

## Joseph Anthony Natale

July 10, 1924 - December 4, 2017

Joseph Anthony Natale, 93, passed away Monday night, December 4, 2017, in Montgomery, Texas. Joe was born July 10, 1924, in Rochester, New York to Angelo and Mamie DeMarco Natale. He attended Jefferson High School and graduated in 1942.

In February, 1943, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served as an enlisted man until November, 1943, at which time he was appointed Aviation Cadet. He completed his Aviation Cadet training in May, 1944 and accepted an appointment as a Flight Officer, AC in the Air Corps. He attended pre-flight at Ellington Field and advanced bombardier training in Childress, Texas. It was while he was in pre-flight training at Ellington Field south of Houston that he met Dorothy Marie Smart. They married on July 5, 1944. They were happily married for over 60 years. Joe was assigned to the 736th Bomb Squadron, 454th Bomb Group, European Theater of Operations. He successfully completed 35 combat missions as bombardier of a B-24 Liberator. His missions were flown over Germany, Austria, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. He was awarded the Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 2 battle stars. He was honorably discharged from active duty as First Lieutenant on June 5, 1945.

He moved to Huntsville, Texas, in May of 1951 with his wife and two young sons Joe Jr. and Dick. Joe spent 26 years with National Life and Accident

Insurance Company. He retired at the age of 55. During his retirement years he spent quality time with family and friends at the lake house. He enjoyed playing golf and was quite the gambler. He always made time in his weekly schedule to attend a poker game, bet on the horse races and make a pot of "Natale marinara sauce".

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Angelo and Mamie Natale, brothers Ange, Mike, and Vito and his beloved wife, Dorothy Marie.

He is survived by his brother, Richard Natale and sister, Isabel Cutaia, both of Rochester, New York. Joe is also survived by his son, Joe Jr., and wife, Judy, of Montgomery, Texas and son, Dick and daughter-in-law, Anita, both of Conroe.

Joe was blessed with and survived by six grandchildren: Michael and wife Jennifer, Kyle and wife Tina, Brandon and wife Julia, Lindsey and husband Doug, Lauren and Whitney. In addition, he is survived by nine great-grandchildren: Tiffany, Mason, Colby, Trenton, Samantha, Rowan, Reece, Charlotte, and Eleanor.

The family will be present to receive friends on Monday, December 11, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Mark Woodward, a close family friend, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas, with interment immediately following at Brooke Cemetery, 510 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at

[www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfm.com

## Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Anthony Natale*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Anthony Natale.*



December 10, 2017 at 10:22 PM



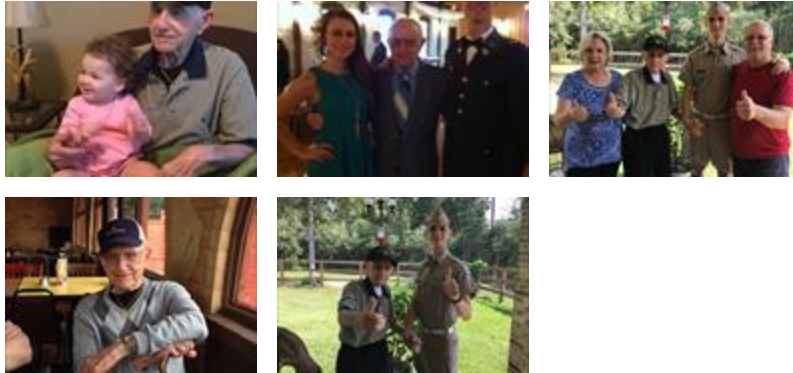
“ *Jim and Beverly Price purchased the Delightful Di effenbachia for the family of Joseph Anthony Natale.*



**Jim and Beverly Price** - December 09, 2017 at 10:52 AM

JN

“ 34 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Joe Natale** - December 08, 2017 at 08:45 PM

YL

“ *Your Friends at JP Hart Lumber purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joseph Anthony Natale.*



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**Your Friends at JP Hart Lumber** - December 08, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JH

“ *Dick and Anita, Sorry for your loss. I am praying for you. He lived a good long life. Janet Hebert*

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**Janet Hebert** - December 08, 2017 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ Alex and I never had the pleasure of meeting Joe Sr. but we do have the pleasure of calling his son Joe Jr. friend and his legacy of a life well lived is reflected in his kind and caring son. May our God of all comfort hold this family in his arms as they lay him to rest trusting in the knowledge that the chain of love will be reunited and treasured for eternity in heaven. Thank you Joe Sr. for your service to our great nation. Our hearts and prayers are with his lovely family. Deb and Alex Medrano

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**Deb and Alex Medrano** - December 07, 2017 at 10:59 AM

OB

“ Our love to you all, Ken and Linda Bautsch purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph Anthony Natale.



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**Our love to you all, Ken and Linda Bautsch** - December 06, 2017 at 09:13 PM

KR

“ We sure are going to miss Mr. Joe. He always had the winning hand, picked the winning horse and always, always ask about the kids and loved to talk about his and the 'grands'. We remember that Dot made the best tuna salad and we could never replicate. It pained him a great deal when Dot got sick, but, he never left her side. Now that is true love. Many stories to tell and memories to cherish of Mr. Joe. Goodbye Mr. Joe, may you scoop every pot and get to eat some of Dot's good cooking.

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**Kim and Billy Ringo** - December 06, 2017 at 02:16 PM

DN

“ Joe, Dickey and families - We wish we could be there to comfort you in person. Uncle Joe and Aunt Dot were very special. My dad and mom - Uncle Ange and Aunt Louise to you - loved their visits to Texas. Although it's a sad time, your memories will keep your mom and dad alive in your hearts forever. God bless, Dave & Jo Natale

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**Dave/Jo Natale** - December 06, 2017 at 01:55 PM

DN

“ David, Jo, Ange, Pat, Karen, Dave, Tom Natale purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Joseph Anthony Natale.



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**David, Jo, Ange, Pat, Karen, Dave, Tom Natale** - December 06, 2017 at 01:40 PM

JF

“ Dear Natale Family.  
So sad to hear of your dad's passing. He and Dot were such sweet friends of myself and my parents, Richard and Mary Hartnett. I have many memories of your sweet folks. So sorry I cannot attend his service, but know you are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Janie Hartnett Farris** - December 05, 2017 at 07:10 PM

MC

“ Joe Jr, & Judy and Dickey

*I am so sorry to hear we all lost Joe. We had played poker together for several years. I always admired him and Dot, as well as you boys. Joe's love for Dot was never ending as well as his love, care and concern for yall and your families.*

*A great person, such a gentleman, and a man that served our country.*

*I will miss him so much.*

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**Mark T Chalker** - December 05, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DS

*David and I never met Joe Sr. but heard many stories of how he knew how to clean a pot, " you will get it back cleaner than you sent it" however if he is anything like Joe Jr. he was a sweetheart and wonderful man. We want to thank him for his years of service to our country. To God be the glory that he didn't suffer long.. God bless the family and treasure his memory! David and Marian Smith*

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**David and Marian Smith** - December 07, 2017 at 10:27 AM