



Joseph "Joe" F. Amuso

October 22, 1949 - April 5, 2022

Joseph "Joe" F. Amuso, 72, of Pittsfield, passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, with his loving family by his side. Born in Pittsfield, MA on October 22, 1949, he was the son of Dorothy Londergan Amuso and the late Joseph Amuso. Joe was a graduate of Pittsfield High School and earned his nursing degree from Berkshire Community College.

Joe was a Vietnam War veteran. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1967, where he proudly served his country until 1971.

Joe was employed by Berkshire Medical Center. Most of his career was spent as charge nurse in the Emergency Department. He was well known there for his trauma skills, dedication to patient care and his definite sense of humor.

He was well loved by his coworkers and was a strong advocate for the ER staff as well as the patients he cared for. He proudly passed on the knowledge he had gained in his years of emergency nursing to the new nurses and doctors that passed through the doors of BMC.

Previously, Joe also worked as a paramedic and was a member of the Life Team which provided advanced care in the fields. After 38 years of proudly dedicated service, he retired in 2014.

Among many things, Joe loved music--listening to Bluegrass, playing his

piano or banjo were amongst his favorites. He also enjoyed the outdoors, especially farming and gardening. Together, he and Jo Ann worked hand in hand growing the tallest and most beautiful sunflowers you ever saw. He was so proud.

Besides his mother, Joe is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Sinopoli of Pittsfield, his five children, Joseph M. Amuso (Diane) of Stafford CT, Angela M. Capparelli (Rico) of Westerly RI, Sarah C. Baumann (Bill) of Hinsdale, Kristen D. Pinilla (Diego) of Marietta GA, and Abbigail L. Amuso also of Pittsfield. He also leaves behind Nicholas Sinopoli, and Dominic Sinopoli (Kim), 11 grandchildren, his siblings, Marjorie Wigglesworth (Peter) and Daniel Amuso (Joyce) and his sister-in-law Genevieve Amuso all of Pittsfield as well as many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

In addition to his father, Joe was also predeceased by his brother, Peter Amuso.

Joe's family would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the staff at Mt. Carmel Care Center for their kind and compassionate care during his extended stay there.

While Joe will be greatly missed, we are comforted knowing that his time with us was, in his own words, "good enough." (Just not long enough) . "Good enough" for the memories to live on by all who were blessed to have known him.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Joseph "Joe" F. Amuso will be private. Public calling hours will be Friday, April 8, 2022, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA. A celebration of Joe's life will take place at 2pm at 42 Fisher Hill Rd Cheshire, Ma. All are welcome to join. In lieu

of flowers, donations in Joe's memory can be made to The American Stroke Foundation or a charity of one's choice, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Celebration of Life

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Of Life
42 Fisher Hill Road
Cheshire, MA 01225

Tribute Wall

SD

“ Reading the tributes it sounds like Joe was a wonderful nurse, the kind all we other nurses want to work with and emulate. My belated but no less sincere and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Joseph Amuso. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers.

*Sr. Seán Damien
Sponsor Representative
Mount Carmel Care Center*

Sr Sean Damien - May 20, 2022 at 04:15 PM

CT

“ Joe was a wonderful caring nurse. I was under his care in the E.D. a ton of times. He was so kind to me. When I would go in I would ask for him and if he was working he would come in to see me. He was so gentle and always asked about my migraines and remembered all the time that I went to Boston for them. His caring and kindness will always be in my heart. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Cindy Thomson - April 19, 2022 at 03:17 AM

JG

“ Greatest ED Charge Nurse in the history of nurses. My deepest condolences. He will be remembered forever.

