



## Joseph Paul Boccaccio

March 19, 1937 - January 17, 2023

Joseph Paul Boccaccio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on January 17, 2023 at the age of 85. He was born in Hartford Connecticut in 1939 where he resided with his parents, five brothers and five sisters. He adored his parents and admired all the sacrifices they made. They married in Sicily and traveled to America before starting their family. They both had very strong parenting and work ethics. He often talked about his childhood, and how it was filled with love, joy, and adventure.

In high school, Joe played football and remained close with his childhood friends.

Following graduation, he joined the US Army. After his service, he married the love of his life Joyce Leary. From there he moved to Westfield, Massachusetts where he built a home and raised his family.

He was passionate about his career as a restaurateur, chef, and caterer. Having been so successful, he was awarded a new vehicle for his outstanding culinary achievements. Each of his daughters were able to be a part of his culinary passion. Joe even went to college at the age of 39 and received an Associate In Science degree in Food Service Management.

After raising all his children, Joe happily retired in Massachusetts before ending up in Wilmington, North Carolina.

One of his many interests was to cook for family, friends, and church gatherings. He especially loved decorating, painting and floral

arrangements. Volunteering and worshiping Jesus is what he lived for.

Joe is survived by his daughters:

MARY: granddaughters Tiffany and Meagan and great-grandson

Roscoe. CHRISTINE: grandchildren Tomas, Joey, Nick and wife Danielle and

Jessica and great-grandchildren Tomas, Aiden, Nathan, Lilliana, and

Everleigh. CATHIA: granddaughter Brytne and great-grandson Elijah

Bennett. BETH: grandchildren Angi and Zack. BRIDGET's

children: grandchildren Ryan, Jesse and Cassidy and great-grandchildren Lia,

Tobias, Everly, and Langston. MELISSA and Joe: granddaughters Carly and

Amanda.

Brothers, Michael and Richard, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his wife Joyce, daughter Bridget, parents Santo and

Marianna, son-in-law Dan, and brothers and sisters.

Joe was a man of integrity, he never judged people but excepted all. This demonstrated his servant heart. He was a simple man and was blessed by the Lord. He opened up his life to be a father to the fatherless always having an open door for anyone, lovingly known as, "Papa Joe." He made friends everywhere he went but little did they know, it was Christ in him that they were drawn to. Ephesians 4:32 "—and be kind and compassionate to one another, forgive one another, just as God forgave you."

Joe was a beloved husband, son and brother. He was a dedicated father, who treasured his children and embraced every moment with them. He especially loved being "PAPA" to all his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his fierce strength and loyalty to his family, friends, and faith.

Joe's legacy will continue on through his daughters, who will pass on the love, care and acceptance of all through their children and generations to come.

He will be missed. But we will REJOICE in knowing that he is NOW in heaven with JESUS!!!

Rest in peace dad-Joe, knowing that your legacy and faith live on.

Romans 15:13

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that

you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

Service will be led by Paster Willie Urena at:

Global River Church

4702 S. College Rd.

Wilmington, NC. 28412

Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 1pm.

Serve will also be streaming live at 1pm that day at :

[globalriver.org](http://globalriver.org)

And on Facebook:

Global River Church

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ So sorry to hear of Papa Joe's passing. He loved the Lord and he loved Wyben Church. We loved Joe....and his soups!!! He was so kind to our children too.  
May he Rest in Peace.

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**Elaine and Dan Cioch** - January 30, 2023 at 07:15 PM

ZI

“ I've known Papa since I was a kid. He took me in to his family and gave me so much love over so many years. What a fantastic man he will always be , in my eyes and heart. His talents and skills were remarkable , he handed them to his daughters , grandchildren , friends and everyone he encountered which will continue his legacy . No words can really express this loss to the world , but I know his spirit will be with me forever !!

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**Zim** - January 29, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JU

“ I have such fond memories of my Uncle Joe. As a young girl I remember going to his pizza restaurant with my mom and dad. Uncle Joe would give me a small ball of pizza dough to play with while the adults visited. It is also how I learned fried dough was even better with sauce and a meatball than with cinnamon and sugar! As an adult I remember his kindness and love. He traveled from NC to CT for my mom's funeral. His love for family never faded. Rest in peace Uncle Joe. To my cousins, your memories will provide comfort in this time of sadness. Love you all.

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**Judy** - January 26, 2023 at 06:30 PM

RT

“ Sending condolences and huge hugs to my cousins and your families. Papa Joe was a great uncle and friend. We had many laughs throughout the years and enjoyed our time together. May he rest in peace reunited with Joyce. God Bless

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**Rob F Tebecio** - January 26, 2023 at 04:28 PM

SO

“ Our love thoughts and prayers are with his family as they celebrate his life and mourn their loss.

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**Sean and Nancy O'Neill** - January 25, 2023 at 11:54 AM

GR

“ Rest in Peace, Sweet Papa Joe,  
You were one of the kindest, nicest people I've ever known. You accepted me from day one - crazy hair and all! You raised 6 beautiful daughters who will carry out your legacy.

*My love and prayers to the entire Boccaccio Family - he may be gone, but never ever forgotten.*

*With Love, Gina and Family*

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**Gina Ranieri** - January 24, 2023 at 10:23 PM

MB

“ To my lovely nieces and their families, I share your grief and sorrow. I also share your faith and confidence in the Resurrection. May my brother Joseph, rejoice as he joins the heavenly company of Saints: his wife, his daughter, his parents & his 8 siblings. Joe. RIP!!! Unk "Mike"

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**Michael Boccaccio** - January 24, 2023 at 10:13 PM

LB

“ *In Loving Memory of my beloved brother, Joseph Paul Boccaccio. His constant smile & brilliant clowning brought so much laughter to us 13, our parents & their 11 children. He smiles now Eternally, RIPA Sympathy Gift of Trees Planted has been Planted In Loving Memory of Joseph Paul Boccaccio courtesy of Lovingly, Michael A. Boccaccio .*

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**Lovingly, Michael A. Boccaccio** - January 24, 2023 at 10:04 PM

MM

“ *I love you papa. I'm glad you're at peace.*

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**Maegan Machler** - January 24, 2023 at 09:42 PM