



## Joseph Henry Kennedy

July 29, 1966 - February 16, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Henry Kennedy, 57, of Indian Head, MD, passed away on February 16, 2024 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC.

Joe was born on July 29, 1966, in Washington, DC to Alice Juanita (Nita) and Henry Cecil (H.C.) Kennedy. Joe is preceded in death by his mother Nita, who was his life-long champion; and he loved her dearly.

Joe was a self-employed truck driver; which was his dream job. He was obsessed with trucks ever since he was a child. Truck driving unfortunately gave him a drinking problem. Empty cans and bottles of Mountain Dew Soda littered the bottom of his vehicles and unfortunately he was unable to overcome his addiction. He should have had stock in Mountain Dew. He enjoyed telling everyone about his truck driving adventures. Remember the one where the concrete hardened in the pump line of the pumper truck, lol. He also enjoyed watching racing and Dale Earnhardt was all time favorite. He loved watching slap-stick style comedy and one of his early favorites was the Three Stooges and he would often mimic Curly, "Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk". He graduated to the show Beavis and Butthead in high school and would often tell the kids "I burnt my biscuits, I burnt my biscuits!!" which would always get a laugh. Joe had several go-to phrases and whenever you would talk with him, he would ask you "Are you behaving yourself?", and if you told him "Yes", he would say "Rightttttt, not!"

He was a member of Whitehall Baptist Church in Accokeek, MD for years, where he became fast friends with Billy Funk, Bryan Willis, David Blend and Bernard Funk. He enjoyed many years of friendship, fun and getting in trouble with them. You never knew what they were up to but always something mischievous.

In addition to his father, H.C., Joe is survived by his sister, Lydia Berry (who always picked on him as a child) and her husband Thomas; younger brother, John Kennedy (who always called Lydia to protect him when Joe was bothering him AND John would get in trouble) and his wife Dawn Gillings; niece, Tiffany Kalin Maston (the favorite because she was so pretty); and nephews; C.J. Kalin, and T.C. Berry (who he told he would "Give them a knuckle sandwich!" if they didn't act right).

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 10:00 AM until time of Service at 12:00 PM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Joe's name are asked for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, DC 20090-1891, <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

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FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Joe was my nephew and came to visit us unexpectedly and Charlotte and I had a good visit. He always called me Uncle Melvin.

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**Melvin Ray Kennedy** - February 28, 2024 at 06:11 PM