



## Joseph J. Kaplo

February 27, 1941 - April 25, 2023

Joseph J. Kaplo (Joe) passed away peacefully on April 25, 2023. He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, on February 27, 1941, to Zahoura Iskandar Kandir and Yacoub Kaplo. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rita, their two children Valerie and Patrick (wife Jessica Girvin), and two grandsons, Evan and Eli.

He attended St. Marc and Victoria College schools in Alexandria before enrolling at Ecole Superieure de Textile in Tournai, Belgium, where he graduated with a degree in Textile Engineering. Upon graduation from college, he immigrated to Montreal, Canada, where he met his future wife, Rita, and they were married in 1966. Joe's expertise in advancing textiles' conductive properties was highly sought after; his work took him to the U.S. where he invented and authored multiple patents and helped Parker Hannifin launch a profitable new product line prior to retiring in 2002.

While he traveled the world for both work and pleasure, Joe loved southwest Florida where he was a constant presence at the community pool swimming and chatting with whoever he encountered as he had never met a stranger.

Joe was a communicant at St. Agnes Church, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. followed by a reception in the parish hall. All who knew him are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in his name be made to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest, Florida, 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, or Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Church Columbarium

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.  
Naples, FL 34120

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.  
Naples, FL 34120

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph J. Kaplo*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM