



Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC

January 24, 1986 - August 31, 2010

Sgt. Joseph Anthony Bovia, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed while defending our freedom in Marjah, Afghanistan on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. He was 24, a native of New Orleans and a lifelong resident of Kenner. Beloved son of Teresa Moorhead Bovia and Herbert Joseph Bovia, Jr. Brother of Matthew Pierce Bovia. Brother-in-law of Kaitlin Ward Bovia. Grandson of the late Valerie Bonvillain and Herbert Bovia and Helen Hawkins and Robert Moorhead. Nephew of Susan and Jack Doell, Ray and Shirley Bonvillain and Marshall Moorhead. Cousin of Justin and Caroline Doell, Kirstie Dobson, Robert Moorhead and Helen Thompson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. Services at First Baptist Church of New Orleans, 5290 Canal Blvd., N.O., LA 70124 on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery. Visitation at church on Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or The Care Effect Ministry, 5290 Canal Blvd., N.O., LA 70124.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70001

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of New Orleans
5290 Canal Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70124

Visitation

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of New Orleans
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Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Dorothy and I watched him grow up at Williams Blvd Baptist Church. He was a Christian, a true Marine and a real hero. I cannot believe he's gone. My daughter Ariane just saw him out relaxing one night while home on leave with Jeffrey Rankin a couple of weeks ago. She was visibly shocked when she heard the news. The Bitter Family is at Celebration Church on Airline now, and our family's heart reaches out to yours in Christian Love. We wish you all PEACE and we wish you the best. God Bless.
Kevin, Dorothy, Ariane, Kevin Jr., and Luke.



Kevin Dorothy Bitter - September 11, 2010 at 08:11 PM

EB

“ Dear Mr. And Mrs. Bovia, Marsha and I will dearly miss Joey. He was so full of life and a living testament to the Lord Jesus Christ in everything he did. He touched our lives and Jeremy's as well, since they wear the closest and dearest of friends. He made everyone he met smile and enjoy life. He projected his faith by actions as well as words and was a terrific young man. He was like our second son and we felt very close to him, and he called us mom and dad when we saw him. We are praying for you and your family each and every day for God's comfort to sustain and abide in you during this time of your horrible loss. He touched the life of all he met and became friends with. He was a blessing to this earth who was sent by God to enhance many lives and people. Although we have never met in person, we have heard much about you and your family and we are sure you are wonderful people who raised a fantastic son and Marine. We are also sure that you and your family live by the same thoughts as us as stated in Joshua; " As for me and my house we will serve the Lord". How true and comforting those words are and to live by. We also hope to one day meet you and see the wonderful parents who raised such a wonderful and faithful son. In all ways we are God's children, and we all know that one day we will meet in the house of the Lord our God. May God bless and sustain for all the days that will come through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Edward Buckshot - September 10, 2010 at 04:04 AM

EB

“ Donation matching mine made to Wounded Warriors in honor of Joseph Bovia by "A Few Good Men Marines, of which I am an original charter member.

Edward Buckshot - September 10, 2010 at 03:47 AM

EB

“ Donation made to Wounded Warriors in honor of Joseph Bovia

Edward Buckshot - September 10, 2010 at 03:44 AM

“*"Just for today", I will try to live through the next 24 hours and not expect to get over my child's death, but instead learn to live with it just one day at a time. "Just for today", I will remember my child's life, not their death, and bask in the comfort of all those treasured days and moments we shared.*

"Just for today", I will forgive all the family and friends who did not help or comfort me the way I needed them to. They truly did not know how.

"Just for today", I will smile no matter how much I hurt on the inside, for maybe if I smile a little, my heart will soften and I will begin to heal.

"Just for today", I will free myself from my self-inflicted burden of guilt, for deep in my heart I know if there was anything in this world I could have done to save my child from death, I would have done it.

"Just for today", I will honor my child's memory by doing something with another child because I know that would have made my own child proud.

"Just for today", I will offer my hand in friendship to another bereaved parent, for I do know how they feel.

"Just for today", when my heart feels like breaking, I will stop and remember that grief is the price we pay for loving, and the only reason I hurt is because I had the privilege of loving so much.

"Just for today", I will not compare myself with others. I am fortunate to be who I am and to have had my child for as long as I did.

"Just for today", I will allow myself to be happy, for I know that I am not deserting my child by living on.

