



Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa

February 14, 1952 - November 10, 2020

Antonio Giuseppe "Joe" Buffa, 68, of West Point found eternal rest November 10, 2020. Joe was born to Giuseppe and Luisa (Lina) Buffa in Carini, a seaside town on the northwest coast of Sicily, Italy. With the Mediterranean Sea, and the rocky Sicilian hills as his backyard Joe grew up helping his Mother and father make a living at their grocery store. He was their right-hand man at a very young age, collecting and carrying deliveries, harvesting and buying produce, catching fish, cooking and running errands to support the family and the business.

At 18, Joe served in the Italian Navy. During his service he delivered water to the many remote islands off the Sicilian Coast. He also began his culinary career as the only cadet permitted to cook for the captain and his crew. After serving, Joe returned to Sicily to learn culinary arts from a mentor in Palermo. His mentor eventually called him to Venice where his culinary career took him to the Excelsior, a world famous 5-star hotel frequented by celebrities and dignitaries from Italy and abroad.

Ever loyal to his family, when his brother came to the US to stay, Joe followed after to keep the teenaged Gaetano out of trouble. Here in the US Joe and Gaetano began working in their uncle's restaurants. It was this family that introduced him to founders of Anna's Pizza and ultimately his wife, Anna. After their marriage, they ran their own pizza places in Danville, Virginia and Fayetteville, North Carolina. Eventually Joe and his family settled in West Point, VA to open their very own Anna's Pizza. Many years later, Joe sold the

business to his brother Gaetano, and opened a small version of Anna's Pizza in Saluda where he worked until he fell ill in September 2020.

Joe was a loving, passionate, hardworking man. But more than anything, he was a FAMILY MAN. Beloved by all for his generosity and kindness Joe was always eager to help and even more willing to forgive. Joe was a devout Catholic, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, in West Point, VA and an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He could often be found cooking and serving food for the fundraisers hosted by the church and the Knights. He was in his element there, doing God's work, helping those in need, and surrounded by a community who loved him. When he wasn't cooking for the community he was cooking for his family. Often leaving a mountain of cookware to be cleaned after the meal. No matter how messy the kitchen was after his visit the meal was worth it every time. Meal time was family time that he treasured.

Joe and Gaetano fell ill with COVID-19 in September 2020. Complications left them both fighting the illness for nearly 2 more months. Gaetano found his eternal rest October 29 and on November 10, Joe followed after.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Giuseppe Buffa; brother, Gaetano Buffa; and nephew, Sergio Buffa. He leaves behind his wife, Anna Maria Buffa; children, Fabio Giuseppe Buffa, Luisa Buffa Burroughs (Benjamin) and Michael Christopher Buffa; his mother, Luisa Amato Buffa; grandchildren, Ethan, Giuliana and Sofia; sister, Girolama "Mimma" Buffa Brooks (Randy) of Danville, VA; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

A walk-through visitation will be held 4 to 8 PM, Sunday, November 15th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA. A funeral mass will be held 11 AM, Monday at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 3570 King William Ave., West Point, VA. Interment will take place in Parklawn-Wood Memorial Park, 2551 N. Armistead Avenue, Hampton, VA. Due to Covid-19, please observe all necessary precautions when attending services. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory can be made to the American Lung Association, www.lung.org.

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

Emily Dunstan

“ Emily Dunstan lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Emily Dunstan - December 09, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MA

“ Margaret lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Margaret - November 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM

MH

“ Michael And Roxanne Haden lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Michael and Roxanne Haden - November 16, 2020 at 04:23 AM

AS

“ I have personally never met him. However, I know Luisa and Fabio. A man can accomplish many things in his life, but his legacy lives on through the values he passes on to his children. Having the privilege of calling Luisa and Fabio my friends, I know that he was a great man. Raising children that love well, serve humbly, and care deeply for everyone around them, that is a great legacy every father can Rest In Peace with.

Ardi Shahini - November 16, 2020 at 12:08 AM

KL

“ Anna, Luisa, Michael, & Fabio..
We are so saddened about the passing of Joe. He was such a good man, always greeting everyone with a kind smile and ready to lend a hand, whether for the Knights of Columbus, the church parish, or the greater community. We prayed for an outcome far different, that would allow us to see Joe again...and would keep Joe here with his family & friends, doing what he loved to do. It is difficult to imagine what you have all been through with the illnesses and passing of both Gaetano and your much beloved Joe. You remain in our prayers...
May the beautiful memories of Joe's love for you all, sustain you and bring you peace. Our sympathies are offered as well to Joe's mother and your whole family.
In sympathy,
Philip & Karen Liberato
Philip Jr & Nicole

Karen Liberato - November 15, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JT

“ *My heart is filled with sadness for you all.
Hugs to everyone , Jo Tribble*



Jo Tribble - November 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

ZI

“ *I will never ever going to forget Joe's tight hugs every time I returned from overseas. Joe was a friend, a soccer pal and most importantly an honest man who always cared more about his family and friends than himself. You will definitely be missed, RIP my friend.*

Zico - November 15, 2020 at 11:32 AM

SR

“ *SHELBY REVERE lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa*



SHELBY REVERE - November 14, 2020 at 10:53 PM

GP

“ *Grace Pittari lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa*



Grace Pittari - November 14, 2020 at 07:46 PM

GP

“ So sorry for your loss Anna. You will be in my prayers. RIP Joe.

Grace Pittari - November 14, 2020 at 07:45 PM

SC

“ Prayers and sympathy for the family. May God bless.

