



# Joseph Michael Millstone

May 17, 1948 - September 9, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Michael Millstone of Owings Mills, Maryland (and most recently, San Marcos, Texas) passed away on September 9th, 2024, at age 76. He is survived by his loving wife Jody Maister Millstone, his children Larry (Olivia) and Lee (Mara) Millstone, and grandchildren Amelia, Viera, Thais, and Jasper Millstone. Joe is also survived by his devoted siblings, Rebecca Sandler, Sam (Jennifer) Millstone and Ricki Maister, as well as his niece Sara Sandler and nephews, Alexander and Ethan Millstone.

Joe was beloved not only by his family members and friends - but all of the colleagues and acquaintances with whom he shared jokes. He brought humor and light to every situation and could always be counted on for a laugh, political briefing, update on the Ravens or Orioles (he was a devoted fan), or recap of one of his favorite television shows.

Joe had a 50+ year career with the government (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), serving both at the federal and state levels in Maryland. He loved his job - working right up until the end - and formed many meaningful friendships throughout his career.

Joe was happiest when with his grandchildren, listening to country music, playing in his weekly poker game, traveling the world with Jody and Robert & Pam Goode, or enjoying quality time with his loved ones in Baltimore, California, and Texas.

Funeral services will be held at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 13th. If you would like to honor Joe's memory, we welcome donations to the following:

- Johns Hopkins Sydney Kimmel Cancer Center - <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/kimmel-cancer-center/make-a-gift>
- The J. Max Millstone Endowment Scholarship, University of Baltimore, 1130 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD, 21210 or <https://www.ubcommunity.org/givingpage>

# Cemetery Details

## Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr  
Austin, TX 78731

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM.

Austin Memorial Park Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Joe and I were best friends from the from the time he started at Gilman through college and after. We spent a summer traveling through Europe together, and he was the best man at my wedding. I have so many memories of Joe and his family that I would not know where to begin. My heart goes out to Jodie and his children and the rest of his family.

Ron Sheff - September 26, 2024 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss; Joe will be missed dearly. I remember growing up loving his Donald Duck voice.

Jess Miller - September 18, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Millstone.



September 18, 2024 at 12:17 AM

BM

“ Growing up cousin Joe was was always fun to be around and I especially remember him using his Donald Duck voice when talking to me. He always made holidays fun, especially when he led Seder. He was an incredible man and I truly adored him. Sending all my love and prayers to the family, Joe will be dearly missed.

Bethany Miller - September 16, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ My love and sympathy is with the family at this time. Joe works with me at his current role within DFB at CMS. He is and will always be the light in the darkest of rooms. He was more than a co- worker to me but an amazing mentor that I got to work closely with and love. He became family and was masterful in uplifting your spirits with the best jokes. He mattered and always will. I appreciate getting to know him and being taught all the things he knew. An angel on earth to many; Until we meet again. Forever in our hearts!

*Jeneen & Zaylee McFarlane*

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**Jeneen McFarlane** - September 16, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CT

“ Joe is an all around wonderful individual - smart, kind and funny. I worked with him at the Maryland state Department of Health & Mental Hygiene 24 years ago and then at CMS. Joe will be sorely missed and sending my prayers to his family and loved ones.

*Sincerely,  
Cora Tracy*

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**Cora Tracy** - September 16, 2024 at 12:17 PM

MF

“ I work at CMS and previously at Maryland Medicaid with Joe and fondly remember the laughing lunches at the cafeteria on Preston street. Joe's sense of humor help brighten the day with laughter. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Millstone family. Sincerely, Mary Pat Farkas

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**Mary Pat Farkas** - September 16, 2024 at 08:28 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

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**Sheryl Snair** - September 16, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JJ

“ When I think of Joe, I immediately smile. He gave me tons of frank, unsolicited yet very wise advice during and years after we worked together in what was then CMSO. Joe's practical jokes were unparalleled. The jokes at my expense made me laugh so hard I cried. My deepest sympathy to Jody and the entire Millstone family.

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**Jeneen Iwugo** - September 15, 2024 at 05:14 PM

CG

“ I worked with Joe for many years and his humor, kindness and leadership always kept us going. My deepest sympathy to Jody and the entire Millstone family.

Christine Gerhardt - September 15, 2024 at 09:18 AM

ML

“ Joe played in a regular weekly poker game for many years. His humor and creativity were highlights of our gatherings. He will be missed.

Thursday Night Poker Group (Ben Pope, Barry Weiner, Ron Weitzman, Fred Silber, Ron Musolf, Mark Leeds)

Mark Leeds - September 14, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DS

“ Dear Jody and Family,

We are thinking of you during this difficult time and please accept our sincere condolences. We were blessed to know and work with Joe and know his love for family, travel, and of course the Orioles and Ravens. We will miss an amazing friend who was kind and possessed a giant sense of humor. Joe always offered to help and support colleagues working on projects. There are so many stories and memories of Joe, and they all include smiles and laughter. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

“When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind.”

