



## Joseph Michael Atalla

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Joseph Michael Atalla was born on a Tuesday morning, March 19, 1985 at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax County, Virginia, to his proud parents, Deborah and Michael Atalla.

Joe grew up in Fairfax and Centreville, Virginia. He enjoyed spending time with his family, extended family and many friends. Upon graduation from high school he earned his Commercial Driver's License. He was employed at Martin Brower Company in Manassas, Virginia for fourteen years. Joe enjoyed the company of his co-workers and people on his routes.

Joe enjoyed his car, as well as hiking with his family, friends and especially his dog, Chance. Joe felt great compassion for dogs, especially those in animal shelters. He felt that they were gifts from God. Joe listened to many different genres of music and had many favorites. He had a warm, friendly personality and a great smile. He had a generous heart; he would often bring flowers and dinner to his parents. He was very proud of his townhouse in Bristow, Virginia, which was well maintained. He had a special fondness for Saint Jude, his Patron Saint, and Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. Joe loved the beauty of nature and felt a sense of freedom and peace while hiking with his

dog in the National Parks.

He is survived by his parents, Deborah and Michael Atalla, his grandmother, uncles, aunts, and numerous cousins. He will be forever in our hearts and greatly missed. Joseph, may the Holy Spirit embrace you and whisper in your ear how much we love you.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks those who wish to express sympathy to consider a donation to one of the following organizations:

Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter: [www.ffcas.org](http://www.ffcas.org)

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: [stjude.org/give](http://stjude.org/give)

National Park Service: [nps.gov/getinvolved/donate.htm](http://nps.gov/getinvolved/donate.htm)

The visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia on Monday, February 21, 2022, from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Saint Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton, Virginia at 10:30 AM followed by a private interment at Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Bristow, Virginia.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Andrews Catholic Church  
6720 Union Mill Road  
Clifton, VA 20124

# Tribute Wall



“ I’m missing you right about now Joe. When things get tough and days are long you were there for me, homie. That’s why I’ll never forget you and I will always visit you at your place of rest. I love you man. Look after me!!



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**Dan Dee** - January 23 at 04:59 PM

CO

“ I can't beleive that it's been almost a year since I last heard your voice, or your laugh, or you telling me that I needed to reach out more often when I had issues. It's been a year that I continue to replay your old messages and read your old text messages to me to find some sort of peace. The holidays have been difficult without you. I remember that you loved this time of year and always looked forward to them. I still struggle trying to uderstand that you are not here, but at times I still feel your presence in my life and know that you are ina beter place. I miss my friend! I miss our talks, or times spent just hanging out. Tristan misses you too and it hasn't been easy for him either. We think of you often and remember you and our times together. I don't know if the pain ever really goes away, but I know that the love I have for you will always be in my heart and I will always miss you terribly. Wherever you are, I just needed to put into words how much you are missed and how much you are loved.



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**Cristina Ortiz-Mattingly** - January 17, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Can't believe it will be 3 months tomorrow that you left us. Hardest 3 months 💔. I miss you my friend. I miss our daily talks, our night time conversations at 1 am. I miss your jokes and your laugh. I even miss you pushing me to workout. I hope you're at peace and that you know you are missed and loved dearly.



Cristina Ortiz-Mattingly - April 23, 2022 at 03:57 PM



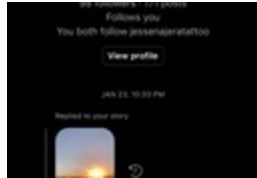
“ Happy birthday in heaven my love! 🕊️ I miss you so much and think of you everyday. Till we meet again 🕊️



Marina Fernandez - March 19, 2022 at 11:26 AM

CS

“ I met Joey in my early 20’s through IG and we hit it off right away. He was very easy to talk to and listened well. We didn’t get to hang out much but the times that we did really stick with me. I remember visiting him one day in his townhouse and we were watching some replay of a UFC fight and we were just talking about life, our goals, lessons we’ve learned and the dating game in our generation. He always admired his parents relationship and wanted the same for himself. You could tell how much love he had for Chance when he told his adoption story. Joey had a big heart. We lost touch over the years but I received a message from him on IG commenting on a video of a sunset I had captured in AZ recently, maybe this was him saying goodbye . Rest In Peace Joey, you are missed.



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**Claudia Silva** - February 23, 2022 at 09:12 PM

SK

“ SKYLAR KOVACK purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Michael Atalla.



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**SKYLAR KOVACK** - February 22, 2022 at 12:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Atalla.