Jill Ann Griffith - April 13, 2022 at 06:51 PM

PN

*Peter & Joe terrorized me on the school bus when we were in high school!!!! But a comfort later in life when ever we used the ER/ED.....Now they are their chasing angels
Condolences to family and friends....*

Patty Maxwell Naker - April 23, 2022 at 08:44 PM

PN

Patty Maxwell Baker

Patty Maxwell Naker - April 23, 2022 at 08:45 PM

SH

*“ I wish Joe was immortal. I worked with him in the ER for many years.He had grace, wit, compassion, and strength, and a great gift to heal. He cared for all.....coworkers, colleagues, patients, and their families. He worked tirelessly, never complaining.He was a spectacular ED Charge Nurse. He was a spectacular human being.The world is a better place for his being it. I wish him and all who loved him everlasting peace and strength. Love never dies.
Sandy Herliczek RN, MSN*

Sandy Herliczek - April 10, 2022 at 12:28 AM

SS

“ Joe was one great E.R. R.N. My condolences to Joe's family and friends. He will be missed most certainly. I met Joe when I came up to live in the Berkshires, back in 86'. He was always helpful, a true problem solver with a sense of humor that I surely appreciated. I never worked with Joe in the E.R. but we had many a talk on the phone when it was time to transfer a patient up to one of the floors I worked on. I used to specifically ask for Joe because I knew he would take charge of whatever mattered and my shift would run much smoother. Rest in peace Joe, you've been through alot.. and thank you.

Sami (Mesler) Strout - April 09, 2022 at 01:46 PM

AP

“ Where to start?

When I reflect on my career I can think of few if any I'd have rather had by my side than Joe.

One may work with similarly skilled , kind and competent nurses, but Joe had something more, something special about his spirit that made everyone stronger., something that made everyone feel they were part of the team, that no matter how overwhelmed, we would somehow fight through things and leave holding our heads high. Whether cracking jokes or doing chest compressions Joe had a consistency and spirit that held us together.

Infinitely adept at managing the chaos of the ER, Joe had not only amazing clinical skills but also the interpersonal skills that made him the master of all masters when it came to managing the politics and people.

Whether comforting a distraught family, engaging a grumpy on call physician, or directing a nervous new hire Joe always seemed to know what to say and how to say it. We were all simply better at our jobs with Joe by our side.

Joe's retirement years didn't seem to reward all he accomplished, but if there's a heaven I'm betting he's got a banjo on his lap and a smile on his face.

Here's to you, Joe.

Andy

Andrew Plager - April 09, 2022 at 12:06 PM

EM

“ Joe was the consummate gentleman, RN and all around great man. I worked with him as an RN and EMT. My condolences to your family. Love, Ellen

Ellen Murray - April 08, 2022 at 03:15 PM

GB

“ I came to BMC as an intern in 1971 and retired as an attending physician in 2013. Joe was a valued colleague during my entire career that coincided with his. In the years I visited the ER at any time of day or night he was always a welcome site and gave confidence that my patients were in excellent hands. Gordon Bird, MD

Gordon Bird - April 07, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ 73 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - April 07, 2022 at 01:29 PM

KR

“ Having been involved in emergency services for many years I first met Joe while working at County Ambulance. He came to do ride time with us as he was training to become an EMT paramedic for Life Team. This was an emergency team BMC put together to respond to ambulance services that were long distances from BMC and needed advanced medical care in the field, long before we had paramedics and ALS in our own services. Many times Joe responded to my little Town of Otis to assist us. Joe was always a welcome and friendly face to see no matter whether you met him in the emergency room or out in the field. Heaven truly has received a special person.

Kathleen Rider - April 07, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MA

Joe was a fabulous nurse friend and colleague...Prayers for you and yours. Mary Ellen Morrissey

maryellenmorrissey - April 10, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JV

Having worked with Joe for decades his nursing skills, leadership, dedication and sense of humor were ever present. He was a tireless champion for all patients and his staff and people from other departments. Joe was a friend to all in need. My sincere condolences to Joanne and his family.

James Vanasse - April 11, 2022 at 09:49 AM

KK

“ Kathy and Michael Kerin purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Joseph "Joe" F. Amuso.



Kathy and Michael Kerin - April 06, 2022 at 07:06 PM

SD

“ *Deb and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Amuso family for their loss. Joe was a great friend and co-worker; we have so, so many years of fond memories, and our escapades with Joe. We will forever hold him close in our hearts.*

Deb and Steve Deloye

Stev Deloye - April 06, 2022 at 06:55 PM

TC

“ *In 1996 when I first started in the er as a coordinator joe took me under his wing , and from that day forward we were friends for life . Love you joe*

Tina Conner - April 06, 2022 at 04:15 PM