



## Joseph Lawrence Craven

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Riegelwood, NC

Joseph, lovingly known as “Joe” or “Pop-Pop” to many, peacefully moved to eternal life, surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the age of 74. Joe was born in Wilmington, NC.

Joe was a very successful small business owner that provided paint and body work services for many decades. He had a passion for restoring antique cars, preferably hot rods and classics, and going to car shows along the east coast. He passionately worked hard for his family, friends, and clients.

Joe preferred a relaxed lifestyle. In his spare time, he enjoyed tinkering with cars and watching old westerns. He often held small gatherings at his pool, grilling out and sharing old stories while listening to beach music. He was also known to have a tremendous heart for stray animals that usually ended up making Joe their owner.

Joe was predeceased by his parents Roy and Betty Craven, in-laws Orvis and Barbara Bordeaux, and his sister Dorothy.

Joe is survived by his wife, Tina; his daughter Christina Loughlin & husband Kurt, with children Chase & Reese; his son Joseph “Joey” Craven with children Trey and Noah; his daughter Britney Buckner & husband Tyler with children Coralyn and Liliana; his brothers and their wives, Edward & Debbie, Allen & Gwen, Larry & Susan, and David & Margaret; and his sister Suzette;

as well as many nephews and nieces he adored and many friends who were like family to him.

In honor of Joe, a celebration of life will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at: 365 Oaks Plantation Rocky Point, NC 28457

Joe's kindness and infectious smile will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

It will remain forever stamped in the hearts of those that knew and loved him dearly.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *He was a very good man to my husband an our family. He always made us feel welcome.*

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**Sandra Spano** - August 06, 2025 at 09:49 PM

JC

“ *Very sorry to hear this. I remembers us as kids. Rest in peace my friend*

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**Jeremy Cummings** - April 10, 2025 at 05:49 PM

WW

“ *Joe will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.*

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**William ward** - March 29, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DM

“ *I will miss you my friend! Twenty five years ago you were one of the first people I met when I moved into Northwest! thanks for the body ,paint and friendship you gave me! God bless*

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**David Mintz** - March 28, 2025 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ *I can still remember some of times, not many, back in the 50's and 60' but still had a good time growing up in the village. Hope all are doing well.*

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**Jimmy Cribb** - March 25, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He had a great big heart. He helped my family and we will never forget that. He will be greatly missed. R I P Joe

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**Sandra Spano** - March 25, 2025 at 12:08 AM

ER

“ Rose and I just heard today of Joe's passing even though we weren't related by blood Joe felt like Family to us and will be missed in the 25 years or so we known Joe I can honestly say if you needed his help and it was in his power he would , He loved his Family and they Love him. Thoughts & Prayers goes out to his Family

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**Edward & Rose** - March 24, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SS

“ Teeny, so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We will be lifting you and the family up in prayer.

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**Sarah Squires** - March 24, 2025 at 12:18 PM

KS

“ Prayers and Comfort to all the family

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**Kelly Best Mathis Mike Best Sister** - March 24, 2025 at 09:51 AM

HB

“ Tiny and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Larry's passing. A life well lived. Sending hugs to you.

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**Hilda Bennett** - March 22, 2025 at 09:56 PM

BP

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. The Craven's were neighbors of the Powell's for many years. I dealt with Joe in the Automotive Paint business, and hated it when he called in one particular paint code(I'm not saying what it was) he always made a joke of it. Rest in peace Joe

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**Becky and Bobby Powell** - March 22, 2025 at 06:05 PM

SJ

“ I'm so sorry guys ! I know y'all are heartbroken. Just know there is no suffering now or ever again . I didn't realize he and jimmy were the same age . God bless you and your family!

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**Sharon Johnson** - March 22, 2025 at 04:48 PM

SE

“ Joe Thank you for always welcoming me to your home and I enjoyed being by the pool with you and Tina.Those are times I'll always cherish.  
May you lay in peace and be with God .  
You will be truly missed Joe. 🙏

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**Sonya Edwards** - March 22, 2025 at 01:22 PM

PS

“ Good memories. Love sent to Tina and Britney. Fun memories around your pool.

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**PENNY Smith** - March 22, 2025 at 01:05 PM

DB

“ Tina and family, I am so sincerely sorry for your loss. We love you, and I pray that God will give you the peace that passes all understanding as you navigate this voyage called grief.

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**Diane Boone** - March 22, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences.

Belinda Shelley - March 21, 2025 at 08:53 PM

PW

“ Rest easy buddy you'll always be remembered.

Pamela Bennett/ Rob's widow - March 21, 2025 at 08:34 PM

JV

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF JOE.I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED.WE ALL GREW UP TOGETHER IN LONG LEAF PARK YEARS AGO AND HE WAS SUCH A NICE PERSON AND HIS FAMILY AS WELL.R.I.P. BROTHER

JACK VEREEN - March 21, 2025 at 08:33 PM

GB

“ Prayers and condolences 🙏🙏🙏

Gregory Burns - March 21, 2025 at 07:49 PM

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Know that my daddy met him with a hearty hug and some tools to get to workin' on that next old car! My heart feels your pain and I wish I could take it away. I'm only a text away if you need me.

Patricia Morton - March 21, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LC

“ Brittany, Tina and family. I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by many. Love and prayers for all.

Lecia Reeves Cox - March 21, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I will keep you all in my prayers.R. I.P. my Friend. 🙏

Dennis Jones - March 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM

SB

“ Teeny so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. It is so hard to lose your spouse. Lost mine in January and it is a day by day thing. If I can do anything for you please let me know. I will keep you in my prayers.

Stephanie (Wells) Blanton - March 21, 2025 at 04:43 PM

EW

“ Joe and Tina go back many years as great friends that are like family to me. We lost contact for several years as we were doing this thing called life. We picked right back up where we left off a few years ago and haven't missed a beat. Joe's spark in life ignited all the people around him. He is loved by many and will be missed immensely by family and friends. Enjoy your new life where there is no heartache or pain Joe..and we will see you on the other side my friend💔

Elaine Williams - March 21, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of your passing

David Mintz - March 21, 2025 at 03:26 PM