



Joseph Anthony Rende

April 18, 1940 - May 5, 2026

Joseph Anthony Rende, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, known to all simply as “Big Joe Rende” peacefully passed away at the age of 86 on Tuesday May 5th, 2026. A man with a larger-than-life personality and an even bigger heart, Joe leaves behind a lifetime of memories woven into the lives of everyone who knew him.

Joe was a business owner in Port Chester, New York, a career that reflected his sharp mind and independent spirit. He was a proud graduate of Port Chester High School. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1962, a chapter he carried with great pride throughout his life.

A devoted family man, Joe cherished nothing more than time spent with his loved ones — especially his eight grandchildren, who were the light of his life. Whether gathered around the kitchen table working through a puzzle together or loading up the car for one of his legendary drives in search of the perfect restaurant, Joe had a remarkable gift for turning simple moments into treasured memories.

He is survived by his wife, Louise of 63 years, and his daughters, Debbie Cavaliere (Lou), Lisa Charkales (George), and Joanne Cavaliere. He leaves behind eight grandchildren: Joey, Christian, and Danielle Cavaliere; Julia and

Andrew Charkales; and Devon, Teagan, and Nicholas Cavaliere; and two great-grandchildren, Brayden and Hadley Cavaliere.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Marietta Parisi Rende, and siblings Peter F. Rende, Elaine Beaudrault, Frank Rende, Jr., Rosemarie Phillips, Betty Marcucilli, and Robert Rende.

Joe was the kind of man who filled every room he walked into — not just with his presence, but with warmth, laughter, and love. He will be profoundly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 11th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 12th at 10:30am at St. Cecilia Church, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. Interment with military honors will follow immediately at St. John Cemetery, 25 Camp Avenue, Darien, CT.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery (Darien)

25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Cecilia
1184 Newfield Ave
Stamford, CT 06905

Tribute Wall



“ *Prayers and condolences to the Rende families*

David, Laura, Alexa. and Jonathan Portanova

David Portanova - May 12 at 07:53 PM

LH

“ Uncle Joe,

As I reflect back.... I close my eyes and I can still see your first house with the above ground pool. That pool appeared sooo big. The shared driveway with Uncle Frank. Watching home movies in your's and Aunt Louise's living room.

Then your move to Stamford.... What a spectacular home! Ohh the memories I recall, your Christmas holiday gathering and of course the poolside fun. No matter when we stopped by, it always felt like a family gathering. Even winter was made exciting as we would ride the snowmobiles in the field behind your house.

Uncle Joe had the biggest smile.... Gave great hugs And you felt his heart each time you saw him! Rende Service was where you would find the Rende boys !

Well, Uncle Joey You now brought the complete family together again. Mama has that big kitchen table filled with her children, cooking and totally complete with all the fixing's . Know you will be missed here, but we know you are not alone But with familia. Keep an eye on all your girls and grand children, Aunt Louise will be here with them...

Together the memories will be shared . As for me, you taught me the basics to the best lunch sandwich... ham on a hard roll with roasted red peppers, mayo, thin sliced tomato and light lettuce. This will forever be my Deli Joe!

Love you! Lori

Lori Hoffa - May 11 at 04:27 PM

MP

“ *Deepest sympathies on your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all.*

Michael, Robin, Anthony and Nicholas Portanova

Michael Portanova - May 11 at 01:06 PM

SR

“ The ROMEO family was saddened on the news of Joe's passing Sam Mary and the children will miss Joe and his weekly stops to make popcorn for the ROMEO children when Joe Rende's name is mentioned in the ROMEO house first thing the kids would say is Joe Rende popcorn we all have fond memories of Joe stopping by and spending time with us and we will miss it visiting with him in the days that he was convalescing. We had some good auction good memories Maryanne and I will miss Joe dearly rest in peace my friend love always Sam and Mary Romeo.

Sam ROMEO - May 08 at 08:40 AM

SR

“ I could list 100 memories of Joe and the fun we had together our trips to Cape Cod Friday night poker games. Joe was a joy to be around always add a story for everybody. He kept us entertained. We all miss him. We all love Joe and I always have good memories of him Sam Romeo.

Sam ROMEO - May 08 at 08:01 AM