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February 21, 2022 at 11:09 AM

LW

“ *Leena W. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Michael Atalla.*



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**Leena W.** - February 20, 2022 at 09:21 PM

LE

“ *Joey was the first neighbor to greet my family and I when we moved-in next door. He was thoughtful, welcoming, and kind. Was always ready to help us whenever we needed a hand with the lawn. He gifted us a plant to welcome us to the neighborhood. His generosity and kind smile will never be forgotten. You will always be remembered in our hearts dear Joey.*

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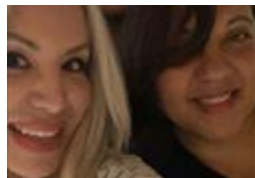
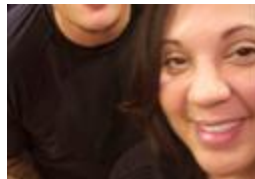
**Leena** - February 20, 2022 at 09:17 PM

CO

“ To Debbie and Mike, you were everything to Joey. He cared for you two with devotion and passion. You were his world. All he talked about was you and his family, his uncles, cousins and how much love he had for all of you.

Joey and I have been friends for almost 20 years, its hard to imagine a world where he's not calling me every night to talk. We were best friends, eachothers confidant, and advocates. Joey had a heart of gold, loved his family, his dog Chance and his true friends without limits. We talked almost every night about life, love, adventures and future plans. He was my biggest fan and always supported me emotionally and looked up to me and told me he was proud of the mom I was and woman I had become. Likewise I was his biggest fan, he alway accomplished so much, worked so hard, loved even harder and was faithful in his darkest moments that life was worth living. Joey was passionate about life, working out and helping others. He loved his his parents beyond measure. He also loved his girlfriend Cecy. Cecy, im so sorry we lost him way too soon. Know that he was happiest when he was with you.

Joey, I still can't believe you're not coming over to hang with me, or call me to laugh about life. I can't believe you left before our big trip to Cali. I still can't imagine a world where you're not in my background and we don't get to share more laughs, more dinners, more adventures, more stories and more love for eachother. I loved you my dearest friend. I will forever carry you in my heart. Until we meet again, know that I'll always cherish all our memories together.



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Cristina Ortiz-Mattingly - February 19, 2022 at 06:08 PM

MI

“ Going to miss you Joey. You were a great person. Loved how real he always was. You been a great friend. Our family is going to miss you.



Mary Ibrahim - February 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ Marina Fernandez purchased the Divine Light for the family of Joseph Michael Atalla.



Marina Fernandez - February 18, 2022 at 06:31 PM

MD

“ Martin Brower Co./Transportation Dept. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Michael Atalla.



Martin Brower Co./Transportation Dept. - February 15, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ Writing this is so hard for so many reasons, first because writing this makes it real. secondly because I feel so deeply for your family and I can't even imagine. Joey and I had been in a relationship for a couple years now. I loved him so much. Ugh this hurts so much. I keep thinking this is not real and that you're going to call me any minute.. I miss you so much everyday 🥹

*We shared so many memories together and I never imagine a life without you. You were such a free spirit, always pushing me out of my comfort zone and I loved that!*

*Things you loved the most; your parents ( I remember always telling you how I loved that you called your parents every single day, and that I needed to learn from you), you loved Chance so much, he was your baby and I'm sure he missis you just as much as I do. You loved hiking, going for runs around the neighborhood or the trails near the house, you loved bike riding at night, you loved your Spanish food (pupusas one of your favorite) and let's not forget about the sopa de res you loved to make 😊. You loved rapping, you loved cleaning ( I remembered that one time you were given the nickname “Mr. Clean” and you loved it for obvious reasons haha).*

*You were such a generous person, always taking care of those around you ( I loved that about you) . You always looked out for me and made sure I was doing ok. You showed me how much you cared and loved me with your actions and I will always cherish that. You will always stay in my heart papi. The only comfort I find in this is that you're at peace now. I love you papi! Happy Valentine's Day my love ❤️☐ Rest In Peace my angel 🕊️*



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**Marina Fernandez** - February 14, 2022 at 10:22 PM

LB

“*Joey, my brother from another mother! This hurts to be writing this words on your page. I just talk to you and seen you. You were such a good heart, positive person. We met about 9 years ago and ever since, we just became friends. You will always be remember in my life. I will cherish all the good positive advice you gave me. I know you are looking down on the people that love and care for you. This is heart breaking , you will be miss ma brother. ☐🙏❤️🏆💪 R.I.P.*  
Joey



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**Lex Bonilla** - February 12, 2022 at 03:51 PM

RA

“ I met cousin Joey on social media, today's world is funny like that. He wanted to get to know our kids and come out to visit us in NM, which he finally did last summer. He was always up for an adventure, thrived being busy. He loved being out in nature and got a kick out of it, when I showed him he could open a corona bottle on the door latch. The kids call him Uncle Joey, and our youngest, dubbed Killa Cade, always talks about him coming back to visit. Family, honesty, and integrity were important to him. He talked fondly of his mom, the lessons his dad taught him, and of course his spoiled pup Chance. Joey's energy will never be matched, and he will be missed dearly by all of us.



