



Joe "Big Joe" Lacara

December 13, 1942 - February 9, 2014

Big Joe Lacara went to his Heavenly Home on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the age of 71. He was born on December 13, 1942 and was born and raised in Hammond. Big Joe proudly served his country for 4 years in the US Army while in Europe. He loved spending time and camping with his family, traveling to the mountains, he also enjoyed the outdoors on his property in his "Chuckwagon" and his tractor. Big Joe was a successful businessman and a dedicated Bus Driver for Tangipahoa Parish School System for 42 years. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, who brought love, laughter and comfort to all who knew him and will be missed dearly. Big Joe is survived by his wife of 49 years, Patricia Ann Lacara; daughter, Karla Jo Lacara of Hammond; sons, Kevin James Lacara of Hammond, and Joseph James Lacara, Jr. and wife Darlene Lulow Lacara of Hammond; brother, Angelo Lacara of Hammond; grandchildren, Hannah Prevost, Mary Lacara and T. J. Provence; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Preceding Big Joe in death were his parents, Sam Lacara and Mary Notariano Lacara; sisters, Anna Lacara Mancuso and Mary Grace Lacara.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 12 noon with visitation beginning at 8:30 a.m. Internment will follow in Holly Gardens Cemetery.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Holly Gardens Cemetery

South Holly Street
Hammond, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
600 Oak St.
Hammond, La

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

WJ

“ I was so sad to hear of Big Joe's death. He was always a dear friend and just a great guy. I am sorry I did not see him before he passed. My best wishes to his entire family who I have known all for years. Joe was the "Man".

WILLIAM J CHAUCER JR - January 26, 2021 at 05:20 PM

 Dana Kinchen

“ I did not know Mr. Joe passed. He was a wonderful man that I came to know in Hammond. Always had a smile and would talk about those grand kids and driving that school bus. So blessed to have known him. I am sorry for ya'lls loss.
God Bless Dana Kinchen

Dana Kinchen - May 28, 2014 at 12:57 PM

PG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Joe's passing. I retired from DMV 5 1/2 years ago and Mr Joe is one person that I'll never forget. He was a sweet soul. My condolences to his family and friends. R.I.P. Mr. Joe, you earned your wings.

Penny Gann - March 02, 2014 at 07:50 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara.



February 14, 2014 at 08:46 PM

TJ

“ YOU WERE THE SWEETEST PERSON I HAVE EVER KNOWN HEAVEN NOW HAS ONE VERY SPECIAL ANGEL THAT EVERYONE HERE ON EARTH WILL SADLY MISS.LOVE YOU POP JOE



THERESA JOHNSON - February 14, 2014 at 02:23 PM

DL

*“ Karla, TJ & family---so sorry for your loss. We will have your family in our prayers. Always look up & know that you have a special angel looking over you.
Love,
Stormy & Denise Lee*

Denise Lee - February 14, 2014 at 07:27 AM

TH

“ Karla & Family, Mr Joe was always so kind and nice to my children and I. I am also thankful for the love and support he gave to Hannah. He will be missed but God has given us the reassurance that we will see him again. I pray for peace and comfort. RIP Mr Joe.

Trey & Christy Harrison - February 13, 2014 at 11:40 AM



“ I once worked for his nephew George at Ponchatoula Cleaners, George called him Uncle Joe. When Big Joe come by the cleaners are call on the phone I will tell George he was needed either on the phone or at the front desk George would ask who is it? Then I would say Uncle Joe so I called him Uncle Joe as well, but I knew him before when I would go get my brake tag and buy tires at Hammond tires when it was in the fork in the road he was a good man one day when I was getting my tag I left my wallet at home he went on and put the tag on I went home and got his money and brought it back that's how we used live in a small town Hammond. Later when I started singing with a Domino Band he didn't realize I could sing but every time he saw me he would tell me how great I sing and constantly encourage me to continue on. Take Your Rest Uncle Joe.
Charlene Kelly

Charlene Ennis Shockley-Kelly - February 12, 2014 at 09:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara.



February 12, 2014 at 04:14 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your lost, Mr. Joe was a Great person, and will be missed by everyone that he came across. I miss seeing him and talking to him, and all the stories of his life, he had the greatest smile, he was a genuine person.

