



Joseph A. Oldam

October 30, 1954 - March 15, 2019

Joseph Allen Oldam Sr., (Joe) age 64, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 15th, 2019 within the comfort of his home in North Brunswick. Joe was born on October 30th, 1954 in Newark, NJ to Frances and Joseph L. Oldam. Joe was a graduate of Cranford High School, class of 1972. Afterwards he worked as an auto mechanic but ultimately become a tractor trailer driver, a job that he retired from several years ago. Joe would marry Caroline Mitchell and together they would have a son and daughter. After being divorced from Caroline, Joe married Kathy Tostanoski and resided in Monmouth Junction. After being divorced from Kathy, he married Renee Dupree. Joe spent most of his life enjoying the company of a close group of friends and of course, his family. Joe was a competitor and national champion in several Road-eo truck driving competitions. He also received an Outstanding Citizen Award from the Cranford Fire Department on November 1st, 1974 for his swift and heroic actions which resulted in him saving the life of a newborn child from a burning home. The parents of the newborn would then name their following child after him. Joe had many special interests and hobbies throughout his life including shooting pool, motorcycles, and really anything having to do with engines. Joe loved the Pittsburgh Steelers and was a member of the Elks and Moose organizations. He was known to be able to buy a clunker and clean it up so well that you were envious of him and wanted to buy it from him. Joe loved having a good time with loved ones while living his life to its fullest. He was predeceased by his parents Joseph L. and Frances Oldam and his brother

Robert Deetz and is survived by brothers, Kenneth, wife Brenda and David, wife Jennifer; his son, Joseph, wife Jessica and daughter Jaime, husband Jimmy; grandchildren, Joseph, Joshua, Jared, Jayce, and Vivienne; his niece Sarah; and Renee Dupree. A memorial will be held on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 at Laurel Funeral Home, 201 Laurel Ave., Keansburg, NJ. The family will be there to greet Joe's friends and family from 6 PM to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in Joe's name to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Avenue
West Keansburg
Hazlet, NJ 07734
laurelfh@verizon.net

Tribute Wall

RM

“ A man with a huge heart and an exceptional man nevertheless. My memories with you are many and the quality of your character made such a huge difference in my life. Though we weren't related by blood, I always considered you a part of my family. You were the father of the man that played such a pivotal role in my life. A big brother, a mentor, and an inspiration of a man to be. I could immediately see where he got it from the day I met you. You were the epitome of the coolest man I would ever know. From the nicknames you've given me to the time you taught me how to change gears on your bike to inviting me to your beautiful home for a game of scrabble in the backyard. I'll never forget the man you were and the man you will be up in heaven for heaven gained one hell of a man and a man with an exceptional character nevertheless.

Ruben Marin - March 23, 2019 at 03:19 PM

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Ruben Marin - March 23, 2019 at 02:25 PM

SL

“ Kenny & David and families, please accept our apologies for not able to attend service for your brother. I had an important appointment I could not miss today. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. LoL to all.

Susan and Bill Lloyd - March 22, 2019 at 02:35 PM

M(

“ I was very saddened to hear of your recent loss. I have memories of Joe that go back to high school. He was a sweet and lovely man. My condolences to the Oldam family.

Meg Durning (Nelson) - March 22, 2019 at 01:37 PM

“ To my dear brother Joe,

This is not chronologically organized.

