



Joseph G Giardino

March 19, 1920 - August 10, 2022

Joseph G. Giardino passed away peacefully on August 10, 2022 at the Masonic Village in Burlington, NJ, at the age of 102. Joe graduated from Brooklyn College in 1942 and received his Master's Degree from Columbia University following service in the US Navy during WW II. After graduation, Joe lived in Rome, Italy for fifteen years, working at Radio Free Europe, before returning to the United States with his family in 1962. Joe pursued his lifelong dream of teaching and accepted a position as an English professor at Dutchess Community College in upstate New York, where he worked until his retirement. After a long detour to Diamondhead, Mississippi, to live near his son Marco, Joe moved to Moorestown, NJ with his daughter Joanne and husband Gary in 2021. Throughout his life, Joe treasured good literature, classical music and, above all, chocolate in any form.

Joseph was predeceased by his wife of 67 years Livia (nee Meschini), his son Marco Giardino,

his brothers, Louis Giardino and Edward "Pasquale" Giardino and his sister Angela Giardino.

He is survived by his daughter Joanne Seltzer and her husband Gary, grandchildren Kate

Seltzer, Hallie Seltzer, Michael Giardino, Luca Giardino and Andrea "Annie" Nettles. He

delighted in his great-grandchildren Aaron Hinrichs, Ada Hinrichs, Alessandro Giardino, Eli

Nettles, Joseph "Briggs" Nettles, Madelyn Giardino and Livia Giardino.
Joe will be entombed with his wife in the Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

Cemetery Details

Biloxi National Cemetery

Biloxi, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph G Giardino*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Joseph G Giardino*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

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“ *My memories of Joe revolve around food. There was the rehearsal dinner in the Hyde Park area at an Italian restaurant with an arbor filled with grapes as you entered. After Joanne and Gary were married, Joe would fly everyone down to New Orleans for Christmas and we would eat at all the best places: Commanders Palace, Antoines, Andrew Jackson, Court of Two Sisters and Sazerac. My favorite meal was the Christmas eve we spent at Sazerac eating a Dickens meal with a sorbet on an ice swan between courses. When Marco and I went to Italy we ate wonderful food at Zia Maria's and had a 25th birthday dinner at 10:00pm for Stephania. Once Joe and Livia moved to Diamondhead there were holiday and Sunday dinners at there home. My best friends son went to spend a weekend at Marco's and his favorite memory was Livia;s pork roast. When Joe couldn't drive I would visit and take them shopping for groceries and they would insist on taking me to lunch at the clubhouse. One time I wanted to treat them so I spoke with Joe and asked him if he liked Veal Marsala. It wasn't till I got there with all the fixings that he told me Livia did not like mushrooms. We enjoyed the meal anyway. For Livias birthday I brought them in for a meal at Court of Two Sisters at Livias request. The last two meals were lunches at Commanders, Mike and Joe both had March birthdays so Mike and I drove to get them and we all had a fabulous meal. The wait staff signed menus for the birthday 'boys: and Livia wanted one, also - of course she received one. The second time was before Joe moved to Long Island. I asked Marco if he would bring Joe in and I would treat them both to la meal.*

The meals were all delicious but the love and sense of family were the coup de gras that made it so special. I am so grateful to have had these people in my life.



Valerie Giardino - August 15, 2022 at 12:59 PM



Thank you Val. We are grateful to have you in ours!

joanne seltzer - August 24, 2022 at 09:39 AM