Dale and Monique Summers

Dale Summers - September 14, 2024 at 12:00 PM

BM

“ This news shocks me. Joe was a great, steadfast friend back at Gilman School and one of the very few people we wanted to see when, as longtime dwellers in the Midwest, we came back through Maryland. Honest and brimming with gentle humor and common sense, Joe did -- along with everything else -- the one all-important thing that we are supposed to do on this earth, but that too few of us accomplish or sustain: he committed himself to a happy thriving family, and thank heavens the legacy of his dedication is still with us. I will miss him severely.

Bruce Michelson  
Urbana, Illinois

Bruce F Michelson - September 13, 2024 at 05:47 PM

FS

*Bruce, it seems we are all aging! I rode to school every day with Joe, and have good memories of our time together. We three were part of the first class to have a minion, not an insignificant thing at the time. I hope you are well!*

*Fred Sachs*

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**Fred Sachs** - September 19, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JY

“*Dear Jody and Family, We know that there are no words to fully express our sadness and there are no words that can ease your pain. Please accept our sincerest condolences on Joe’s passing. We are very grateful we got a chance to know Joe as a colleague and a friend. He will be missed dearly.*

*Jaime and Yasmin Galvez*

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**Jaime & Yasmin** - September 13, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MH

“*Dear Jody and family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May his memory be for a blessing.*

*Love,  
Marci and Andy Hunn*

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**Marci Hunn** - September 13, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RA

“*Sending the entire Millstone family and particularly Rebecca & Sara comfort from the Temple Isaiah MD family. May Joe's memory be a blessing.*

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**Rabbi Craig Axler** - September 13, 2024 at 10:56 AM

GA

“*Dear Jody and family,*

*We have been friends for about 35 years when we moved to Owings Mills,. Joe was such a nice person and he always had a smile on his face. Our families were good friends and our boys were friends. We always enjoyed socializing with them. He will be missed but at least we have many good memories. Rest in peace dear Joe.*

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**gail abramowitz** - September 13, 2024 at 08:30 AM

HL

“ Dear Jody, Larry and Lee

*Joe was a fun guy who lived life to its fullest- family, travel and so much more. He will be missed by many and his sense of humor to make everyone smile. Our heartfelt condolences and pray for your strength at this very difficult time.*

*Love-*

*Randy and Helene Lutz*

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**Helene Lutz** - September 13, 2024 at 01:32 AM

RD

“ Dear Jody, Becca, and family,  
*Know that you are in our hearts as we remember your Joe. Together we celebrated simchas, played dominos, ate meals, saw movies, shared photo albums , and, of course, jokes. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.*

*Love, Wendy and Bob*

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**Robert A. Davis** - September 12, 2024 at 08:58 PM

JG

“ Dear Jody,  
*Joe was a fun loving guy and loved being out with friends. He will be missed. Our condolences to your family.*

*Janet and Barry Gold*

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**janet Gold** - September 12, 2024 at 05:29 PM

NA

“ To Joe's family, it's difficult to fully articulate what an absolute joy it was to work with Joe. He had a way of livening up the most boring meetings with a clever joke. I don't have a single memory of him that does not involve laughs and smiles. He will be deeply missed here at CMS. With deepest condolences,

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**Natalie Albright** - September 12, 2024 at 05:24 PM

MK

“ Jody and Family - We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Joe had such a larger-than-life personality and he will be sorely missed. Mark has so many fond memories of working with Joe and he will be remembered for his quick wit and willingness to help everyone at work.

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**Mark and Stacey Keller** - September 12, 2024 at 04:25 PM

LF

“ I am so sorry for your families loss.  
His good humor and family and friendship will be remembered for many years to come.  
Lorraine Fedder, Micheal Sandler's first cousin.

Lorraine Fedder - September 12, 2024 at 03:23 PM

EF

“ Jody and family, please accept my deepest condolences. Joe was a funny, handsome wonderful person. A true mensch! He will be missed by all who knew him.

Elisa and Scott Frankle - September 12, 2024 at 03:07 PM

SP

“ Jody and family, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing and offer sincerest condolences. May his memory be for a blessing and may you always keep his memory deep in your hearts. Sending love and prayers.  
Shelley Pakman

Shelley Pakman - September 12, 2024 at 01:58 PM

MI

“ Jody and Family,  
Sending you my deepest condolences on Joe's passing. May his memory always be for a blessing.  
Michele Weisbrot

Michele - September 12, 2024 at 12:39 PM