



Joseph D. Heard Jr.

December 12, 1937 - March 25, 2018

Joseph Daniel Heard Jr., 80, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully on March 25, 2018.

From his birth in Philadelphia, PA to his death on Palm Sunday, Joe filled his life with faith, family, and dear friends. He generously enriched the lives of all those who encountered him.

Joe was born to Joseph & Isabel (Connor) Heard. He grew up in Philadelphia and attended North Catholic. During high school, he met his future wife Marie Clair (nee McFadden) who was drawn to his fun-loving personality, roller skating and dancing skills. After graduating, Joe enlisted in the Marine Corps. He embodied the core values of a Marine – Honor, Courage and Commitment. After serving his country, Joe married his high school sweetheart, Marie in 1959 and they moved into their new home in Warminster, PA. Together they had four children and moved to Ventnor, N.J. He became an options trader on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, eventually owning his own firm. He loved his work and truly enjoyed everyone he worked with “on the floor”. Later in life, he moved to Bonita Springs, FL. Joe’s interests included golfing, boating, travel, tennis, good Italian food and his faith. He loved spending time with his friends and family doing these activities or just relaxing on the deck or watching football.

He is survived by his devoted and beloved wife of 58 years, Marie. Left to remember him as a loving and wonderful father is Joe’s children: Beth Ann

(Brian) Bottesini, Joseph Heard III, Edward Heard and Margaret Heard (Jeff Volkmann). Papa Joe or Pop will be greatly missed by his adoring grandchildren Clarissa (Couper) Moorhead, Nicholas (Abby) Bottesini, Jonathan Gallagher, Ryan Bottesini, Madison Gallagher (Giovanni Marzetti), Kaila Gallagher, Cassidy Gallagher, Andrew Gallagher, Alexandra Heard, Sean Heard; and great-granddaughter Sierra Moorhead. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Moeser, her husband, Al, and many nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joan Keenan. He will be remembered for his honesty, loyalty, kindness, generosity, devotion to his family, and being a great guy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2PM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church in Estero, FL followed by burial in Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Joe's name to: Hope Hospice www.hopehospice.org or Hopes Valor Program for Veterans <https://donate.hopehcs.org/pages/VALOR> or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory. Family owned and operated since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph D. Heard Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *May God's loving hands continue to uplift you in this time. Our love and prayers to you and your family.*
Andy and Vickie Cox

Andy and Vickie Cox - April 09, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Very nice ceremony yesterday for your Dad. Outstanding singers and heartwarming speech. Many good memories at the Jersey Estate. God Bless! Harvey @ Valerie Berger*

Harvey - April 07, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Heard Jr..*



April 06, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Heard Jr..



April 05, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Joe was a great guy, lots of fun, and a true stand up man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Laura Olt - April 05, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ John and I always loved bringing our boys to visit with Uncle Joe and Aunt Re. Uncle Joe was always so great with the kids and welcomed us with open arms. He will be truly missed by all. My boys fondly called him "superman". RIP Uncle Joe. Give Chuckles a hug from us. John and Cathy Keenan

Kathleen Keenan - April 03, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ My condolences to all of this beautiful, warm, friendly and loving family members of Joe Heard. To me (Mr) Joe was funny, warm and always kind, he will be missed dearly. Prayers to the Heard family.
Anna Murray, CNA

Anna Murray - April 02, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Heard Jr..*



April 02, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you! Diane Nadotti*



Diane - March 30, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *I was lucky enough to meet him and his wife in Brussels , Belgium, during his grandsons graduation. I was charmed the minute I met him, and felt blessed to meet the father (and mom) of my amazing friend, Beth! A very special meeting. ><> ♡♡
Love, Debby & Jon Allen*

Debby Allen - March 29, 2018 at 09:13 PM