



# Joseph Parrino

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Joseph (Joe) Parrino peacefully passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021, surrounded by family after a brief illness that resulted from pre-existing health issues. He was preceded in death by his father, Joe T. Parrino, his beloved mother, Sue Zummo Parrino, his brother, Anthony Parrino, and brother in-law, Anthony “Bo” Vento.

Joe was born on April 26, 1947 and attended Hillsborough High School (Class of 1965) where he excelled in school and played a leadership role in several clubs and activities. He graduated from the University of Miami with a B.S. in Science and went on to graduate from the University of Florida, School of Pharmacy with a B.S. in Pharmacy.

Joe began his career as a pharmacist with Eckerd Pharmacy and later opened and managed his own store with Shoppers Drug Mart. He completed his pharmaceutical career at Merck-Medco. and retired in 2010, moving across the bay to St. Petersburg Beach to his condo at the Seamark, where he enjoyed many sunsets, fireworks, and cigars with his friends and family on the patio. His retirement ritual included a daily 7:30 a.m. breakfast at “his table” at Skidder's Restaurant, followed by a good book under “his umbrella” at “his table” in the corner of the deck.

Joe was a wonderful friend and uncle to his nieces and nephews. Fond memories include Bucs games at the Big Sombrero, trips to several Super Bowls, Sunday dinners with Nana, fun at the beach, and holiday dinners. And, no family gathering was ever complete without an assortment of Uncle Joe’s decadent and delicious cheesecakes, made from scratch with pride and famous in their own right.

He is survived by his loving sister, June Parrino Vento, his sister-in-law, Caroline Parrino, nieces and nephews; Anthony (Teresa) Parrino, Joseph (JoAnn) Parrino, Joanna (Vinny) Caranante, Susanne (Jon) Powers and Anthony (Erika) Vento, and his grand-nieces and nephews; Anthony George, Julia, Demmi, Katie, Caroline, Vincent,



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Trevor, Avery and Addison.

A celebration of life will be held in the future when it is safe to gather.



## Tribute Wall

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TD

**Trish Diciolla** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I worked for Joe at Shopper's Drug Mart when I was 18 y/o. He was my first employer returning to FL. He was a wonderful person. We always kept in touch and we're FB friends. I am now 60. We tried getting together several times in person. Either his plans had to change or mine did. Now he's gone. I so regret never hooking up! He was a good man! ❤️



March 4 at 5:51 AM

AW

**Alice White Whitfield** posted:

So sad to hear this news. I went to jr. high and High School with Joe and also had contact with him with his work. Alice White Whitfield

March 2 at 10:18 AM

JR

**Julia A Rosenberg** posted:

Joe was a great first boss and a great mentor for teenagers at his Shoppers Drugmart Store! Joe was a very kind-hearted person that always laughed and joked with us. Joe was a disciplined, decent person I'm honored to have met in my life. I remember I gave him a black lab puppy. I went to his house 6mo. later to visit him, and he asked me, "Julia, why did you give me this pony," That was so funny, "Joe was a rarity." God sees all your heart Joe, RIP Julia

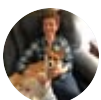
February 24 at 7:33 PM

SP

**Sam Parrino** posted:

So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I have such wonderful memories of my cousin Joe, when we were kids and as we grew older. One in particular was at the beach as kids when we thought we were digging up a buried treasure, and it turned out to be a drainage tank. We didn't despair and had a good laugh. Later in life we both supported the Gators. Joe was a kind and caring person always willing to share, and he will be missed by many.

February 23 at 12:13 PM



**Maureen Pierce** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

God bless you Joe. May you rest in peace.



February 18 at 8:05 AM



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**Sarah McCants** posted:

I adored Joe. I reported indirectly to me at Netpark. I remember he was not thrilled at a non pharmacist overseeing him but we got to know each other well and he became my favorite RPH. I fondly called him cherub and sweet pea. It was our little joke. He was incredibly kind when my father passed away too. RIP Cherub! Xx. Sarah McCants.

