



## Joseph D. Rappold

January 17, 1948 - September 24, 2021

Joseph D. Rappold, left this world peacefully, surrounded by his family, at his home in Dacula, Georgia, on Sept. 24, 2021. He was 73.

He was born Jan. 17, 1948, in Huntington, West Virginia, the son of the late Audrey Grace and Charles Leo Rappold. He graduated from Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, FL in June, 1965.

With a firm conviction that he was doing the right thing for his country, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy along with his brother James "Jimbo" Rappold, in 1966. The two would be almost inseparable during his 4 years of service, which included a tour of duty in the waters off Vietnam aboard the U.S.S. Constellation.

He married Sandra Van Ess in July 1971 and worked his way up in the plastics manufacturing industry, eventually rising to plant manager while raising three children and working his way through college. He graduated from National College of Education with a Bachelor of Arts in 1985. His career took the family all over the country, to Illinois to Indiana to Pennsylvania and finally to Lawrenceville, Georgia, with companies Sonoco, Boise Cascade and finally Greif Brothers. He retired in 2015 from Greif Brothers, Lavonia, GA after 17 years.

Joe loved NASCAR, and everything about racing, working on and driving his classic MGB, watching Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers football, and most of all family. Though work often required long absences from home, he accepted it because he knew he was providing a better life for his wife and children. And work never stopped him from family time: grilling brats in the freezing sleet at Chicago Bears games; family boat rides on the Susquehanna River when the boat always seemed to break down; camping as assistant scoutmaster with his boys; cozy extended family gatherings at Christmas; beach trips in the Outer Banks, even when he was no longer able to walk down to the sand.

Sadly, Joe suffered more loss than anyone should ever bear, including his son, mother, both brothers and, in 2018, the loss of his wife to cancer. He steered the family through these rough waters despite a broken heart.

He was a longtime member of Mckendree United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville, GA. Joe leaves behind his son Scott and daughter-in law Lynnea Rappold, of Del Norte, Colorado; daughter Lindsay and son-in-law Chris Brown; and granddaughters Madelyn,

Sadie and Caroline, all of Hoschton, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey, wife Sandra and brothers Jim and Charles.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 2 at Tom M. Wages Funeral Home, 120 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. The family will receive friends starting at 12:30 p.m. with the memorial service at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Heroes First Foundation 2905 Pacific Drive Norcross, GA 300071 Attn: John Kahren  
Joe will be heartily missed by friends and family. As the sailors say, "May you have fair winds and following seas."

Condolences may be sent or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, 120 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (770-963-2411) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      12:30PM - 02:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Lawrenceville  
120 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30046

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**    02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - October 02 at 01:10 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



October 01 at 12:21 PM

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“ 227 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - October 01 at 08:21 AM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 30 at 09:09 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 30 at 01:08 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 29 at 11:24 PM

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“ Joe and I became friends after he and his family moved onto our street near York PA.

My earliest memory of Joe was wearing a Chicago Bears football jersey. Our wives became friends. We would watch Penn State football together. And his beloved orange MGB was oftentimes visible in his garage, sometimes under “stuff”.

We later found out that we both liked NASCAR and went to a race together at the Atlanta Motor Speedway after he and Sandy had moved to Lawrenceville GA and our daughter, Kari, had moved to Atlanta. We attended Lindsay’s wedding and got together on several other occasions too.

Joe was a real steady guy. I never saw him excited (at least until his favorite team scored a touchdown).

He was a reliable friend. He will be missed.

**Warren Weaver** - September 29 at 05:01 PM

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“ It has been a pleasure knowing and spending some time with Joe, Jimmy, Sandra , Pat Charles and wife and rest of our family over the years although brief cause of life's demands still hold onto many memories of our family when our elders were still with us. God Bless you in this time of Greifing and reflecting on all those great memories. Tim and family.

**Tim Dingus, Cousin of family.** - September 29 at 11:04 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 29 at 10:55 AM

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“ Don Salyer family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



**Don Salyer family** - September 29 at 10:40 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 29 at 10:15 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the family. I enjoyed Joe's company this past year a joy to know RIP Joe

**Regina Owens** - September 28 at 06:44 PM

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“ I had the pleasure to spend time with Joe as he settled in here at Arbor Terrace. Joe was a quiet, gentle man who was easy to talk with. He was loved by my co-worker Regina who had nothing but great things to say about him. I could tell immediately Joe loved his family and I could see their dedication as they were constantly popping in to help him as he moved in. I am blessed to have known & helped Joe...some people make a big impact in the most gentle of ways. Rest in peace - God Speed!  
xo Barbara

**Barbara Kobe** - September 28 at 04:56 PM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Rappold.



September 28 at 12:39 PM

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“ Very sorry for your loss of a great man! I haven't known him that long but I know he loved his family above all things. Proud that I got to share time with him at the corner seats.

**JC** - September 27 at 10:52 PM

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“ You have always been like a second Dad to me Mr. Rappold. So many memories growing up with your family that I will hold close to my heart. We will miss you dearly.  
Ashley Smith

**Ashley Smith** - September 27 at 07:33 PM

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“ Worked with Joe since the 60's. A very good friend.  
Spent many times with him and over the years.  
Never lost track of each other.  
Will miss him Greatly.  
Ted Brown

**Ted Brown** - September 27 at 05:09 PM

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“ I worked for Joe at the Lawrenceville and Lavomia plants. He was always my friend  
and boss. He always had the back of his employees. I am  
So glad I got to have lunch with him  
And another co-worker just a few months ago my prayers are for all  
The family. I feel it a privilege to have know Joe

**Jimmy Lack** - September 27 at 02:48 PM

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“ You're going to be sorely missed but not forgotten my friend!

**John Bagley** - September 27 at 02:24 PM