



## Joseph Edward Gregory

July 29, 1982 - April 20, 2020

On Monday, April 20, 2020, Joseph Edward Gregory, loving husband and father passed away at the age of 37. After a three year battle with ALS, Joe died at home surrounded by loved ones.

Joe was born on July 29, 1982 in Shreveport, LA to Bob and Peggy Gregory. The youngest of seven siblings, Joe was always confident in being his own person. Joe spent two years studying in Spain before graduating from Seton High School in Manassas, VA where he met his wife, Melanie (Jones). Joe went on to earn his history degree from George Mason University in 2005. Joe and Melanie were married on October 7, 2005. He worked at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) where he was a lead analyst for the overseas counter terrorism mission supporting the war on terror. His last assignment was the NGA representative to the joint interagency task force for the recovery of hostages. While Joe loved his work, his most prized role was being Dad to his four children.

Joe was known as a Renaissance man to his family and friends. He loved to have deep conversations for hours with a glass of scotch in hand. He was frequently researching new interests such as formula one racing, fencing, surfing, or rugby. He used to tell his wife, Melanie, "I'm a Jack of all trades and a master of none". He was a friend to all. The biggest interest in Joe's life was his Catholic faith, which to him meant living out his vocation as a husband and

father.

Three years ago, Joe was diagnosed with ALS, a progressive neurological disorder that would rob him of the ability to move, talk, and finally to breathe. While Joe knew his fate, he decided to “choose joy” and modeled an incredible faith and humor throughout his illness. Whether it was designing a race wheelchair or crusading for moral responsibility through his blog, Joe continued to be true to himself, his faith, and the love he had for his family.

Joe is survived by his wife of 14 years, Melanie, and his children, Jack (13), Grace (10), Kate (8), and Luke (5). Joe will also be remembered by his parents Robert and Margaret Gregory, his siblings, Jennifer Miller, Celeste Fortenberry, Jessica Angsten, Theresa Nava, Glenn Gregory, Fuzzy Reynolds and numerous other family members.

A private mass and burial will be held Thursday, April 23 at All Saints Catholic Church. A memorial mass and celebration of Joe’s life (he asked for an after party complete with Chartreuse!) will be held at a later date once it is deemed safe to gather in large groups. The family looks forward to the day they can remember Joe’s life in person with you. In the meantime, they welcome your prayers and feel the continued support of the community Joe loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Joe Gregory to All Saints Catholic Church or donations can be made to the support of the family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/JoeGregory>.

Joe’s blog: <https://joeschronicals.com>

# Cemetery Details

## **Manassas City Cemetery**

9317 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-8372  
<http://www.manassascity.org/181/Cemeteries>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Gregory.*



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October 06, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the family.*

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**Greg Porter** - April 29, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jeff Claus** - April 26, 2020 at 01:05 PM



*Great photo! I'd love to hear more. This captures Joe's personality quite well!*

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**Jennifer Miller** - April 28, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Steve, family and friends, so very sorry hear of your loss. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Cindy Elmore** - April 23, 2020 at 07:27 PM

SK

“ Sarah J, Hannah, Jessica, Rebecca, Mary K purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Joseph Edward Gregory.



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**Sarah J, Hannah, Jessica, Rebecca, Mary K** - April 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for comfort and peace during this hard time...

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**Melissa Hatch** - April 22, 2020 at 09:58 PM

LC

“ We are so sorry for your loss and will keep Joe & your family in our prayers. With sympathy,  
Leslie Corrigan and family

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**Leslie Corrigan** - April 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

RC

“ While I did not know Joe personally, we sat behind him and his family at 7:30 am mass many Sundays, and followed his blog throughout his illness. We were always impressed with his determination and his family's faith. May he Rest In Peace, free from pain; prayers to his wife and children.

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**Ray and Lisa Colgan** - April 22, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LM

“ Dear family of Joe, holding up as always in prayer in this difficult time of loss. I am sure Joe is in a much better place now probably looking down at all of you and probably wishing you would smile instead of mourning. Surely his love and prayers for you will continue from the other side. Hugs and continued prayers....



Laura/Michaela McMahon - April 22, 2020 at 02:11 PM

KK

“ The Kelly Family has been and continues to pray for Joe and family. Happy memories from our time working with Joe at Grimberg.

Kevin Kelly - April 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

LZ

“ Sharing a few photos of Joe, Mel and kids. Feel free to add some of your favorite photos and memories here.



Lauren Zedek - April 21, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Gregory.*



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April 21, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Joe,  
We have known each other for many years. We have so many wonderful memories.  
You will be forever in our hearts. You are my hero.  
Prayers for Mel and the children. I'm sure that you will watch over them.  
Rest in Peace dear friend.*

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**Mrs.G** - April 21, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Gregory.*



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April 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Monica Muench purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Edward Gregory.*



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**Monica Muench** - April 21, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ We send our deepest condolences to the Gregory Family. May the Great Consoler of the Universe be felt by your side now, during these difficult times, and always. With all of our love. Dr. Erica Statman and Leticia Graves.

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**Erica Statman** - April 21, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Good Bye Joe. Miss your joke telling at work. Your messages to us all through your illness are and inspiration to us all. Knew this was coming but the news is still shocking. Glad we had that last work get together.

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**Philip Kania** - April 21, 2020 at 02:45 PM