



Joseph Greco Jr.

September 29, 1933 - January 1, 2026

Philippians 2:3-4 • 1 Peter 4:10

Joseph “Joe” Greco, Jr., of Manassas, Virginia, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of selfless service and deep devotion to family and community.

Joe was born on September 29, 1933, in Somerville, Massachusetts, the beloved son of the late Joseph and Clelia Greco. As the child of immigrant parents, he learned early the dignity of hard work, helping his family adjust to life in America — from learning English to delivering bread alongside his father, always with an eye toward earning a few pastries along the way.

Joe proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard for 28 years, embodying duty, loyalty, and sacrifice. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Lois, at a casual lunch in Cleveland, Ohio — and it was love at first sight. They were married on October 4, 1958, and shared 67 beautiful years together.

Joe was a long time member of All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas and a founding 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, George Brent Council.

Joe was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and doting great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife Lois; his sister, Virginia Salamack

of Hagaman, NY; his sons James (Penny) of Kittery, ME and John (Annette) of Haymarket, VA; his granddaughters Cecelia Michel (James) of Culpeper, VA and Amanda Garand (Peter) of Carey, NC; and great-grandchildren Warren, Adeline, Scarlett, Arthur of Culpeper and Alexander and Andrea of Carey, NC who brought him endless joy; and special nieces and nephew.

Joe's life was defined by service. After his military career, he earned a BA in Communications and an MA in Liberal Studies from Marymount University. He then began giving tirelessly of his time as a volunteer — a calling he pursued long before it was widely recognized. Over the years he accrued nearly 20,000 volunteer hours serving others through the Prince William Hospital Emergency Room, Prince William Area Free Clinic, Prince William County Senior Services, Caton Merchant House, and Annaberg Manor. It all started with assisting an elderly couple with everyday tasks like grocery shopping, transportation, and property maintenance.

Joe lived his faith through action — always putting others before himself, always giving generously of his time, talent, and heart. As we celebrate his remarkable life, may we each be inspired by his example to serve with humility and kindness. Let us carry forward his torch of compassion and let his light continue to shine in the world.

Mass of Christian Burial for Joe Greco will be held at All Saints Catholic Church on January 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Visitation will be at Pierce Funeral Home on January 14, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interment will be at Quantico National Cemetery on January 19, 2026 at 11 a.m.

In remembrance of Joe's life of service, the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, any charitable donations be made to the House of Mercy <https://houseofmercyva.org/givenow/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14.** 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>

Funeral Mass

JAN **15.** 10:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Graveside Service

JAN **19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *In Memory of Joseph Greco*

It was some fifteen years past that I first made the acquaintance of my cousin, Joseph Greco, during the course of my genealogical inquiries. What began as a search for names and dates soon became something far more meaningful, for Joseph freely gave of his time and knowledge, contributing a wealth of history and remembrance to the Greco family record.

Through this association, I came to know not merely a diligent historian of our line, but a man of character and principle. Joseph was one who devoted decades of his life to volunteerism and public service, asking little in return and conducting himself always with quiet dignity. He was, in the truest sense of the word, an upstanding man—one deserving of honor and respect. From me, he had it without reservation.

I still hold clearly in memory the journey our family made from Massachusetts to his home in Virginia. There, Joseph and his wife, Lois, received us with a generosity and warmth that left a lasting impression. Their home was one of kindness, hospitality, and sincere welcome, and we departed richer for having been there.

Joseph Greco's life was marked by service, integrity, and devotion—to family, to community, and to the preservation of those who came before us. Such men leave behind more than records and recollections; they leave an example. He will be remembered with gratitude and held in lasting regard.

If you wish, I can adjust this further.

One question that may help refine it: would you like the post to include his dates of birth and passing, or to name any specific public service or volunteer roles he held?

Mark Anderson - January 19 at 02:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Greco Jr..*



January 11 at 09:32 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family of Joe Greco. Joe was a very huge Blessing to our Manassas Virginia community and All Saints Church too with his ongoing volunteer services. When I moved into CMH as a resident in 2001 year I had a stroke and brain operation and required many doctors visits Joe Greco would volunteer to come and take me to my doctor appointments etc if Joe could not come his wife Lois a very beautiful person would volunteer and come in his place. Many days my 10 years at Caton Merchant House Assisted Living in Manassas ASAP resident I would see Joe or Lois Greco come to CMH as transportation volunteers more than once a day helping us. Joe will be greatly missed and thank you so very, very much dear Lois for helping out too as a transportation volunteer you both were a huge blessing to our community and again thank you so very, very much... Sandy Mooney-Boletchek 🙏*

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Sandra Mooney-Boletchek - January 10 at 10:28 AM



“ *It was a honor to have known Joe for over 30 years. I will miss him. Lois and family, thank your sharing Joe.*

Jerry Bagley - January 08 at 07:00 PM

KS

*He was a beacon of hope and joy yet empathetic and available helping nurses as we worked in the ER at PWH.
Thanks to his family for sharing him with us ,
Katie Swenson*

Kathleen L Swenson - January 09 at 09:48 PM

CM

“ *Curt & Natalie McArtor. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph Greco Jr..*



Curt & Natalie McArtor. - January 08 at 06:32 PM

RC

“ *I was privileged to know Joe for over 40 years. He never changed from being one of the nicest men and honorable man I have ever known. It was wonderful to meet his family as I said goodbye at PW hospital on 01 Jan.*

Robert Chase - January 08 at 02:08 PM

CH

“ *He was a great guy with a great and friendly smile. That amount of volunteer work tells us he was also a man with a big heart, a man who thinks of others. He was responsible for my service in the USCG, he took the pictures of our wedding and whenever I encountered him, usually at church, he greeted me with a smile. Manassas, his family and friends have lost a good man.*

Charles Herr - January 08 at 01:42 PM