



## Joe Wayne Graves

May 2, 1977 - December 9, 2025

Joe Wayne Graves, born Joe Wayne Gilbert, Jr. on May 2, 1977, passed away peacefully at his home in Kenner, LA. He left behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and music. He was a devoted husband to Jeanne Poupart Graves and loving stepfather to Blair Poupart. He is survived by his sisters, Nazarene Molero-Chatelain (Gary) and Rena Hurt (Shaine); his father, Joe Gilbert and step-father Jeb Klink; his nieces and nephews: Drew Chatelain, Mazzi and David Poupart, Cullen and Riley Hurt; his dogs: Sage, Bodhi and Luna; along with a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Ann Graves-Klink, his stepfather, Larry Molero Jr. and his other dogs: Bo bo, Sasha and Raji.

Joe was a proud Marine Corps veteran, an exceptional artist, and a gifted musician. Known for his warm spirit, Joe never met a stranger and made everyone feel seen and heard. He also had a gift for making people laugh and finding humor in everything.

A celebration of life will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church's Morris Hall, located at 100 Rex Dr., River Ridge, LA 70123, on Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 12 pm - 3 pm. Interment will follow on Tuesday 1/27/2026 at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, 34888 Grantham College Dr., Slidell, LA 70460 at 12:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to help support Joe's wife via her Venmo or Zelle account.



# Cemetery Details

## Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

34888 Grantham College Rd.  
Slidell, LA 70460

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
100 Rex Drive  
River Ridge, LA 70123

## Inurnment

JAN 27. 12:30 PM (CT)

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery  
34888 Grantham College Rd.  
Slidell, LA 70460

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Phillip & Padgitt Pons and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Wayne Graves.



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Phillip & Padgitt Pons and family - January 24 at 11:50 AM

HR

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family, our hearts are broken and I pray God will give everyone peace and comfort during this difficult time. I was about 8 when Joe (Joey) became my first nephew and my entire family fell in love with him. We may not have been related by blood but we were related by love and never thought anything different, he was a part of our family. He had so many talents when he was a little boy and into adulthood that are too many to list but I was always proud of the man he became, loving, caring, funny, smart and just an all around great guy who was loved beyond measure. He was as they say the Apple of my brother Larry's eye and I have no doubt the day you entered heaven he was there to greet his son with the biggest hug ever along with your mom who loved you with all of her heart. I have peace knowing you are with family who have gone on before, what a family reunion that must have been. Joe you are and will be missed until the day I see you again. Vaya con Dios my sweet nephew.  
~Aunt Holly

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Holly Molero Raybon - January 16 at 03:27 PM

BK

Holly,

Joe spoke of you all many times during our daily talks. He loved you all very much. I'm sure you are all grieving as much as we all are and for that you have my deepest condolences for y'all loss as well. We are all family. Joe never put much in the way of blood as he knew what true devotion and love was, and you all gave him that. I thank y'all for loving him so much. I personally COUKDNT have loved him more then if I had burned him myself. He gave me more laughter, love and devotion that I m most thankful for. Again many hugs and kisses to you and yours. Thank y'all for loving Joe, I'm sure he made it easy as he was as wonderful a man as you say. He will be missed more than I can say. I know he will be waiting front and center as my sister Clara who I can't say in words how much she was loved and missed every single day. My heart is so heavy but I know God has a plan and until then I will hold on to my faith. Kiss everyone for me.  
Love, Belinda

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**Belinda Klink** - March 21 at 07:22 AM

LD

“ Heart broken, you left us too soon. Enjoyed babysitting you and your lil sis Renee. But knowing you're with family and Jesus on the other side enjoying love and joy brings me peace. May God mend all the hearts that are broken because of your departure.

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**Linda Davidson** - January 16 at 02:01 PM

BK

Linda,

Thank you for being a loving Aunt. Yes, he was taken way too soon and life as I know it will never be the same. He was such a joy. He was so well rounded and I'll miss our marathons of deep conversations as we had often. He had a way of making everyone feel special and brought joy and happiness to everyone life. He will be missed. My Rene his sister was so close to Joe. May God give her peace, as well as his devoted and loving wife Jeanne, I have some peace knowing his life was good having Jeanne who was devoted and loved Joe more then life it self. I'm thrilled that his time here was with such a wonderful wife.  
Kiss and hugs to you all.  
Love, Belinda,

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**Belinda Klink** - March 21 at 07:30 AM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jeanne Graves** - January 16 at 09:27 AM

TM

“ *My dear friend, "I miss you even more because I never got to say goodbye. " That really hurts. You were a light in my life, and everyone who knew you. Although you are gone, that light will never fade. A piece of my heart is now a star in the sky. Rest in piece. Your memory will live on.*

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**Tisa McNulty** - January 15 at 08:22 PM

PJ

“ *We met Joe when we first moved into our new home and he was genuinely concerned for our little dashound that had gotten out. About a year later joe knocked on my door to let me know they found a kitten and he was knocking door to door to help a little kitten get home. Always kind and knew he was an animal lover. Jeanne and Joe had their big babies that they love dearly. Joe will indeed be missed. Nothing but kindness.*

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**Patricia Jurado** - January 15 at 06:09 PM

RH

“ Today I choose to honor you by sharing the memories that shaped my life—the laughter, the joy, and the moments that made everything brighter just because you were there.

*I hope heaven has those clear mats you could flip over so people can walk barefoot on them—because even there, I know you’re still making people smile.*

*You were the best big brother I could have ever asked for. God knew exactly what He was doing when He placed you in my life, because He knew I would need you.*

*Until I see you again, enjoy those golden roads filled with music, love, and endless laughter.*

*Forever loved. Forever missed. □*

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**Rena Hurt** - January 15 at 05:15 PM