



Joseph John Reina

June 25, 1965 - April 18, 2016

Joseph John Reina, 50, passed away on April 18, 2016. Born June 25, 1965, Joe was the son of Sue Rider-Speirs and Frank Reina, Sr.

Joe graduated from Germantown Central School District 1984 and began volunteering at the Greenport Rescue Squad and soon became an EMT for the Greenport Rescue Squad and Richard's Ambulance Service. Joe later went on to serve as administrator of the Greenport Rescue Squad. Joe's love of cooking led him to the Culinary Institute of America where he followed his passion. Joe also was employed as an assistant in the Cardio Cath Lab at Albany Medical Center and served as Commissioner of Youth for the City of Hudson. As a member of Trout Unlimited Joe was able to share his love and knowledge of fly fishing through the many classes he taught. In addition, Joe recently became a proud member of the Sons and Daughter of Italy. In recent years Joe was a devoted and loving son as he helped care for his mother.

Joe was always there to help and support his siblings when needed and was a true mentor, guardian and role model to his nieces and nephews. Joe will best be remembered for his infectious smile and easy going outlook and willingness to help his friends, family and community whenever asked. Cooking for his family and friends, spending time up at Dick's cabin and fly fishing were what brought him true happiness and peace.

Joe is survived by his loving mother, and step-father, Robert Speirs, and siblings, sisters: Linda (John) Porto, Jr.; Cathy (Russell) Bartolotta; brothers: Frank (Jan) Reina, Sean (Carrie) Rider and nieces and nephews: Amanda, Ashley, Anthony, Zachary, Alexandra, Joseph, Brianna, Joshua, Johnathan, Rebecca and great nephews: Cameron and Mason.

The family wishes to carry out Joe's request for a private viewing at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the City of Hudson Department of Youth, the Greenport Rescue Squad, 3 Newman Rd., Hudson, NY, or the Sons and Daughters of Italy #659, 27 Bridge Street, Hudson, NY.

Tribute Wall



“ I adored Joe. He was one of the sweetest guys I have ever met along life's way. I also love his mom Sue Rider. I worked with both more than two decades ago now. Joe was also one of the last people to see my mother alive when she died within minutes of a heart attack. He told me about her last moments as he did his job trying to save her life with other EMT's. She could not have had a better human near her. Rest in eternal peace, Joe. You will remain in my heart always for many reasons. ~~ With love, Fran Drabick

Frances Drabick - April 26, 2016 at 05:44 PM

KJ

“ Rest in peace, buddy. You will be deeply missed by many.



Kevin Johnson - April 25, 2016 at 10:27 PM

CD

“ Chris & Deb Drennon lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Chris & Deb Drennon - April 23, 2016 at 07:57 AM

GP

“ Gary & Pam lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Gary & Pam - April 21, 2016 at 06:24 PM

GP

“ Gary & Pam lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Gary & Pam - April 21, 2016 at 06:23 PM

FS

“ Rest in peace my son you will always be a part of me..love u always your dad Frank Reina Sr



Frank Reina Sr - April 21, 2016 at 10:19 AM

EL

“ Joe was one of the EMTs who worked on my husband, Patty Leggieri, trying to save him back in 1991. My husband was only 46 when he passed. Joe also waited at the hospital for my children to come, and let Gina and Steve know that I was in the chapel. He was that thoughtful and considerate. I will light a candle for Joe both at my church and in my home. I will also say a rosary for him.

Eleanor Leggieri - April 21, 2016 at 06:17 AM



Heather
Tuccinardi

“ *Heather Tuccinardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Heather Tuccinardi - April 21, 2016 at 03:05 AM



TR

“ *May u rest in peace my brother.Ilove u and will always be my brother.*



Tara Reina - April 20, 2016 at 07:38 PM



FF

“ *Frances Reina Fogleman lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Frances Reina Fogleman - April 20, 2016 at 06:52 PM



JP

“ *Love and miss you Joe. Wish you didn't have to leave so soon.*



Jessica Pachnek - April 20, 2016 at 06:43 PM

FF

“ Rest in peice my brother. Frances Reina

Frances R. Fogleman - April 20, 2016 at 05:47 PM

CR

“ I will miss him dearly!! Condolences to the family!!

