



## Joseph "Joe" Vincent` Wackerman

July 17, 1940 - September 9, 2024

It is with great love and respect that we announce the passing of Joseph "Joe" Wackerman, who went to be with the Lord Monday, September 9, 2024 at the age of 84. Joe passed away peacefully at Crossroads Senior Care Residence in Montgomery, Texas. Joe was born the oldest son and third oldest of 11 children to Vincent and Margaret Wackerman on July 17, 1940 in Pasadena, California. Growing up, Joe developed a strong love of family, baseball, and going with his dad to Santa Anita to watch the horse races. He carried those same passions with him throughout his life and enjoyed sharing them with family and friends. After graduating high school at St. Francis High School in California, Joe joined the Navy, where he served honorably at naval air stations and on aircraft carriers, including the USS Kitty Hawk. He was awarded a Navy Good Conduct Medal which describes him perfectly! Joe learned instrumentation work for liquid air products in the Navy, which became a lifelong vocation both in California and Texas in the oil and gas industry. Joe worked for Union Carbide/Linde/Praxair for over 30 years and continued to consult post-retirement, showing his love of his trade. Those who worked with Joe had tremendous loyalty and respect for his extensive knowledge and kind demeanor. Joe's pride and joy were his kids, Jeff and Jennifer, raising them with his first wife, Cheryle Durbin, in Deer Park, Texas. Later, Joe married Barbara Jane Andre, who he loved dearly during their nearly 30 years together until his passing. Papa Joe loved his family, friends, his sweet and loyal dog Penny, and his Houston Astros. He had a passion for sports, fishing

and playing Cribbage and his favorite drink by far was a cold beer. He will always be remembered as the sweetest, most fun-loving family man who put everyone's needs before his own and often shared his warm heart with a wink and a smile. He will be deeply missed by all who have had the privilege of knowing him. Joe's final place of rest will be at a Veteran's Cemetery to honor his service to our country. In lieu of a funeral, a Celebration of Life will take place with Joe's family in Los Angeles, California later this year.

Joe leaves behind his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Jennifer Shaunty, his son-in-law Matt Shaunty and their sons Jordan, Jackson and Gavin Shaunty; and his stepdaughter Pamela (Sammi) Ring and her son and daughter-in-law, David Ring and Tanya Smith; Stepdaughter Teri Potts and her daughter and son, Lindsey Abrams and Shane Ingraham; and his daughter-in-law, Apryl Wackerman. He is also leaving behind three of his siblings, Tom Wackerman, Kathy Scavone and Helen Carusone and many nieces and nephews who love him dearly. You may leave written memories to his family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

Options for donations in Joe's honor:  
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
<https://www.vfw.org/donate>

Catholic Charities USA to support adoption  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/ways-to-give/honor-and-memorial-gifts/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with Joe on some of my very first projects. We worked together, ate dinner together, and shared more than a few beers together. For at least five years, we spent more time around one another than we did with our own families.*

*The description in his obituary is absolutely spot-on. I can't stress enough that Joe was one of the kindest, sweetest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I'm truly sorry that I learned of his passing so late, but I'm grateful that I did learn because Joe is someone who deserves to be remembered and honored.*

*He was one of the most special mentors to ever cross my path, and I will forever think of him. My deepest condolences to Barb, his daughter Jenn, and all of his family and loved ones. What a truly special guy.*

*XOXO from myself (Michael ( Trey) Duffy III and the entire Ranch Cryogenics family.*

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**Michael Duffy** - January 13 at 03:11 PM

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“ I've known "Jumper" Joe for over 40 years and have never met a kinder man. I have so many stories to share, but I'll keep it short and sweet.

While in Sudbury, Canada working at a company owned, Praxair built plant back in 2012, we were having problems with the 301 (Kessler valve) which at this particular plant was automated . Couldn't get it to move . Had Mr. Joe go check it out because as you may know, he was an excellent Instrument man. This was in North Ontario in January and the temperature was around -10 F and windy. The valve location was the third level up the column, but Joe would try anything at least once . After communicating back and forth via hand held, Joe's voice started to get weaker and weaker. I repeatedly asked him several times if he was OK. Then I decided to go check on him because as most of you also know, if it wasn't for gravity he would just float away. When I arrived at the third level, Joe had icicles coming off his eye brows, and his hands were glued to the actuator . When I asked him if he needed a hand, his answer, as always, was "I got this boss!!!". Just a testament to his dedication and will to always get the job done.

I'm going miss this kind-spirited man and the many memories we shared together. May you rest in peace Joe. You made a huge impact on my life.

*Fred Harwell*

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**Fred Harwell** - October 13, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Our favorite spot*



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**David ring** - September 10, 2024 at 08:16 PM

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“ *Knew Joe for a long time. One of the finest humans that I ever have known. I always admired Joe greatly. RIP JOE.  
George Eddington*

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**George Eddington** - September 10, 2024 at 07:38 PM

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“ *I had a honor to work for Mr. Joe at Crossroads senior living I will forever miss seeing his smile and that eye wink the most cutest 😍  
thing ever I will miss you papa Joe ❤️*

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**Ashlee Johnson** - September 10, 2024 at 04:57 PM