



Captain Joe G. Grace

February 24, 1936 - September 2, 2021

Joe Gordon Grace of Richmond, Texas was received into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and crossed the bar on September 2, 2021. Born on February 24, 1936, in Patroon, Texas to Harper and Cecil Grace. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Colonel Judd Grace, and sister, Cora Faye Grace.

Joe graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York in 1958. Following graduation, Captain Grace sailed a lengthy time on merchant vessels in all officer capacities, up to, and including ship master at the age of 30. He was recognized by his alma mater as an honor graduate for having obtained the rank of ship master and for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

After eleven years at sea, he formed a marine surveying company in Houston. He was well known throughout the Port of Houston as someone with a trustworthy reputation. During those 32 years, he became known as the leading expert witness in the maritime field appearing in state, federal, and international courts.

He was an active member of Westbury Baptist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher for men and boys, and served as a deacon. He was a 32nd degree mason. He was a published poet, authored over 700 poems and

received several awards. Joe loved being with family and friends. He was an avid reader of military history, Shakespeare, and classical Irish poetry. He was a prolific storyteller, known far and wide for his wit and humor. He made everyone around him feel loved and had a keen ability to work a room and leave an impact with every single person.

He is survived by the love of his life of 56 years, Gail Grace, affectionately known as Gigi; son Joe Grace II and wife Michelle, daughter Melissa Markus and husband Bill. Grandchildren Sarah Jewell, Joe Grace III (Trey) and wife Sydney, Kayla Sullivan and husband Johnny, Emmy Brown and husband Justin, Tristan Grace, and Chad Alexander. Great Grandchildren Cameron, Penny, John, and Louie.

A celebration of life will take place Saturday, September 11th, 1pm at Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft Street Houston, Texas with pastor Brandon Webb officiating.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.davisgreenlawnFH.com for the Grace Family.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **11**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft
Houston, TX 77096

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Captain Joe G. Grace*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - September 07, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ *Captain Joe, a man among men. Poet, Scholar, Father, Christian and a Merchant Marine. What a life lived well. Capt Joe exemplified James 13-16 Live well, live wisely, live humbly. That is the man I knew at Westbury Baptist Church. He will be missed until we see him again in Glory.*

Ted Freeman - September 11, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Joe G. Grace.*



September 09, 2021 at 10:53 PM

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“ *I shall miss hearing stories from Uncle Joe about dad, grandpa and grandma, and of course, Kid Rock and Donie.*

Michael Grace - September 08, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Captain Joe G. Grace.*



September 08, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Captain Joe G. Grace.*



September 08, 2021 at 11:24 AM