



# Joseph Lee Munroe

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**J**oseph Lee “Joe” Munroe, age 76, passed away peacefully on March 9, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Joe was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving his country with honor from 1968 to 1988 and retiring as a Staff Sergeant. His dedication to duty and service was unwavering, but nothing meant more to him than the family he loved so deeply.

Joe was born on May 24, 1949, in Washington, DC, to Lamar Munroe and Vernona Munroe. He graduated from Wakefield High School in 1968 and soon after answered the call to serve by enlisting in the Army. During his 20 years of military service, he served during the Vietnam era and was stationed in several locations around the world, experiences that shaped the strength, discipline, and resilience he carried throughout his life.

While stationed in Korea, Joe met the love of his life, Sang Munroe. The two were married on November 7, 1980, beginning a beautiful partnership that would span 45 years. Their beloved daughter, Elizabeth Kobilansky, was born on June 11, 1981. In January of 1982, the family arrived in the United States and made their home in Alexandria, Virginia, before settling in Springfield, Virginia, in 1989.

Joe often said that his greatest accomplishment in life was the life he built with Sang and the family they created together. Their marriage was one of deep love, loyalty, and partnership. In his final days, reflecting on a life well lived, Joe shared words that perfectly captured his spirit: “I am not afraid. I lived a good life.”

At the time of his passing, he was a Security Shift Supervisor at Tysons Corner Center, where he worked for 30 years. He took great pride in his work and was admired for his leadership, integrity, and steady presence. To many coworkers, Joe became a mentor, role model, and trusted friend.



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Joe lived his life guided by purpose and a strong faith in God. He encouraged those around him to strive to be the best versions of themselves and believed deeply in the power of perseverance and character. Though he sometimes carried a tough exterior, those who knew him best knew the truth—his heart was full of kindness, generosity, and unwavering love. Helping others came naturally to him, whether through mentorship, friendship, or simple acts of encouragement.

Nothing brought Joe more joy than time spent with his family. He loved celebrating life's milestones, holidays, and everyday moments together. His grandchildren, Alyssa Lusby and Ian Lusby, held a special place in his heart, and he was immensely proud to be their Grandpa. They brought him endless joy and laughter.

One of Joe's greatest gifts was his ability to find happiness in life's simple moments. Fishing was one of his greatest passions. He taught Elizabeth how to fish when she was young, and she proudly became his favorite "fishing buddy." Together they spent many peaceful summer evenings casting lines from the dock at Burke Lake, watching the sun set across the water and enjoying the quiet beauty of the moment.

Joe and Sang also treasured their annual fishing day trips on the Chesapeake Bay with their lifelong friends, James "Jim" and Anna Reece. These traditions, built over many years, were filled with laughter, friendship, and memories that will forever be cherished.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Lamar Munroe and Vernona Munroe; his stepmother, Gladys Munroe; his brother, Lamar Munroe Jr.; and his sister, Elizabeth Milke.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Sang Munroe; his daughter, Elizabeth Kobilansky; his son-in-law, Nicholas Kobilansky; his beloved grandchildren, Alyssa Lusby and Ian Lusby; his sister, Irma Benca; his stepsister, Jean Smith; his godson, Joseph Limes; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who will carry his memory forward.

Joe will be remembered for his strength, his faith, his unwavering devotion to his family, and the quiet ways he lifted others up. His life was one of service, love, and purpose, and his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched.

In the end, Joe's life was defined not by titles or years, but by the love he gave so freely to those around him. He was a devoted husband, a proud father, a cherished grandfather, a beloved



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brother, a loving uncle, and a loyal friend. Though his presence will be deeply missed, the lessons he taught, the laughter he shared, and the love he poured into his family and friends will continue to guide and comfort those who knew him. His story lives on in the hearts of the people who loved him most, and his memory will remain a lasting blessing.

A graveside service will be held on March 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Culpeper National Cemetery, 501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper, VA 22701 with honors provided by the United States Army and the VFW Post 2524. Fr. Michael Gray will be officiating.

Arrival instructions for the funeral service:

Please arrive at the funeral home anytime after 12:00 PM; a funeral procession to the cemetery will begin around 12:45 PM, Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA 22701.

A "Celebration of Life" reception will be held immediately following the funeral service at Peppers Grill, 791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Joe's memory to his favorite charity, Wounded Warrior Project.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at <https://www.foundandsons.com>

Found and Sons Funeral Chpael of Culpeper is serving the family.



# Events

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## Graveside Service


 **Friday**, March 27, 2026

 1:00 PM ET

 **Culpeper National Cemetery (New)**  
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## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Margie A.** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Munroe family.

March 21 at 1:38 PM



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**Kwame Mubarak** posted:

Joe! popularly known among his working piers as Sgt! was a good friend and colleague at Tysons Corner- I was proud to to be the first Security Director who promoted Joe to senior supervisor position. Joe is very empathetic, able to understand and share the feelings of others. A great personality is lost Kwame

March 21 at 11:33 AM



**Alyssa Lusby** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My grandpa was the greatest man i've ever known. He was loving and caring, and anybody who knew him would agree. Even in the last moments of his beautiful life, he never made me feel unloved. I miss him dearly. I remember when I was so sad that I could not get a stuffed animal I had wanted from a store (sounds funny, I know). I came home from school one day and entered my room to see the cutest stuffed animal, the one I had wanted. It was placed on my bed, a symbol of love. To this day, I have sewed every piece that may be out of place, or even fallen off. I sleep with this stuffed animal every night, and it has its very own place on the bed. For every accomplishment I have in the future, he will ALWAYS have a front row seat. Every birthday, every dinner, every joke made, he will be there in my heart. I love my grandpa so much and will never forget the lessons taught and memories made.- alyssa , his grandbaby ❤️❤️



March 18 at 7:11 PM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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