we have met at random the years just melted away as we caught up with whatever was happening in both our families. I would give you "Birdie" updates and ETA's of pending visits to Easton. You were a very brave man with a determination to live, defying the odds - life was so precious to you. You did all you could do and ,as for all of us, God makes the final decision. You fought very well and your reward is a perfect health and life in heaven. I can't think of anyone who is finer angel material than you.

Margot Spies - December 09, 2015 at 08:12 AM

SW

“ Shelley Wheatman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



shelley wheatman - December 09, 2015 at 06:59 AM

ES

“ Thank you Joe for all your work on behalf of our scouts and the lodge.

Ernie and Ellen Smith

Easton Elks BSA Troop 532

Ernie Smith - December 08, 2015 at 07:27 PM

AP

“ *My brother, Joe was a larger than life individual. He brought a smile to everyone he met. I cry every time I think I wish I had more time with him to tell him how special he was. I love him and miss him so much*

Angela Price - December 08, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BC

“ *I met Joe the first week of July 1998. He was my trainer in the broker world and since this was my first sales job coming from a lifelong stay in the restaurant business, I was scared to say the least. Joe put me at ease and showed me the ropes. My success as a salesman can be directly attributed to Joe. As we became closer working together, he became intertwined with my family. He always asked about my kids, my wife, about my holidays, and even when I left the company we worked for, he still did those same things. In my religion, the old Yiddish word comes to mind. Joe was a true mensch in the sense of things. A selfless giving and caring man who's a great father, grandfather, husband, co-worker, and friend. I won't be able to speak with you face to face or over the phone anymore, but I will talk and ask for advice from you in a different way. You are my mentor and I am a much better person today because of your influence. I will miss you my friend. My heart goes out to the family and may his soul be a blessing unto you....*

Bruce Carchman - December 08, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Valerie Von Den Bosch - December 08, 2015 at 03:43 PM

WH

Joe was a wonderful friend. I've known him for a half century. He had a huge heart, giving to all. He was a great colleague, a true partner, to Scotty, Hank and I at Chambers. Good bye Joe, We'll see you on the other side buddy!

Will Howard

Will Howard - December 08, 2015 at 03:46 PM

LL

How is a man defined? Joe's compassion for everyone around him will never be forgotten. He was a kind and gentle soul. We who knew and loved Joe are better for that experience and his friendship. RIP my friend. You are home now in the loving arms of our Lord.

Lou Lister - December 10, 2015 at 05:38 AM

JL

“ I can only say this was not what expected, I meet Joe(Buggy) in the spring of 1975 whoa what a crazy time. We became friends just like that an its been that way ever since. We had a tradition that on Midnight on June 19 we would do a shot for both of our birthdays. mine the 18 an Joe's the 19 th. this ended somewhere around KJ birth but he called me every year until this one. Joe was like that, I knew something was wrong.

Joe was one of a kind a true friend through thick an thin. Thank God he met Robin, I think none of would have survived. He was truely a man of character. I will miss you my friend.

Until we meet again I will keep you in my thoughts always an forever.

I love you Man!



Jim Lavrich - December 08, 2015 at 01:22 PM

WL

The after work backgammon games. The breaks when I would slip down the road and see you both. Such fond memories. Joe was truly one of a kind and the world has lost a great man. RIP Brother.

Wayne J. Lappe - January 11, 2016 at 04:08 PM

LU

“ *Joe will surely be missed by all. Condolences to the Landgraf Family. May he Rest In The Peace of The Lord God Almighty !!*

Luigi_Gino_Micheli - December 08, 2015 at 12:56 PM

LU

“ *Luigi_Gino_Micheli lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Luigi_Gino_Micheli - December 08, 2015 at 12:49 PM

LU

Joe will surely be missed by all !! May he Rest In The Peace of The Lord God Almighty !! Condolences to the Landgraf Family .

Luigi_Gino_Micheli - December 08, 2015 at 12:53 PM

MW

“ *Marti Wright lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*

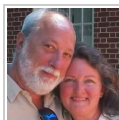


Marti Wright - December 08, 2015 at 10:40 AM

MW

So sorry to hear this sad news. I went to high school with Joe, such a great guy! Last time I saw him at the bakery he was feeling good, looked good and was very hopeful. Prayers to his family, hoping you find comfort in knowing he fought hard but certainly is in a much better place.

