



Joseph R. Nassif

April 8, 1951 - March 26, 2021

Joseph R. Nassif, 69, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away suddenly on March 26th, 2021. There will be a small funeral service for immediate family. All invited guests are respectfully requested to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cedar Rapids is assisting the family.

Joe was born on April 8th, 1951, to James and Azalieh Nassif. He was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, where his family was part of a large Lebanese community. As a youth he was an altar server at St. George's Orthodox Christian Church, played tennis, baseball, and was a scoreboard keeper at the minor league baseball stadium.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High school in 1969, he went on to study at the University of Iowa. From here, Joe landed a job at The Department of Human Services, where he met his wife of 38 years, Jane Nissen. They were married in 1983. In 1984, their first daughter Azalieh (Leah) was born, and their second daughter Sadie followed shortly thereafter in 1985.

Joe worked for many years at HACAP, helping the elderly find jobs until his retirement in 2011.

He was passionate about his hobbies and could often be found on the golf course, playing bridge, or watching sports with his daughter Leah, cousins, and friends. He enjoyed many genres of music, and would frequently attend the Symphony with his wife Jane. Joe also loved watching *The Office* and *Psych* with his daughter Sadie, and they would often quote their favorite lines to each other. He loved to travel all over the United States with his family- going for golf trips, and taking his girls to their favorite places, such as Walt Disney World and Disneyland. No matter where he was or what he did, Joe's family always came first and was the most important thing in the whole world to him.

Everyone who had the pleasure to know Joe knew he was the most loving father and spouse a family could ask for. His smile, laugh, and warm demeanor will forever be lovingly remembered by his friends and family.

Joe was predeceased by his father James, his mother Azalieh, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is survived by his wife Jane, daughters Leah and Sadie, and his beloved pets.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Joseph's name to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church on Cottage Grove Avenue.

Comments



“ God bless you cousin. Such a kind soul. Memory eternal!

Dean Abraham, Jr - April 07 at 08:48 PM



“ I met Joe through the Seniors HACAP program. I was saddened when I picked up the newspaper. He was a class act person and we need so many more on this earth like him. So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Daniel L McWhinney - April 07 at 03:51 PM



“ My Prayers and thoughts are with Joe's family and daughters. He was such a awesome person and had a great time at what ever he was doing. he would go get sweet corn in the summer from a secret spot and share it with us at a grill out. I will always remember that. love you all and may his memory be eternal. always celebrate his memory !

Renee Farah and Family - April 07 at 03:28 PM



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Renee Farah and Family - April 07 at 03:29 PM



“ Joe was one of a kind in terms of being a lovely human being who wished the very best to everyone! Joe was one of my first students at Jefferson way back in the late 1960,s. I knew right a way that teaching was going to be great because of people like Joe. I would see Joe now and then down through the years--and there were major smiles and hugs all around--along with catching up on our lives and remembering the good old day. So long and God Speed my friend.

Anne and Jack Pilling

Anne and Jack Pilling - April 05 at 11:07 AM



“ I met Joe when I was in the HACAP Senior Employment program. I had just lost my job & he was so good to me. He encouraged me every day. I want to extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Sheryl Hansen

Sheryl Hansen - April 04 at 03:55 PM



“ Joe was a few years behind me at Jeff, but I really didn't know him until he became a client when I was at 1st Trust & Savings Bank. Joe was one of the nicest people I've ever met. Condolences to the family.

John K Vavra - April 04 at 10:23 AM



“ I am sorry for the great loss Jane, Leah, and Sadie have with the passing of Joseph. I will always remember Joe as a kind, friendly, gentleman who had a deep and caring love for his family.

Thomas Schroeder

Thomas Schroeder - April 04 at 10:04 AM



“ I grew up with Joe from grade school at Taylor on through to Jefferson. In first grade, Miss Meyer took us on a field trip to Joe's parents grocery store. His Mom gave us all a windmill cookie. Joe was always so good-natured, personable & fun to be around. When we grew up, I saw him all of the time at symphony (before the pandemic) & we would always chat. I will miss Joe! He really was a GOOD guy!

Debbie Brooks

Debbie Brooks - April 04 at 09:35 AM