Chrissy Mannino Rouse - April 20, 2016 at 03:57 PM

LP

“ Joe was a very kind loving man I so happy I knew him I will always love him and cherish him



lynn parker - April 20, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Keith and Laura Mortefolio

Laura Mortefolio - April 20, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DC

“ Joe touch the hearts of so many people. He will be truly missed. The God Lord has brought home another Angel. My prayers are with Joe's family and friends.



Donna Cesternino - April 20, 2016 at 01:19 PM

Lydia Garcia

“ Lydia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Lydia Garcia - April 20, 2016 at 12:10 PM

GS

“ It was 30 years ago that Joe took me under his wing at Southern Columbia (and then Greenport) when I was a young 16 year old junior member. His passion for EMS was contagious and it helped me start my career. He was a great mentor and role model. He will be missed. Rest in peace.

Gregg Shutts - April 20, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DR

R.I.P MY SON LOVE Dad.

Dotty Reina - April 20, 2016 at 06:55 PM

Skip Kastner

“ Skip Kastner lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Skip Kastner - April 20, 2016 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ Joe was one of the most kind, loving, happy persons I know. It is with great sadness we found out about his passing. You know his friend Robin Burkhardt met him at the Pearly gate and yelled at him! Joe RIP my friend. We will sadly miss you and until we meet again God Speed.

Betty Filkins - April 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM

KH

“ Kimberley Hazelton lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Kimberley hazelton - April 20, 2016 at 08:37 AM

VA

“ ValeriePayton lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



ValeriePayton - April 20, 2016 at 06:18 AM

JH

“ Back in the late 1980s, it was Joe, Mim Millar, Tim Hutchings and I who ran the day calls at Greenport Rescue. That was a wonderful time of friendship and service. Joe was a good friend and a solid tech.

I became disconnected until only a few months ago when we reconnected on Facebook. I'm glad I was able to visit with him, even if only virtually.

I loved you, Joe. I'll miss you.

Jillian (TJ) Hanlon - April 20, 2016 at 06:03 AM

CB

“ Carol Burnett lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Carol Burnett - April 20, 2016 at 05:13 AM

SN

“ I remember when the family moved to Germantown..I became friends with Joe's sister Linda and spent alot of time with the family. Joey was such a sweet boy..and I ran into him from time to time over the years and he never changed. I always saw that little boy still in his eyes. He came from a good and loving family. Always good food and laughs around their table. Alot of good memories. RIP Joe

Sharon Nordfors - April 20, 2016 at 04:23 AM

SG

“ *Susan Goodsill lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*




Susan Goodsill - April 19, 2016 at 08:53 PM

SG

My deepest sympathy to Joe's family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Joe was a great friend. R.I.P. my friend.

Susan Goodsill - April 19, 2016 at 08:54 PM

 Tina
Coons
Mossman

“ *Tina Coons Mossman lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Tina Coons Mossman - April 19, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LC

“ *Linda Conte lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



linda conte - April 19, 2016 at 08:41 PM

PT

“ Joey, you were so welcoming to the first group of paid paramedics at GRS in 1993! We sure had a lot of laughs and I can remember many times that you laughed so hard I thought we needed the AED! Nonetheless, you took all the hits in stride and managed to get a few shots in of your own. Thanks for your natural kindness, that smile and mostly for the memories, which are all funny! RIP buddy, no more worries on your part. May your memory be not only as a fisherman, but as a fisher of men as the bible says.

Paul Toscino - April 19, 2016 at 08:40 PM

TS

“ Tammy Silvernail lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



Tammy Silvernail - April 19, 2016 at 07:59 PM

LR

“ Lori Rockefeller lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina



lori rockefeller - April 19, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *In loving memory of Joe*



Lynn Brandt - April 19, 2016 at 06:37 PM

ST

“ *StumpDoo sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph John Reina*



StumpDoo - April 19, 2016 at 05:37 PM

ST

“ *Will Miss You My Friend.. Loving, Caring, Giving, and A Beautiful Human Being.. You Always Made Me Laugh, Not Just Smile But Brought Such Joy To My Life and Soul. Loved Your Cooking and Definitely Computer Help.. RIP.. Now God Is With You and You With He. Always In My Heart and Mind. Will Love You Forever Big Guy.. Love Stump <3 xoxo*