RaeDawn - February 12, 2022 at 02:13 PM

WW

“ Had the pleasure of working with Joe for the past 2 years. A kind & good soul! Prayers to the Atalla family. RIP Joe- your truly missed!

Wendy Williams - February 09, 2022 at 03:32 PM

SK

“ SKYLAR KOVACK lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Atalla



SKYLAR KOVACK - February 09, 2022 at 01:41 PM

MA

“ For the old man cousin, my memories of little Joey go back a ways. The new baby on the scene. But you outgrew that reputation and, with grit and hard work, built a life for yourself that deserves admiration. I was always impressed with the way the cousins that came after you saw you as the big brother of the clan and listened to your advice as if gospel. And while our lives were pretty far apart in years and miles, I hope you know just how much of my respect you earned. You are missed.



Michael Atalla - February 09, 2022 at 11:29 AM

DA

“ The bond and memories we shared throughout our lives will always be cherished, my heart hurts typing this and I really just wish you were back here with us today! I thank you daily for the guidance you showed me in life and always looking out for your little brother. I know as our lives got more busy our time spent together grew further apart and looking back I wish I could change that. Until we meet again brother, please keep an eye out for our family please. I love you endlessly Joe, god bless and rest easy my brother ❤️



David Atalla - February 08, 2022 at 04:17 PM

TS

“ Sending my love and prayers to you uncle Mike and aunt Debbie. Joe was such a special cousin and person so full of life. He kept us rolling in laughter throughout the years, and he could always find humor in the most mundane life circumstance. I will never forget sitting around the dining room table at Tita's for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and during random visits - crying from laughter from the hilarious things Joe would say to get Tita to say "Whaaaaaat". He would always stick out his jaw with a smile and make funny noises and I still laugh thinking about it. I remember when Joe and Dru would rap together, it was always such a blast to listen to. When he bought his townhouse, I remember him showing me all of his décor and being so impressed at his style. We had many good times at his townhouse hanging out playing cards and smoking hookah, Joe always had an open door and a welcoming heart. Joe and I shared a love of hiking and although we only went on one hike to Old Rag together, it was one I will never forget - all of us together sliding/falling down the snowy mountain. I will always remember Joe's big heart, sense of humor, and his lively personality. He is always with us, and most importantly, he is with God.

*Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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Tracy (Atalla) Scheffler - February 08, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Deborah and Michael my sincere condolences! Joe was fun, caring and loyal. One of many memories I have is him teaching my oldest daughter Gaby how to ride her bicycle. I share very fond memories with him. May he Rest In Peace! Thinking about the Atalla family!*



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**Karen Salamanca** - February 08, 2022 at 10:16 AM

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*Keeping the Atalla family in my warmest thoughts as you navigate this difficult time-and praying for you hope and healing when you're ready.*

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**Ted Hudson** - February 11, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Joe and I were good friends for three years before we dated for the following five. He always walked with class and made sure I knew chivalry still existed. Dinner reservations were always made for the holidays or just because and I can't recall a time where I opened my own door. He taught me how to drive a car and the importance of finances and credit. I loved listening to him free style to music. He loved my dog Gizmo when we were together and always took him for long walks. We didn't have much contact over the years but I never forgot the imprint he left on my heart. He had a genuine soul and always wanted the best for people. Failure was never an option for him. God be with him and his family!*



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**Jaimi Lambert-Covington** - February 07, 2022 at 05:38 PM

CA

“ *Much love and prayers for my aunt and uncle and family right now. Joey was amazing, my little baby boy cousin. Many of the best memories of my life were spent with you. You always had a smile, made me laugh. You loved to be fit, clean, you loved music, people and animals. You worked hard in life to have a good job and home. I always admired your ability to be optimistic. You always did the best impressions of people. I’ve been dreaming a lot about you and I know you are happy in heaven watching us all and I can’t wait to see you again.*



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**Cynthia Alaniz** - February 07, 2022 at 03:53 PM

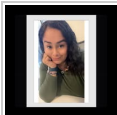
DL

“ *My deepest condolences go out to the Atalla family. Joe will forever live with me. We were like brothers and at times didn’t realize how much we needed each other in order to stay strong. Same thoughts at times and lived through the same songs! God had a better place for you above...RIP Joey.*



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**Daniel De Leon** - February 07, 2022 at 03:14 PM



*I meet Joey on social media.. he was such a beautiful soul. Whenever I was feeling down he would be the most up lifting person. I’m going to miss him so much . You always were laughing and smiling... RIP my friend*

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**Heydi Cerda Mena** - April 10, 2022 at 08:41 PM