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Lala, Joseph A., 66, of Tampa passed away March 18, 2014. Joe was born in Ybor City, Tampa, FL, and was preceded in death by his father Joe Lala, mother Janie C. Hondal, grandparents Sylvestro and Maria Cacciatore, aunts Rosalie Alessi (Tony), Mary Pipitone (Tony) and cousin Joseph A. Pipitone. Joe is survived by his brother Michael Lala (Alicia), Uncle Angelo Cacciatore (Elvia), cousins Tony Alessi, Alfred Alessi, Linda P. Tambuzzo, Mark Cacciatore and many more cousins, life-long friends and his beloved Walde and Rubie Tuesday. Joe graduated from Jefferson HS class of 1965. Joe went on to become one of Tampa's all time great musicians most famous for the rock band Blues Image founded in Tampa and the famous song "Ride Captain Ride". Joe will be remembered for his big heart, love of family, and the joy and laughter he brought to us all. A celebration of Joe's life will be held at 6 PM on Sunday, March 23, 2014. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 PM at Boza and Roel Funeral Home, 4730 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL. Monsignor Laurence Higgins officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in Joe's name or the charity of your choice.



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TA

The Jefferson High Alumni posted:

Our deepest sympathies are with the family of Joe during this time of loss. We hope you can find reassurance in the care of friends and allow the wonderful memories of Joe to help you through this time. For those of us that new him, we lost a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone who is grieving this loss.

March 25 at 2:46 PM

PL

Phillip Wayne Lewis posted:

Mike Garcia introduced me to Joe three years ago and we had lunch a couple of times. I have played music for forty five years and was in a band Mike had managed also. Joe was a very personable person and I hated to hear of his passing. Best wishes to all his family. You've lost a great person.

March 24 at 11:13 AM

MR

Michael Rizzo posted:

My sincere condolences to Joe's family. There are no words to describe him, perhaps a great all around human being. Rest in Peace Joe.

March 24 at 6:17 AM

KW

Ken Weiss posted:

If Joe were to know we were all crying at his loss he would do a series of weird accents and one liners and the tears would stop flowing and the laughing would start. I will always remember him with a smile, his good nature, his humor, his talent and mostly his friendship. How many bands, how many tours, how many movies? After 43 years of doing it I can't even count. But having him in my life was always joyful - the Italian-Cuban-Jew - who knew? Who cared? It was Joe - it will always be just "Joe" - and boy, do I miss him. Make them smile in heaven Joe, I know you can - and boy do they need you now.

March 22 at 3:09 PM



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BP

Bill Peterson posted:

I first met Joe in 1963 at Frank Cannella's mom's carport where Frank and I were putting together our first band. Joe was one of Frank's friends from Ybor City days and came by to say hi. I'll always remember he sat down behind my drums and showed me a lick or two! I was always proud to tell friends, over the years, "Hey, I know the guy on congas on this record"! Rest in peace Joe, I'll see you in Heaven. Respectively, Bill Peterson

March 22 at 11:14 AM

JC

Joe Chillura posted:

To Joe's Family, I did not know Joe as well as his many friends however when we met he was always very pleasant, polite, and funny. You must be very proud of his numerous accomplishments in the theatre and the field of music. In life we should attempt to make a positive difference, surely Joe Lala will be remembered accordingly. Joe Chillura and our family

March 22 at 4:59 AM

MD

Michele & Robert Motley-Deguenther posted:

The last few mornings Tango and I have waited to hear the familiar jingle jangle of Waldie and Rubie's leashes on the way to the dog walk - it's hard to believe those daily rendez-vous' will be no more. Robert of course will sorely miss the afternoon ragging on one another sessions while the dogs gambled about you both. Joe we loved having you as a neighbor and we very much miss seeing you and talking with you. May you be partaking in one heck of a jam session Mr Lala!

March 22 at 3:53 AM

EH

Eva La Barbera-Hiraldo posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear of your transition Joe. You are a kind soul and the most generous person I have ever known. My prayers for peace and strength go to your family, for you my friend are basking in the bliss of God's eternal love. I will always remember you practicing your drums at your home on Noel Street, behind Vivian Delgado's house and the fabulous Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young concert you took all your family and friends to. I tell everyone that story! You are one class act my friend and you can be sure a bright star shines every time I think of you. Blessings on your journey. Eva La Barbera-Hiraldo

March 21 at 3:29 PM



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DN

David Nunez posted:

You left us too soon, Joe. I'm gonna miss meeting you for cafe con leche here in West Tampa, and our jaunts to the gym at Al Lopez park. You always brought joy with you. I'm sorry I didn't make it in time, the last time you called. I'll regret it forever. Please forgive me. Thank you, Joe, for being larger than life...for just being you...

March 21 at 3:49 AM

NV

Nicole Valentin posted:

I'll miss you Joe.

March 20 at 2:40 PM

LD

Luus Van Diggelen posted:

Dear Joe thanks for the music, and for the interview we had in your home in 1994, rest in peace my friend.

March 20 at 2:12 PM

GM

George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza and Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

March 20 at 10:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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