



Joseph Edward Cheseldine

January 27, 1940 - July 18, 2024

Joseph Edward Cheseldine, 84, of Newburg, Maryland passed away on July 18, 2024, at home. He was born in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 1940, to Joseph and Blanche Cheseldine.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Blanche Cheseldine.

Joe is survived by his wife, Wilda, and sons, Joseph Jr. (Denise) and Jay (Tracie), brothers John (Theresa) and Dennis (Gail). He was blessed with three grandchildren, Danny (Valeri), Melissa (Steven) and Megan (Timmy), and six great-grandchildren, Kamryn, McKayla, Steven, Joseph, Timmy Jr. and River. He had many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much; he was always there for them.

Joe attended Anacostia High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on April 30, 1957. He was in the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. He was trained as an anti-tank assault man. While in Okinawa he continued his love of boxing and fought for his division. He won the title Light-Middle Weight of Okinawa- 1958- 3rd Marine Boxing Championship. He was inducted into the Washington DC Boxing Hall of Fame in Nov 15, 1991. Joe only lost one fight during his career as boxer which spanned a period from age 8yrs to 20yrs old. Joe was honorably discharged as a Lance Corporal in April 1959.

He was a member of Sheet Metal Local 102 for 10 years. He was the proprietor of two very successful businesses with his son Joe Jr., Cheseldine's Sports and Lettering Services, Inc. (35 years), and Rascal's Saloon (28 years).

Joe was an avid sportsman. He played Fast Pitch Softball, Baseball. Golf, Bowling, Track, Basketball, Fishing, and he loved to hunt. His greatest love was coaching youth football and was co-founder of the youth football league (Johnny Unitas Youth Football League) in Charles County in 1969. He loved going to the beach, travelling and just having fun!

In lieu of flowers/gifts the family asks that you please consider making a donation to the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and /or Auxiliary. Both groups were very supportive of our family during many years of Joe's illness.

The family will receive friends for Joseph on Thursday, August 1, 2024, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm and prayer service at 7pm at Raymond Funeral Chapel, LaPlata, MD. A Mass of Christian burial on Friday August 2, 2024 at 11AM at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, MD. Interment to follow in the church cemetery.

For information on services see Raymond Funeral Services Website at <https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com/>

Cemetery Details

Holy Ghost Catholic Cemetery

Swan Point Road
Issue, MD 20645

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

AUG 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

AUG 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Interment

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Cemetery
Swan Point Road
Issue, MD 20645

Tribute Wall



“ Joe's was much older than I, he's friends with my older brother Sonny Higgins formally remax 100 realtor. I went to school with his sons Jay and his brother. My condolences to the family for the loss of your father. He's awesome accomplished man. I lost my father the early age so I know what it means. Both of my brothers passed away on the last one. But I'd like to extend love and prayers to the family and be comforted to know if you believed on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ he is in the arms of Jesus now. My faith and my hope is Knowing that Christ is able to keep everything I have committed unto him for when we face that day and pass into Glory. Love and prayers. Gregory Higgins.

Gregory Higgins - May 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM

RB

“ Rick Bonifant lit a candle in memory of Joseph Edward Cheseldine



Rick Bonifant - September 03, 2024 at 10:31 AM

WC

thank you Rick, Joe is greatly missed. Love Wilda

wilda cheseldine - October 04, 2024 at 10:51 PM

T+

“ Tom +. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.

Tom +. - August 02, 2024 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ Bob & Karen McDuffie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



Bob & Karen McDuffie - August 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

BM

“ Bob & Karen McDuffie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.

Bob & Karen McDuffie - August 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

BD

“ Joey & Jay I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Keep all those happy memories you both have present now, it will help. I'll keep you both & your mom in my prayers. May he now RIP.

Bridget Dalsey - August 01, 2024 at 03:30 PM

WC

Thank you Bridget I remember you as a kid, Joe was so happy to be around all of you. He is missed.

wilda cheseldine - October 04, 2024 at 10:52 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



July 31, 2024 at 06:38 PM

RM

“ *Richard Bailey and Maritza purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.*



Richard Bailey and Maritza - July 31, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DP

“ *My sincere condolences to Joe's family members. Joe was a good friend of mine in our early years in Anacostia. The guys we hung out with were Freddie Martin, Micky and Paul Rosaco (spilling), myself, Joe and a couple others. Joe was the leader and the our group. Joe being a golden glove champion no one was going to mess with Joe. Although one guy in our neighborhood did challenge Joe...I won't mention his name but he wished he hadn't. Joe kick his butt. But they later became friends. I had such fun times hanging with Joe. He would come to my house on Ridge Pl SE and we would wrestle in my front lawn. The reason this is so memorable was I would get Joe in a headlock that he couldn't get out of. Great fun. But that was the only thing I was competitive with Joe. Such great and fun memories.*

*RIP Joe and God Bless everyone in your family.
Don PiccoloSr*

Don Piccolo - July 30, 2024 at 09:15 PM

WC

Don, Joe was a fun guy, always a challenge, but such a great guy, husband and father. Wilda

wilda cheseldine - October 04, 2024 at 10:55 PM

SG

“ To Joe's Wife, Wilda, and brothers. I was saddened to learn that Joe passed away. His brother Jack is an Anacostia classmate and fraternity brother, APEs, of mine. My niece, Sherry, has been helping with Joe's care in the past year and I understand that Sherry stayed with Wilda later that night. May you be comforted that I and Joe's friends send our condolences and sympathy to the family,

Stanley Graves - July 30, 2024 at 04:16 PM

WC

Thank you for your kind words. Yes Sherry help me with Joe and he was so happy to be around her. Such a great, fine caregiver. She helped me so much. Always made Joe laugh. Wilda

wilda cheseldine - October 04, 2024 at 10:56 PM

BC

“ Bobby and Carol planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.

Bobby and Carol - July 30, 2024 at 12:04 PM

BC

“ Bobby and Carol purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



Bobby and Carol - July 30, 2024 at 12:04 PM

EG

“ Ed & Barb Gleed purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



Ed & Barb Gleed - July 30, 2024 at 11:50 AM

 Sue Green

“ Even though I haven't been close by, I always feel like smiling when I hear Joe's name because he leaves a legacy of loving life. I'm so happy that I got to play golf with him in Florida. My thoughts and hugs go out to Wilda and the rest of Joe's family as he will be greatly missed. Sue (Blagman) Green

Sue Green - July 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



July 29, 2024 at 07:44 PM

SC

“ Sheila Campbell. I had the honor of being Mr. Joe caregiver. Thank you Mrs. Wilda for trusting and allowing me into your home. I will truly miss him dearly. I can vision him setting and watching GUN SMOKE!!!

sheila Campbell - July 29, 2024 at 07:25 PM

SG

“ Joe, it was an honor knowing you, & taking care of you. Gunsmoke, diet coke (just a little) ☐, ice cream, and cookies. ❤️ It was a pleasure knowing you. You will be missed. Xo Sherry

Sherry Graves - July 29, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JF

“ John Finamore purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



John Finamore - July 29, 2024 at 03:10 PM

LM

“ Love Donnie and Marta Mister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.

Love Donnie and Marta Mister - July 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM

LM

“ Love Donnie and Marta Mister purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.



Love Donnie and Marta Mister - July 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM

CT

“ To Wilda & Family. Sharon & I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Joe. I have known Joe since we were 12 years old. He was a member of number 4 police boys club and I was a member of Eastern Branch. We met again at Anacostia High where we were both members of The Drapes Social Club. Joe you and your family were great to know. I know we will all meet again some day. God bless you and may you Rest In Peace.

Charlie Thomas - July 28, 2024 at 09:58 AM

LG

“ To a fellow marine. Joe was a great family man A true gentleman and a great friend..Had a lot of good times with Joe. drank a few beers with him from time to time.Enjoyed playing golf with him many times. Joe will certainly be missed by a lot of people.My deepest sympathy to all of Joes family. I will see you on the other side.
Sincerley Larry Gtay

Larry Gray - July 26, 2024 at 06:40 PM

PM

“ Joe was a great guy to play golf with, and to share a beer at Rascals. He was great friends with my parents, John and Martha Murphy, as well as to me. He had a wonderful personality and sense of humor. God Speed, Joe.
Patrick Murphy

Patrick A Murphy - July 26, 2024 at 06:01 PM

PT

“ Dear Wilda and family,

I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

Petey Treyes

Petey Treyes - July 26, 2024 at 10:09 AM



JM

“ To Wilda and all of Joe's family, Tommy and I send our heartfelt condolences. May his memory be eternal.

Janet & Tom Metz - July 25, 2024 at 09:12 PM



CF

“ Carole, Rick & June Fejeran purchased the Simple Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Edward Cheseldine.

Carole, Rick & June Fejeran - July 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM



RB

“ Joe was a great friend, mentor and a true legend to many. A DC icon and brother Marine who will never be forgotten. Semper Fi my brother. May God give you eternal rest. 🙏🙏🙏❤️ Richard Bailey and Maritza send our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Richard Bailey - July 25, 2024 at 09:23 AM

FC

“ *Frank Culhane lit a candle in memory of Joseph Edward Cheseldine*



Frank Culhane - July 25, 2024 at 09:19 AM

JH

*To Wilda and family God's blessings. May the new year keep you healthy and safe. I know this message is a bit late, however my roots are in DC and Joe enjoyed many good times in our younger years. From our youthful adventures to shared good times in the Drapes Social Club all bring back memories. Unfortunately I was not aware of Joe's health issues as well as his passing. I regret not staying in touch after relocating to Florida in 72.
Rest in peace Joe.
Jim Harris*

James (Jim) Harris - December 25, 2025 at 04:25 PM