



Joseph A. Serra

April 8, 1951 - June 19, 2026

Joseph A. Serra died this week at the age of 75. He was born in Staten Island, New York, where he spent most of his life and moved to Riverview, Florida in 2019. He was the son of Andrew Serra and Dorothy Serra (nee Franceschini). He is predeceased by his beloved wife Lynda (nee Velten) who died in 1995.

Joseph, or Joe as he was known, grew up in the New Dorp neighborhood and later Oakwood, playing centerfield in Little League baseball just like his idol, Mickey Mantle. He attended New Dorp High School and enjoyed fixing up cars (and later, motorcycles) and playing drums in a rock band. From an early age he went to work often with his father at the family business, Village Carting, where Joe spent many years working as a truck driver. In 1984 Joe started his own business, the Joseph A. Serra Carting Company, which he operated until the mid-90's. He then worked for the City of New York as an operating engineer at the Staten Island landfill and also at the World Trade Center recovery operation at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. He later operated trucks and equipment for various firms before retiring. Joe spent the past few years working at the Bronco Brunchery in Tampa, Florida alongside his son Joseph.

A life-long Yankees fan, Joe loved watching and attending games, as well as collecting memorabilia. From Atlantic City, to Italy, he loved traveling and enjoying good food and wine. But his greatest joy came from his seven

grandchildren. Alongside his treasured Yankees' artifacts, Joe decorated his house with pictures of the kids and crafts and gifts from over the years. He loved watching his grandkids games and performances, and catching up with all the latest by either a visit or a video call.

Joe's sister, Kathleen Buonviaggio and her husband Joseph were a life-long source of support and love in his life, with their children Christine, Joseph, and Eric as well as their families. Joe is also survived by his son Andrew and daughter-in-law Teresa; son Joseph and daughter-in-law Lynn; and son Robert and daughter-in-law Kristen. His loving grandchildren are Joseph, Lynda, Sofia, Francesca, Giancarlo, Vincent, and Luca.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM (ET)

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