



Joseph M. Pelaez

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Joseph M. Pelaez, 79, of Ashburn, Virginia since 1986 died on Monday, May 3rd 2010 in Ashburn. He was born Mary 2nd 1931 on the east side of Manhattan, NY to the late Joseph M. and May Cruz Pelaez. Mr. Pelaez served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and did some acting from the 1940's to the 1960's. He was a role model to many children over the years through his service as a camp counselor at the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ. Mr. Pelaez recently retired from reservation sales with United Airlines in Sterling, Virginia.

Mr. Pelaez is survived by his beloved three sisters: Elizabeth Pelaez of Poughkeepsie, NY, Adelaide Pelaez of Hoboken, NJ, Joan Wilpan of Woodside Queens, NY; two nieces, two nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. One nephew predeceased him.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 10am on Wednesday, July 7th 2010 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Memorial donations may be made to The Lawrenceville School, P.O. Box 6125; Lawrenceville, NJ 08648



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Anonymous posted:

Adelaide, even though I did not know your brother, Joe, I feel the love of his friends coming through the comments made in this guestbook. I offer my most sincere condolences to you, dear friend and your sisters, nieces and nephews. God bless you all. RIP Joe. You are Home.##imported-begin##Teresa Hatfield-Densmore##imported-end##

June 22 at 11:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

I knew Joseph for 35 years and we shared so many stories of card collecting amongst other things. Joe and myself were nighthawks we talked 6-8 hours at a time. Joe you will be sorely missed, I love you very much. RIP my friend and my Mom wanted to add that she enjoyed talking with you. She says you had a very beautiful voice and I agree your voice was you. Goodbye my friend and God Bless you and your entire family.##imported-begin##Ralph Reitsma##imported-end##

June 14 at 5:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

break a leg Joe.##imported-begin##Scott Gibbs##imported-end##

May 30 at 7:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Miss Joe's emails and visits. He was a good friend and greatly missed by our family.##imported-begin##Donna Hyland##imported-end##

May 29 at 5:45 AM



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Anonymous posted:

He was one of the nicest guys I ever met, a gentleman among men, never too busy to listen to anybody, compassionate and with a smile that seemed to be permanently fixed to his face, that was Joe. One of the things I learned from Joe was not to take myself so seriously. I could tell you some nice stories, the time he took me on the set of his soap opera The Doctors in the NBC studios or when he let me coach him for a cigarette commercial in the store basement. I cried after I hung up from from his sister. He liked to comment on my emails, especially the silly New York ones. Although we regularly exchanged emails, I spoke to him on the phone only every few months. He used to tell me about his growing up in Spanish Harlem, and how his dad used to take him to the Polo Grounds to see the Giants and about his beloved baseball card collection. Last month I was searching my phone's address when I inadvertently speed dialed his number. Not knowing that I called him I immediately figured out who I was talking to when I heard his voice. "Joe, it's me, sorry I didn't mean to call you, but since I have you on the phone, how the hell are you guy?" We talked for 45 minutes. He ended the call with " love you babe", "love you too Joe".##imported-begin##George Makulowicz##imported-end##

May 18 at 12:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joe you are the greatest. I'll never forget you. Always a kind heart and a smiling face, love you buddy. -George##imported-begin##George Makulowicz##imported-end##

May 18 at 12:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

I did not work at NYCRR very long, but I will always remember Joe and his big smile.##imported-begin##James Nicoletti##imported-end##

May 16 at 2:48 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I worked with Joe at NYCRR. Joe was always flickering his cigar like Hollywood stars do. Then when he quit smoking, he always had a straw or piece of wood in his mouth to chew on. He would always be singing ..."Trouble, oh we got trouble, Right here in River City! With a capital "T" or old songs, Broadway songs, Sinatra, etc.. He would always be teasing the customers and making light of things, singing, joking, entertaining...always got the customer to laugh and forget about their troubles. I remember his special tiger eye Ruby ring he wore. It was a special ruby only found in NC..from his mining he made it into a ring. He was energetic, always happy, upbeat, great humor, full of life and personality, had a "can do" attitude, he would always make me smile and laugh. He did enjoy life! He will be greatly missed and I know his family is missing him. He was a precious GEM!!! One of a kind! It was my pleasure and joy and privilege to know you! God Bless you Joe and your family!! RIP! (What a beautiful picture! Beaming smile like I remember him!)

May 16 at 1:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Joe for many years at United Airlines NYCRR. Joe was a fine man, polite, considerate, and a great conversationalist. I'll always remember the discussions we had about New York, United, and life in general. To Joe's family: It was my privilege to have known Joe. My deepest condolences to you at this very sad time. RIP my friend Joe.

May 15 at 1:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Joe's Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Joe in Rockleigh, New Jersey. As I read the words of many of my former coworkers it made me sob. We have lost so many friends these past few years. Joe was a good human being..kind, considerate, fun and a gentleman. I always remember his blue blazer and yes his smoking and that wonderful smile and laughter. Rest in Peace. May death be your passage into glory.

May 13 at 8:24 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Although Joe was more than 50 years my senior, I always enjoyed our conversations about baseball, New York City, and life in general. You will truly be missed my friend.##imported-begin##Jon Canfield##imported-end##

May 12 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are missed Joe, thank you for sharing your honesty, certainty and straight forwardness.##imported-begin##Gil Maines##imported-end##

May 12 at 3:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joe & Joe...Joe Paleaiz and Joe McNamara...They were my protectors in Rockleigh when we'd go out after our 1am shift end. Joe P. was the nicest guy ... definitely one of the good ones! He was funny, would do anything for you and enjoyed life! I miss him! Worked w/Joe in NYCRR and IADRR until he retired and I moved. RIP, Joe!##imported-begin##Alisa Gibson##imported-end##

May 12 at 2:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

My condolences to Joe's family and friends. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Dan Bretta##imported-end##

May 12 at 2:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss your emails & phone calls. Enjoyed the friendship for the 20+ years we knew each other. You will be with Luque & Montalvo discussing beisbol.##imported-begin##Mark Macrae##imported-end##

May 12 at 2:04 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting Joe when he used to come to our monthly parties at Marie's house..He then became "Uncle Joe" to us. He was such a lovely man and I am going to miss him..May you rest in peace....##imported-begin##Charna Vivas##imported-end##

May 12 at 1:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joe was one of the Good Guys. We worked together at United Airlines in Rockeligh, NJ for a long time and was one of my all times favorites. They don't make 'em much better than Joe. Rest in Peace, My Friend.##imported-begin##Kathy Pridday Nordin##imported-end##

May 12 at 10:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

I knew Joe in Rockleigh and in Dulles Res. I remember him as a guy with a wonderful sense of humor. He was intelligent and thoughtful and I remember his little cigars.I'm sorry now that I didn't know him better.God bless you, Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. - Nadine Oest##imported-begin##Nadine Oest##imported-end##

May 12 at 5:03 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Joe in Rockleigh, N.J. at United Airlines. What I remember him most is his cigarette cigars that he enjoyed most. He was a fun guy and a joy to know him. My prayers are with the family, may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mary Jane Kerr##imported-end##

May 12 at 4:37 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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