Marti Wright - December 08, 2015 at 10:48 AM



Truly, a kind man. When I began promoting my flower business to restaurants, I was denied many times. Joe said "yes". He tried to help people. A fine gentleman. My condolences to his family. God bless.
Diana Michael

Diana Michael - December 10, 2015 at 08:53 AM

JE

“ *Jacy Earls lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Jacy Earls - December 08, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Beth Coppage lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Beth Coppage - December 07, 2015 at 01:35 PM



So sorry. Sending prayers for strength. Love to all of you.

Beth Coppage - December 07, 2015 at 01:36 PM

WH

Joe was a wonderful friend. I've known him for a half century. He had a huge heart, giving to all. He was a great colleague, a true partner, to Scotty, Hank and I at Chambers. Good bye Joe, We'll see you on the other side buddy!

Will Howard

Will Howard - December 08, 2015 at 01:49 PM

KE

“*Karen & Ken Colley & Erin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Karen & Ken Colley & Erin - December 07, 2015 at 01:09 PM

KC

*Dear Robin, Chrissy, K.J. and family,
What a fighter Joe was! His love for his family, friends and life kept him going when another may have given up. Please know you are not alone as you go through this time of grieving. We are all here for you and we love you.
Karen, Kenny & Erin*

Karen Colley - December 07, 2015 at 05:56 PM

MK

“*Dear Robin, KJ and Christina and family,
So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Sincerely, Butch, Margaret and Tyler Kaufman*

Margaret Kaufman - December 07, 2015 at 10:31 AM

SM

“ Steven Mccarty lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



steven mccarty - December 07, 2015 at 10:21 AM

PF

“ In addition to his many other contributions to
the community, Joe stepped up at a critical
time to keep the Elks Club going. His passing
is a great loss and my thoughts and prayers
are with his family.



Phil Foster - December 07, 2015 at 10:07 AM

BM

“ A very good friend, husband, father,
grandfather has been taken from us way too
soon. A close friend for nearly 60 years and
Best Man at my wedding, I'll hold on to many
great memories of our time together. Buggy,
I'll miss you every single day until it's my time, with GOD'S nod, to
join you in heaven. I love you, my brother. Rest easy.



Birdie Mundt

Birdie Mundt - December 07, 2015 at 09:47 AM

TM

“ You were the best

Teresa Micheal - December 07, 2015 at 07:25 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Henckel lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Debbie Henckel - December 07, 2015 at 06:26 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Henckel lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Debbie Henckel - December 07, 2015 at 06:26 AM

BE

“ *Thinking of everyone and sending our prayers. Joe is at peace now
and you all have an angel watching over you always.
Becky and Bob*

Becky - December 07, 2015 at 04:52 AM

LL

“ *Les Lentz lit a candle in memory of Kenneth
Joseph Landgraf*



Les Lentz - December 06, 2015 at 10:46 PM

LP

“ *Lloyd And Debra Pahlman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Lloyd and Debra Pahlman - December 06, 2015 at 09:11 PM

TE

“ *The Eure's lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



The Eure's - December 06, 2015 at 08:13 PM

VB

“ *VICKIE BILDSTEIN lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



VICKIE BILDSTEIN - December 06, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ *Ann Butler lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf*



Ann Butler - December 06, 2015 at 03:10 PM

DC

“ Donna Healy Clem lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



Donna Healy Clem - December 06, 2015 at 03:04 PM

TL

“ Treasa Kirby Lednum lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



Treasa Kirby Lednum - December 06, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TB

“ Tom And Betty Barwick lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



Tom and Betty Barwick - December 06, 2015 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ The Sypniewski Family lit a candle in memory
of Kenneth Joseph Landgraf



The Sypniewski family - December 06, 2015 at 10:41 AM

SS

A dear friend, a great guy, we will miss you.
Steve and Marykay Shearer

steve shearer - December 07, 2015 at 10:29 AM