Shelley Savoy - February 12, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara.*



February 12, 2014 at 02:48 PM



“ *Joe,*

Sorry to hear of your loss my friend. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Tom & Robin Calamia

Tom Calamia - February 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM



“ *I will miss my good friend Big Joe ,All the Thursdays night dinner we had ,he was a good friend. JOHN LOCICERO.*

andy locicero - February 12, 2014 at 09:23 AM

JP

“ Dear Pat, 'Lil Joe, Karla, and Kevin,
When I heard of Cousin "Big Joe's" passing, I was shocked. He left this earth way before his time. I am going to miss seeing him almost every Sunday afternoon passing by our house on his chuck wagon on his way to the Notariano "Neighborhood" to visit with his cousins. He loved life, he loved his family, and he loved helping others in need. He was truly a generous man and would give the shirt off his back if anyone needed it. Joe was one of four male cousins in our family who was honored to take the name of our Dear Grandfather, Joe. Maybe that is how his nickname "Big Joe" came about. "Cousin", you will be truly missed by everyone. We love you, and may God wrap his loving arms around you in Heaven.
Your cousins,
Jo Ann and Sal Prescia

Jo Ann and Sal Prescia - February 12, 2014 at 08:17 AM

BW

“ Mr joe alway give me a hug and kiss every time I seen him and ask how you doing girl he cut up with me and I loved him joe and Karla so much he will be missed dearly

billie wall - February 12, 2014 at 07:56 AM

BO

“ Praying for his family. He was a good man .

bonnie - February 12, 2014 at 07:26 AM

NG

“ Praying for the family. Keep God first. Luv the Gibson family

natisha gibson - February 12, 2014 at 06:59 AM

JA

Joe you were a true friend and like a brother to my brother Johnny Locicero. I am so sorry for your family's loss. God be with you and your family.

*Josie Locicero Andrews
Mesquite Texas*

Josie Locicero Andrews - February 12, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ *I thank God for sending Mr. Joe AKA Big Joe Lacara in the mist of the youth in Greenville Park (GP). He helped to make a difference in my life and many kids from the area. He was great as a inspection sticker man and I'm grateful for all his support of my outreach ministry work and his encouragement of it. R. I. P. Big Joe!!!!*



Renee Washington - February 12, 2014 at 01:16 AM

CL

“ *Sympathy to the family. My daughter rode his bus in kindergarten , and every time I saw him he would say ' how's my girl. Mr Joe your girl is doing fine.*

Carole Loyd - February 12, 2014 at 12:51 AM

BR

“ I admit that I have often thought of "Big Joe" as the Pied Piper of Hammond, in that with his tanacity and load of charm, he could stand on the street corner and draw a crowd and not lift a finger.

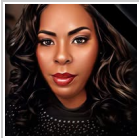
The Brother had a knack for talking and a Gift of Gab loathed for by some a many of Gospel Preachers, including this one.

*He loved prayer, his God, Family and Church.
Encouraged people to get a job and stop whining.*

Thank God for "Big Joe of Hammond". We've been greatly touched by Him.

*Bishop Melvin Rushing
Hammond, La.*

Bishop Mevin Rushing - February 11, 2014 at 11:49 PM



“ I'm a classmate of Karla's. I've been knowing Mr. Joe for over 30 years!! He always made me laugh and was always helpful at Hammond Tire!! You'll truly be missed!!

Suzette(Blackburn) Lange

Suzette Lange - February 11, 2014 at 11:49 PM

TJ

“ **THERESA JOHNSON** lit a candle in memory of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara



THERESA JOHNSON - February 11, 2014 at 11:46 PM

DG

“ Joe is my brother-in-law. I am Pat's youngest sister, Dorothy Taylor Greene. Joe is someone that I have always looked up to. When I was little, and he and Pat were dating and newly married, he would take me to the Zesto drive-in to get ice cream. Although I was too young to really remember that, the story is real to me because Joe would tell me about it with such joy in his eyes and laughter in his smile that I knew it was a special memory for him and one that binds us together.

