



Joseph Gregory Murphy

February 14, 1970 - December 12, 2024

Joseph Gregory Murphy, 54, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina died Thursday, December 12, 2024. He was born in Belleville, NJ before moving to Ocean County, NJ and graduating from Toms River High School South. During his time in Ocean County, NJ he met many dear friends, and eventually met his wife, Rebecca (Becky) in 2001 before marrying in 2008.

Joe worked in advertising sales for many years before eventually deciding to pursue his love of cooking. Joe attended the Ballymaloe Cookery School in Shanagarry, County Cork, Ireland in 2017 and returned to the United States with a renewed appreciation of cooking, food, and culinary skill sets. Eventually Joe and Becky decided to make a fresh start and moved to Greenville, South Carolina in 2019 after falling in love with the area. They settled in Travelers Rest, SC and were blessed to have wonderful neighbors who quickly became steadfast friends that they frequently socialized with. In their five years in South Carolina, Joe made many new friends and loved his “work family” at the Cooks Station, Greenville, SC. Joe and Becky were living out their dream life with their dogs, jobs they loved, and a wonderful network of friends, neighbors, and co-workers in South Carolina.

Joe’s passion for cooking often led to memorable times at his backyard bar and kitchen, where he enjoyed gathering and cooking for friends, neighbors, and loved ones over football and baseball games. He was an avid Pittsburgh

Steelers and Atlanta Braves fan. Joe also was a passionate, organic gardener and tended his garden fastidiously and lovingly through harvest season. He was always quick to share his bounty, sending home vegetables with those who stopped by to visit on a regular basis. He enjoyed traveling and dining out with his wife and friends and trying new eateries and foods whenever they could. Joe also adored and cherished his beloved Beagle, Oliver (Ollie) and the newest addition to their family, his Dorkie (Dachshund/Yorkie mix), Rupert.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Jean and James Murphy; his brother, Tommy Murphy; his brother John Murphy, and his two Beagles, Dakota and Juneau. Joe leaves behind his loving wife and lifelong partner, Rebecca Murphy; his dogs, Ollie and Rupert; his sister, Jean Murphy; his brother, Jimmy Murphy; his Aunt Diane and Uncle Eddie Yesunas, Joe Yesunas and Amy Yesunas-Hansin, many aunts and uncles, cousins, and his nieces and nephews: Lauren (Murphy) Gilbert, Jimmy Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Sean Wong, Brandon Wong, and Samantha Dugan. Joe's friends were like an extended family to him and he loved them all as such and leaves behind far too many people to name here.

Joe's sudden passing leaves a gap that will never be filled in so many people's lives. He was a genuine and loving soul who wore his heart on his sleeve and had an Irish wit that never failed to bring a smile and laugh to those fortunate enough to find themselves in his company. His personality was larger than life. His dimpled smile and sense of humor charmed all who were honored to know him. If you are able to safely tip a glass back in his honor, please keep his memory alive by sharing your fond times and stories of Joe Murphy. Sláinte Murph.

Cemetery Details

Private (Family Only)

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I have so many "fun" memories of spending time with Joe over the last 25 years, including a trip to Cleveland with he and his brother John (I still cant process the fact that all 3 of my friends in the pic with me are gone) but the most lasting is one of his displays of caring. A few years ago, when my 15-yr-old beagle was on his last legs, Joe came to my house, cooked Rigger a steak, and just laid down in his dog bed with him and cuddled quietly with him for an hour.. I am never going to forget that picture in my mind of Joe just laying in the dog bed with Rigger. I will treasure my memories of Joe, as I do my relationship with his brother Jimmy, who does not deserve the heartbreaking family losses he has endured in his life, but always continues to remain the positive force, just like Joe. My deepest, most heartfelt condolences go out to Becky and the rest of the family.



steve heisman - December 21, 2024 at 01:01 PM

PC

“ I am so incredibly sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We shared a lot of laughs together at Field House. I was amazed at his encyclopedic knowledge of movies and sports. We were fellow Jersey transplants and bonded because of that and our mutual appreciation for all things Bugs Bunny. Two 50+ year old men cracking up over 60 year old cartoons. I'll miss you my friend.

Philip Corbett - December 20, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ Love you uncle joe I’m going to miss you and our memories. You were always a good uncle. Say hi to my dad for me and I hope you both rest in peace



jimmy murphy - December 17, 2024 at 11:12 PM

TF

“ Terry Flood lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gregory Murphy



Terry flood - December 17, 2024 at 07:38 PM

LG

“ Rest in paradise Uncle Joe, gone too soon. Say hi to my Dad up there. Love you ❤️



Lauren Gilbert - December 17, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BW

“ Very saddened to hear of your passing Joe, you were one of a kind! May you rest Easy in the loving hands of of our Lord and Savior! Condolences to the family. God be with you!



Billy Wismar - December 17, 2024 at 05:48 PM

MO

“ *My heart is broken to hear this sad news.
From the first day I met Joe we hit it off.I will always remember our
Pittsburgh trip and all the games we watched through the years.
Your sense of humor and kindness is what I'll remember the most.
Your friend
Otto*

mark ottaviani - December 17, 2024 at 03:06 PM

WK

“ *William Kiernan lit a candle in memory of
Joseph Gregory Murphy*



William Kiernan - December 17, 2024 at 02:41 PM