



Joseph Vincent Donovan

September 14, 1934 - February 20, 2021

Joseph Vincent Donovan, age 86, of Richmond, Texas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 20, 2021, in his home surrounded by love.

Papa Joe's hand was lovingly held by a family member as he took his last breath here, at 12:25pm, and his next in the presence of God Almighty, Whom Joe eagerly awaited.

A 1953 graduate of West High School, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Chief Donovan served in the United States Navy Reserves for close to 40 years, retiring as an Operations Specialist Chief (OSC). He was also a Senior Equipment Engineering Technician at Texas Instruments, where he was employed for 30 years. He had great times as a member of the Elk's Lodge (#2762), enjoyed furthering his skills, and was blessed with wonderful work ethics.

Papa Joe has enjoyed everything from camping, hunting, and fishing, to bowling, dominos, and piddling in the barn; and oh how he loved exciting escapades with his Navy buddies.

He loved his popcorn, Coors Light, watching TV, and checking his mail. His favorite was evaluating problems and fixing things, and he's most looking forward to seeing his love, Alice.

Joseph Donovan was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Florence Donovan; his step-daughter, Dorene; and his siblings, Larry, John, George, and Vicki; as well as, his beloved friend and brother-in-law, Jack Waycott.

Surviving are his 3 children, Jeff, Karen & Jody, and his two sisters, Maureen & Carol. Also, he leaves behind his step- children, Donna Ferreira (Andy), David Noiseux (Karen), Dale

Voegele (Brian), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many other extended family members.

What Papa Joe wants to be remembered for most, is that he was the nicest guy you had ever met. He will also be remembered as a polite, respectful, gentleman, and a genuine friend.

We will miss you, Papa Joe!

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11am. Creekside Christian Fellowship, in Needville, Texas, 16628 Hwy 36, in the prayer garden. Refreshments will follow.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Creekside Christian Fellowship
16628 Highway 36
Needville, TX 77461

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Vincent Donovan*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - March 01, 2021 at 03:02 PM

EJ

“ *My cousin Joe!! Growing up we lived right across the pond from the Donovan family in Lincoln, RI. My mother, Elizabeth Donovan Boisclair, was sister to Joe's dad, my uncle Joe. Joe always made me laugh. He was right - he always was one of the nicest guys!!! Loved him! Will his celebration of life be on Zoom?
So sorry for your loss.
Elizabeth Johnson AKA BettyJude Boisclair*



Elizabeth Johnson - February 22, 2021 at 10:20 PM



I'm BettyJude's daughter. My grandmother Elizabeth Boisclair would talk about all the family members. I remember putting the name and face together a long time ago now. My grandma I'm sure would be beaming with pride at how nice he could be and how he lived his life.

Erin Griffin - February 23, 2021 at 07:27 AM

MM

How we all loved you, let me count the ways. As I spoke with your cousins, your children, your nieces and nephews, it was with great sadness that they heard of your passing but soon the conversation turned to how you will be missed and how they cherish your memories of your big personality and how you made everyone smile. How you loved to surprise us when you came home to visit. How you were the most fun Uncle. How you always remembered to call your sisters on the holidays, Mother's Day, ect. and always the first to say I love you. We know you were welcomed by Mom, Dad, Larry, Jack, Vicky, and George and that you are at peace. Hope you knew how much you meant to us all. Love Maureen and Vin

Maureen Marcantonio - March 05, 2021 at 08:21 PM