When I was a kid, you were my hero. We had so many good times together. You and Carol always cleaning up my parties at 6 Roger Ave. No matter what I did, you were always there to protect me. All the family parties at your homes. Then you guys bought “Southfork” with the pool. We looked forward to those parties. They spanned the entire weekend. Big Belly Deli on Sunday morning. All the cars. You sold me my first car, my 65 Ford Falcon. I loved that car. No matter what, you were always buying cars and cleaning them up. You sold me the Jeep Wagoneer, I loved that car too. When I came down with my VW convertible you gave it the Joe Oldam special cleaning. I loved that car too. I thank you for being my best man, you drove me home from my bachelor party even though you were drunk and shouldn't be driving. We got pulled over entering North Arlington. Fortunately the cops let you slide. All the incredible holiday parties at Kathy and your house. Your house was always meticulously decorated. I remember Christmas 1978. You gave me the title to the 66 Chevelle. We took it to the only open car wash. On the way home the gas tank fell off. We got it home and fastened it back on. When I finally wrecked that car, the tank stayed on. You and Carol paid for almost all of Mom and Dad's 25th anniversary party when none of us had any money. That was incredible, they were so happy. You always let me tag along with your friends. In the junkyards of Newark or when we moved to Cranford, it was great. I remember when I was 12 you and I rode our bikes to the junk yards in Avenel, you needed parts for your Econoline van. You had to ride all the way home with no hands cause you had to carry the parts. I loved that stuff. I bought the 66 Biscayne and sold it to you. Putting the 4 speed tranny into my 67 Le Mans convertible in your garage in Linden, we just couldn't get it together, night after night. Finally it just popped in. Then there was your best car the 68 GTO convertible, the envy of all who looked at it. Your 63 Impala SS. I apologize for mocking your golf game. I felt really bad about that.

We only played one time you, me, Dave and dad. I don't apologize for hitting you in the head with a rock, you deserved that and you know it. Thanks for spinning that top on my head and ripping out my hair. Stepping on your HO cars evened that score. How I used to ride on the bar of your bike in Newark and the one time my foot got stuck in the front wheel and we both went flying. The Rams/Steelers Super Bowl at the Elks. You were bartending and I was sooo drunk. You sent that beautiful tall girl to wake me up but you had to carry me out of the bar that night over your shoulder.

Now you are gone. Too young. We all tried to tell you. Our last conversation you said you knew it was going to kill you and it did.

I hope to see you again some day.

I love you,

Brother Ken.

Ken Oldam - March 22, 2019 at 01:16 PM

Jl

“ *Our last memory together was a simple one. Josh and I were at your house and we just ordered pizza but for how simple it was, it was one of the best times we had together. We just talked for hours and learned so much more about you, we only wish we could have heard more from you. We loved your records and your stories about your life, we hope you're not in anymore pain. Love you always Pop Pop.*

Joseph A. Oldam III - March 22, 2019 at 12:21 PM

KB

“ My deepest sympathy to Joe's family. I was heartbroken to hear of his passing.

Kathy Brach (Nelson)

Kathy Brach - March 21, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Oldam.



March 21, 2019 at 07:30 PM

SW

“ My deepest condolences. I'll never forget how easily you kick started Mike's bike. I hope you're riding through the clouds! Rip brother

Sean wallace - March 21, 2019 at 12:18 PM

EW

“ Hey Joe, from here to eternity rest easy my friend. I liked you a lot from Day 1 when Renee first introduced us. You were a good guy and thought of fondly. Thanks for coming to see my son play guitar in Woodlot Park for the annual Community Day Fest. Hanging at my house and me at yours, always making me feel warm and welcomed. Sleep good in the big guy's kingdom where angels keep watch. Much love to you, Joe. EI

Eleanor Wallace - March 21, 2019 at 11:50 AM

BH

“ Our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to the Oldam family. Find peace in knowing our Creator has called him home. Our time here on earth is merely a pitstop to eternal life. RIP Joe

Bob and Sharon Hilken - March 21, 2019 at 11:21 AM

MW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept out deepest condolences. May Joseph Rest in Peace. Bobby & Maggie Wilson



Maggie Wilson - March 21, 2019 at 11:04 AM

FS

“ From all of us at Parking Systems purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph A. Oldam.



From all of us at Parking Systems - March 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM

JO

“ I'll never forgive myself for the way this ended. I blame both of us for being too stubborn to meet in the middle. Rest In Peace knowing that either good or bad, you did play an intricate role on the man I've become. Until it's my turn, love you Dad.

joseph oldam - March 20, 2019 at 09:49 PM

PR

“ *My deepest condolences. I am very sorry for Joey's death.*
Patricia Reilly

Patricia Reilly - March 20, 2019 at 08:23 PM

CC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences. God bless Joe and may he rest in peace. Love, Cynthia Choffo and family*

Cynthia A. Choffo - March 20, 2019 at 05:27 PM