



Joseph S. Lape

June 17, 1946 - November 11, 2024

Joseph S. Lape, Capt. USMC (ret) , 78, of Ocala, FL, passed away on November 11, 2024 in Ocala, FL.

Joe was born in Richmondville, NY to the late Millard and Eleanor Lape on June 17, 1946.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters, Carene (Lape) Hylton and Michelle (Lape)

Winchell, step children, Susan (Wood) Coulter and Scott Wood, five grandchildren, Tyler

Hylton, Kaya Winchell, Emily Coulter, Rory Coulter and Brenna Wood. He also leaves

behind numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joe enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965 after high school.

During his military

career that spanned over 20 years, Joe successfully completed the Chinese Language course

at Defense Language Institute, graduated from University of Louisville (BS, Computer

Engineering) in 1975, a Masters degree in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate

School in 1981. Upon his retirement in 1985, Joe began his second career in the private

sector ultimately retiring from General Mills in 2003. Joe and his wife Barbara enjoyed

traveling throughout the US and visiting friends in India and a trip to China was a highlight.

He enjoyed music, reading and his time hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

Joe was diagnosed with Parkinson's in November of 2017. After living in Minnesota for 28

years he needed to move from the cold climate. He decided to look in Ocala, Florida after

visiting his friend and boss from long ago while serving in Vietnam. It was a positive move

as he had good care with the VA.

A Celebration to honor Joe will follow his burial at Slate Hill Cemetery, Sharon Springs, NY

in Spring 2025.

Tribute Wall

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Brenna Wood - January 13, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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“ *Mr. Joe, you have been a huge presence in my life, and have made me feel like family. You were there for all the big moments and some of the toughest ones just to make things better. With you and Barb we have shared laughter, love, dogs and memories: The Minnesota Twins, music, great conversations, The Lape Moving Company to Alabama and Texas (wow, amazing service), wonderful food... you are simply unforgettable, my favorite Marine and loved always*

Cindi Graser - November 26, 2024 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Way back in 1986 Mom & Dad took Ben and I to visit Aunt Barb and Uncle Joe for Easter. It was a trip I will never forget. Uncle Joe carried 4 year old Ben on his shoulders most of the day as he and Aunt Barb showed all of us the monuments and taught us so much about D.C. Uncle Joe will always be loved and missed but never forgotten. He is the most prestigious veteran I know. I know he will always keep us safe. Love and heartfelt condolences to all.*

Linda Price Thompson - November 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM

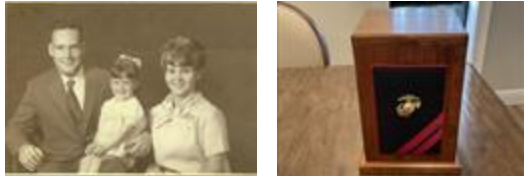
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“ Uncle Joe and I shared an awesome trip from Minnesota to Camp Pendleton Ca in 1997 in order to check into my first duty station. He was just a rock wall of a man and had wisdom that I couldn't even realize so early in my Marine Corps career but there was no better mentor or advisor than him in guiding a young Marine through the Marine Corps. It was always an honor to have him with me for important milestones in my career and life and he's missed beyond words. I joined the Marine Corps cause of three Marines in my life, my Grandpa T, Uncle Frank and Uncle Joe. A Marine couldn't have had a better role model than what he showed me. May you continue guarding at the Pearly Gates until it is my time to relieve you! Semper Fidelis and I love you! Scotty & Amber Beretz Family MSgt (Ret)

Scott Beretz - November 21, 2024 at 07:21 PM

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CARI HYLTON - November 21, 2024 at 06:17 PM