February 18 at 6:45 AM



**Larry Bowman** posted:

It was an honor to have known Joe and to have worked with him. he always had the patient first and did everything he could for them. When I worked in the warehouse and would take a problem to him he was always very cooperative and would do what he could to rectify the situation with the patient. He was a good guy and I know where he is.

February 18 at 5:19 AM



**Martin E. Nieto** posted:

I am so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was my mentor and friend. We worked side by side for many years at Medco-ESI and I learned a lot from him. Joe was a very caring, honest person and was so well respected by his co- workers. I wish I could've spent more time with him after he retired. My prayers go out to his family.

February 18 at 3:24 AM



**Diane Westcott** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

We worked through the years together at Medco. Joe was always very nice. My condolences to the family. May Joe rest in peace.

February 17 at 4:49 PM



**Cynthia Kelly** posted:

Joe was a wonderful man to work with. He was a very kind man. May he rest in peace.

February 17 at 4:14 PM



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TR

**Trudy Reis** posted:

I loved Joe! He was my favorite go to pharmacist at National Rx/Merck Medco. A great guy... he will be missed.

February 17 at 3:46 PM

ML

**Monica Lockhart** posted:

Joe was such a wonderful man! He was a grumpy big teddy bear! I will always hold fond memories of our many many laughs when we worked together at Medco. Loved his cheesecake! Rest In Peace my friend! You will be missed!

February 17 at 2:30 PM

JD

**Jennifer Dabbs** posted:

Thinking of all if you. Uncle Joe was truly the salt of the earth and I am so glad I was blessed to know him and eat those cheesecakes. Hugs to all of you...

February 17 at 2:01 PM

MC

**Mary Crews** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Joe's family for he was totally about family. I enjoyed working with Joe at NRX Sable Park for many years and I still have a handwritten recipe for one of his legendary cheesecakes. Joe was a huge part of our team and so well respected by all who knew him. He will truly be missed .. Rest in peace my friend 🙏🙏🙏

February 17 at 1:50 PM

LD

**Leo And Carol Dagostin** posted:

I have had the honor of knowing Joe for many many years. He was a kind and gentle man. In the more recent years Leo and I got to spend time with Joe and June in St. Petersburg at their condos. We spent many nights sitting on the patio talking and laughing about so much. In the morning we had to be "in the tunnel" at 7:30 sharp to go to Skidders for breakfast. If we were late he left. Joe you will be missed deeply. Rest In Peace my dear friend! We love you. Carol and Leo

February 17 at 12:50 PM



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RC

**Rhonda Curtis** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Joe's family and friends. We was a wonderful friend and co worker and yes his cheesecakes were the absolute best. REST IN PEACE JOE

February 17 at 12:33 PM

BC

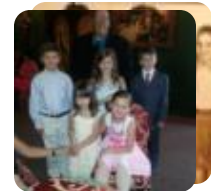
**Barbara Collins** posted:

To a fellow Hillsborough classmate. Gone too soon. You will be missed. Rest in peace and love.

February 17 at 12:07 PM

SP

**Susanne Powers** shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



February 17 at 9:37 AM

LD

**Leo And Carol Dagostin** sent a virtual gift in honor of Joseph.



February 17 at 9:34 AM

CD

**Carol Dagostin** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



February 17 at 9:33 AM

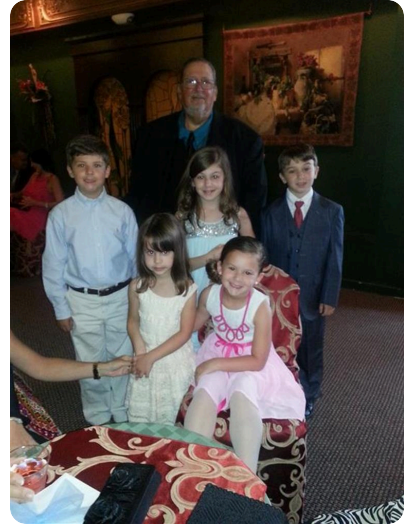


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February 17 at 9:37 AM



The Parrino Family - Joe, the youngest of three.



Uncle Joe and some of his grand-nieces and nephews.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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