StumpDoo - April 19, 2016 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ *I was so glad to see Joe the other day. It had been a while but we talked about helping Veterans with fishing. He was ready and willing to help anyone. He was such a sweetheart. My prayers go out to the family.*



Juanita Salas-Jackson - April 19, 2016 at 05:26 PM

JK

“ *Judy Kastner lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Judy Kastner - April 19, 2016 at 04:48 PM

RS

“ *Robert J. Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Robert J. Smith - April 19, 2016 at 04:21 PM

HT

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Joe's family during this time of great sorrow! Joe was such a great guy, a very caring, genuine person! A real sweetheart, I will miss his random DMV calls which always made me smile. So glad that I just saw him the other day. Have fun fishing in Heaven Joe, gone but not forgotten!*

Holly Tanner - April 19, 2016 at 03:34 PM

D(

“ *Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) lit a candle in memory of Joseph John Reina*



Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) - April 19, 2016 at 03:00 PM

ME

“ To Joeys family,
I finally had the pleasure of meeting Joey in person at Robins celebrations of life. I had heard about him several times in conversations. Having lost two siblings both at age 58, I can imagine your pain. I know that he is in a better place and was greeted at heavens gate. What a wonderful man and he will be missed forever by so many people. Sending a big bear hug to all of you. He will be looking down with pride always.
Much love,
Mary Elgin

Mary Elgin - April 19, 2016 at 03:00 PM

D(

“ I remember his grandma moved to Germantown and became our boss at the bra factorbin not to long after that her daughter Sue moved up with her four beautiful kids Joe was so cute and very loveable he had a great smile and a great heart for a kid I loved them then and still do I just wish I had spent more time with the family Rest In Peace Joe give nanny Sue my love Deb

Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) - April 19, 2016 at 02:59 PM

D(

“ Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph John Reina



Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) - April 19, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ I remember when his grandma Sue Birch came to the bra factorbin Germantown she became our boss she was wonderful and then her daughter moved up not to long after Sue she brought her four beautiful kids with her and they were and to this day great people Joe had a million dollar smile and that wonderful personality he was so sweet and loveable I loved them all and to this day I still do I will miss him very much just wish I had spend more time with the family Rest In Peace Joe give grandma my love Deb Tee

Deborah Teegarden (Rocha) - April 19, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Even though it has been 32 years since graduating with Joe at GCS, I can still say he was genuinely the nicest person I have ever know. Hope the fly fishing is good in heaven! We know you are now with the angels my old friend.

Lewis Benassutti - April 19, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ The childhood memories from us kids that lived near the river are too many to mention. We grew up as family and very good friends when we were young. The waterfalls behind my house, the tree house on the hill, the pranks, the memories hanging out at the school. We had so many good times and I will miss him, but I know he is resting in peace and someday we will meet again. Love you Joe for all the blessings you put into my life....

Jerri Miller - April 19, 2016 at 12:53 PM

RB

“ Joe was one of the best friends I have ever had and I miss him so much already. He was always there for me no matter what....no matter when or where. I love you Joe with all my heart.

Robin

Robin Babjeck - April 19, 2016 at 12:45 PM

AC

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Adriane (Pearson) Cropley - April 19, 2016 at 12:41 PM

LG

“ Joe was a great guy. Always a smile. Condolences to his family.

Linda Guntert - April 19, 2016 at 12:39 PM

SL

“ May the happiest memories of Joe live on in your hearts for eternity.
My deepest sympathy
Stephanie Larsen



Stephanie Larsen - April 19, 2016 at 12:30 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family at this extremely difficult time. He was a great guy! R.I.P. Joe!

Melissa Slater Cancelliere - April 19, 2016 at 11:48 AM

SM

“ Joe will be missed by many for many reasons! I am honored to have know this angel on earth. Praying for peace and understanding for the family and friends. <3



Stephanie Johnson Moore - April 19, 2016 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ My prayers and deepest sympathies to Joey's family and loved one's. He was an amazing soul and great friend. All who knew him were truly blessed.

sonja (anderson) snyder - April 19, 2016 at 11:31 AM