Shirley Abrams Christian - November 14, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MR

Anna we are so very sorry for your loss. Joe will be for ever missed. Praying for you and your family during this terrible time. We love you❤️ Rodriguez family

Marcella luisi Rodriguez - November 14, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JA

My heart go is out to your whole family. You are being covered with prayer God bless you with peace and comfort.

Judy Anderson - November 14, 2020 at 09:53 PM

RK

“ We will miss your kind spirit. Hope you're dancing with the Angels Joe. Ray and Cindy



Ray and Cindy Kessler - November 14, 2020 at 09:24 AM

RC

“ R.T. And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



R.T. and Donna Croswell - November 14, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Gina Graves lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Gina Graves - November 14, 2020 at 08:06 AM

JW

“ so sad.....may good memories help you all in the days ahead. He will be missed by so many

Janie Wampler - November 14, 2020 at 07:54 AM

TN

“ Teresa Nice lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Teresa Nice - November 14, 2020 at 07:33 AM

JR

“ Our sympathy goes out to Joe's family, friends and employees. He was a true gentleman and I enjoyed talking with him when the opportunity presented itself. He was a hard worker and truly loved his family. RIP Joe. Jim and Beverly Ross



Jim Ross - November 13, 2020 at 09:44 PM

NC

“ Nancy And Norm Coggeshall lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa

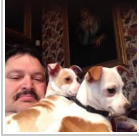


Nancy and Norm Coggeshall - November 13, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CD

“ Anna I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Joe aka (John) my daughter and I saw him probably about 3-4 months ago and he asked about everyone in my family and he could not believe how tall Savanna had gotten. I will always remember him for being such a nice man and very forgiving as you all said. I would quit Annas every Friday and every Monday he took me back. May God continue to bless you and your family at this time. (Poopie)

charlene davis - November 13, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ He was a business man a family guy who loved everyone overlooking bad in all and loved his grand babies more than life itself ,he was the best man you'd ever want to know on a family / friend level .he will be missed by all, fly high our new angel watch over us from heaven ,you're with your brother and nephew Sergio keep them in check up there may you all Rip



Don Masterson - November 13, 2020 at 11:02 AM

TC

“ To the Buffa family I am so sorry for your loss. Joe helped me helped me out through a rough time in my life and I will always be thankful for that.
He will be missed always.

Love,
Tammy Clatterbuck



tammy clatterbuck - November 13, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



John and Vickie Roane - November 13, 2020 at 09:04 AM

JG

“ *My heart breaks for the family. Prayers of comfort and understanding*



joanie gordon - November 13, 2020 at 07:43 AM

IB

“ *Joe were a man, who always made sure his customers was happy. I will miss his friendly smile. Sending prayers and Deepest Condolences to the Family.*

Ivy Brodie - November 13, 2020 at 12:56 AM

SH

“ *Will always remember Joe and how he would always say Good Evening in his Italian accent, the WP Band Boosters and how Joe would bring pizzas for them to sell. Joe will be greatly missed by this community and all the things he did for the community. Also sending prayers to our friends Anna, Fabio, Louisa and Michael . Sheree and Howard Hilton*

sheree hilton - November 12, 2020 at 10:26 PM

MM

Condogliance che riposa in pace 🙏🙏🙏

Marianna Merki - November 12, 2020 at 10:35 PM

PF

“ Perry Family lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Perry Family - November 12, 2020 at 09:38 PM

KJ

“ My heart broke when I heard the news. Prayers of comfort and lots of love for you all.

Kari Jackson - November 12, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LC

“ Larry & Roxanna Clore lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Larry & Roxanna Clore - November 12, 2020 at 07:02 PM

PG

“ Joe was so special to our family 💔💔💔 when he would see you he would give you the biggest hug ❤️❤️ we have some good memories that we keep dear to our hearts !! Our last conversation was we should get together again and go on vacation again ... that was our plan 💔💔💔💔 praying for the family May God give you all strength through this pain and heal your hearts !!! We love you all our deepest condolences 🙏🙏🙏🙏💔💔💔💔💔 Patrizia & Anthony Giambanco

patrizia Giambanco - November 12, 2020 at 07:02 PM

RO

guessldy75@aol.com

rosa - November 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

RO

I'm sorry for your loss Joe was a nice person we will miss Joe very much because was nice all of us god bless you

rosa - November 12, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DF

“ Prayers for strength and comfort during this most difficult time.



Donna Fudala - November 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM

OC

“ I am very sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Thoughts and prayers for his family and everyone who knew him. 🙏

OJ Caprio - November 12, 2020 at 05:53 PM

RO

I'm so sorry for your loss. Joe is with god now no more pain. We will miss Joe very much Joe is up in heaven with love ones

rosa - November 13, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JS

“ Joe was such a nice guy and he will be missed!!!

Jean Seay - November 12, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JS

“ Jean Seay lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



Jean Seay - November 12, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BH

“ My niece always loved Anna's ravioli. As a child, she would always want a regular order and not a child's order. Once, she was so upset because she thought she was given a child's order. Joe came over to our table and in a nice and gentle way counted the ravioli to assure her that she had a regular order. He was such a nice person to talk with and he will really be missed. My condolences to Anna and the family.

Billy Hott - November 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM

RO

Guessldy75@aol.com

rosa - November 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM

RO

I'm so sorry for your loss Joe was a nice guy we will miss him very much

rosa - November 12, 2020 at 03:58 PM

TG

“ Tina Gulley lit a candle in memory of Antonio "Joe" Giuseppe Buffa



tina gulley - November 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Sending many heart felt prayers for your family. May you all find comfort and love in the memories surrounding such a wonderful man. God Bless you all !*



Tracie Spurrell - November 12, 2020 at 12:02 PM