His love for people and helping those in need are his trademarks. He would often talk about the kids on his school bus. He loved them and was a great influence in many of their lives. His impact in the Hammond area community is immeasurable. Everyone knew, "Big Joe."

Joe, you have been an awesome brother-in-law and have influenced many lives for good! Thank you for being such a wonderful husband to my sister. I love you and we will meet again.

Rest in peace, dear brother. You are greatly missed!

Dorothy Taylor Greene - February 11, 2014 at 09:36 PM

CL

“ Mr Joe was a very nice and sweet person known him for years supported his business for years I'm very proud to have known Mr Joe he was always in a happy mood everytime you seen him I've also had the pleasure of waiting on him at the Iron Skillet he will truly be missed by many..... May God bless him and his family..... Cynthia Lawrence

cynthia lawrence - February 11, 2014 at 09:29 PM



Shaquonz
Bryant

“ *Im so sorry for your lost. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Shaquonza Bryant - February 11, 2014 at 09:27 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Theresa Alack Pope*



theresa alack pope - February 11, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ *The world has lost a wonderful man. Praying for all of you. May the love of God bless you and hold you close always.*

Rae Pomares Venable - February 11, 2014 at 08:37 PM



Robyn
Williams

“ *Robyn Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara*



Robyn Williams - February 11, 2014 at 08:25 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. My condolences and prayers of comfort for his family. Big Joe was always happy to see me and made me feel welcome. He will be missed by the many he touched!*

Jim Riche' - February 11, 2014 at 08:23 PM

SH

“ Karla and family: So sorry for your loss. Mr. Joe was always so friendly and he treated Hannah like his own grandchild, which is something not a whole lot of men would do. His personality was larger than life and his passing will leave a big gap in the lives of all that knew him well. I'm sure of that. R.I.P. Mr. Joe.

Sharon Hawkins - February 11, 2014 at 07:53 PM

SS

“ My condolences and prayers are with you all. Big Joe will be missed by the many lives that he touched. I will miss seeing his smiling face and will never forget how happy he always was to see me when I used to go into the shop. He was a very special person when he walked this earth and now he is a very special angel smiling down on everyone that he loved! Rest in peace Big Joe.



Sherry Addison Schexnayder - February 11, 2014 at 07:52 PM

CC

“ so sorry for loss RIP Big Joe sends prayers to family & friend

charlotte carmack - February 11, 2014 at 05:57 PM

JP

“ There are many "Joe's" in our area, but there was only one "Big Joe" and there will always be only one "Big Joe" in our hearts.. "Cousin" as he referred to me and so many more, rest in peace !!
Love...Janet Anne & Chris

Janet Piediscalzo - February 11, 2014 at 01:16 PM

VR

“ So very sorry to hear about Mr. Joe. My thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy to the entire Lacara family.

Vickie Morgan Richards - February 11, 2014 at 10:29 AM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss, and the loss of our dear friend. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon and Eloise anderson - February 11, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SG

“ Sara Gregory lit a candle in memory of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara



Sara Gregory - February 10, 2014 at 10:05 PM

SG

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful friend to all. He left an impact on many people, young and old. He will be greatly missed!

Sara Gregory - February 10, 2014 at 10:09 PM

TT

“ Aunt Pat, Lil Joe, Karla and Kevin, my heart is broken for all of you. Please know that you will all be in our thoughts and prayers. I hope that you will find peace in your hearts in time. We all love you and Uncle Joe was an amazing man. He has touched all of our lives in such a loving way. Until we meet him again..... Love Tammy

Tammy Notariano Turner - February 10, 2014 at 06:37 PM

KM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Lacara family. Prayers to the family.*

Donald and Kathy Meyers

Kathy Meyers - February 10, 2014 at 06:04 PM

GZ

“ *Ginger Zachmann lit a candle in memory of Joe "Big Joe" Lacara*



Ginger Zachmann - February 10, 2014 at 02:03 PM

DV

“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the entire Lacara family. Joe will be dearly missed - what an awesome, kind and loving friend to all.*
Della and Lynn Vitrano, Loranger

Della Vitrano - February 10, 2014 at 01:20 PM