"Just for today", I will accept that I did not die when my child did, my life did go on, and I am the only one who can make that life worthwhile once more..... I truly hope that this poem helps you thru this time of grief..... Sincerely, Elizabeth Pena

EP

“ Dear MR. & MRS Bovia and family, You don't know me, and I never had the honor of meeting your son who seemed to be a very special person, but as a parent myself I truly know how you feel right now because I have been there, you see I too have lost a child, and it is going to be a very long and dark road ahead of you. I just wanted to let you know that there is light at the end of this hurtful journey, it is by far the most painful journey that I have ever taken, losing a child is so hard and by far the worst pain that I have ever gone thru, but thru the help of god, and the compassionate friends group that I have joined it has taught me that you never get over the sadness of losing a child you just learn how to live with it in a different way. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of your beloved son. I did go to service today and it so beautiful it really moved me and brought tears and sadness to my heart and it was truly a honor to be able to share this day with your family. P.S. I was truly blessed to be at your son's grave site and to see that he was being layed to rest right across from my daughter, I went and visited her also and let her know that she was in good company. Please read on because I would love to share a poem with you that has helped me in so many ways, I hope that it does the same for you. Sincerely yours, Elizabeth Pena

Elizabeth Pena - September 08, 2010 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ Thank you for giving unselfishly of yourself to protect me and my freedom. My condolences to the Bovia family. (you don't know me, but I unfortunately have read about your son and want to thank Sgt Bovia and you from the bottom of my soul) With prayers!



Charlene Hock - September 08, 2010 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ *Christie Hebert lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Christie Hebert - September 08, 2010 at 12:27 PM

BH

“ *Bobbi Harrigan lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Bobbi Harrigan - September 07, 2010 at 11:44 PM

BH

“ *Susan and Family I'm so sorry for your loss...*



Bobbi Harrigan - September 07, 2010 at 11:43 PM

DW

“ *Doug W. lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Doug W. - September 07, 2010 at 09:28 PM

AB

“ My dear sweet Joey, my heart is just so overwhelmed. I know for sure I have a new guardian angel by side. When our group from FBC Belton, came down to visit your church and do mission work back in 2001 and 2002 I never dreamed I would have gained such a great friend! You always went out of your way to make people smile. You never met a stranger and always spoke with such kindness in your voice. I have so enjoyed our friendship for the past ten years. You truly were such a man of God, and that's what gives me such comfort is knowing where your heart was with Him. Please know that your memory will never be forgotten. You are loved and cherished by all. Rest with the angels in heaven above. I love you.
Ashley Basile
Belton, Texas



Ashley Basile - September 07, 2010 at 07:52 PM

LB

“ I think of you often and pray that God will bless and comfort you.
Ricky and Linda Barbara

Linda Barbara - September 07, 2010 at 05:50 PM

BC

“ *Theresa, while time has passed since we worked together we still have that special bond of being "Marine Moms". We felt anxiety and pride when our child enlisted realizing their dedication to God, country, and fellow man. Whenever any Marine is injured or fatally wounded, we feel pain as if that Marine was our own. Please know my entire family is praying for all of you and keeping Joey in our hearts. Joey is a true hero and a fine example of a Christian man. May his sacrifice touch the lives of many young Americans. Semper Fi.*

Bernie Cullen

Bernie Cullen - September 07, 2010 at 04:22 PM

BC

“ *Bernie Cullen lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Bernie Cullen - September 07, 2010 at 04:17 PM

NP

“ *Nena Patton lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Nena Patton - September 07, 2010 at 03:15 PM

LC

“ *Lindsay Cade lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Lindsay Cade - September 07, 2010 at 03:13 PM

CM

“ *Dear Bovia Family,
You really don't know me. I am a friend of Jack and Susan Doell. I remember Susan talking so fondly of her nephew. May the Lord's Healing Hands be placed on your family to experience peace. Please know that your son died for a just and noble cause- defending our beloved country.
With deepest sympathy,
Cindy Moscona*

Cindy Moscona - September 07, 2010 at 02:27 PM

JE

“ *Herb and Teresa, my deepest sympathies and prayers go out to you in this most difficult of times. My biggest disappointment is not having met Joseph but I have no doubt he was a fine young man and marine.
God Bless,
J.C.(Jimmy)Ellis*

James Ellis - September 07, 2010 at 01:50 PM



“ Robert Chadborn lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Robert Chadborn - September 07, 2010 at 01:31 PM



I am proud to have known and worked with this Marine's Mother.

Robert Chadborn - September 07, 2010 at 01:32 PM

CB

“ I had the pleasure of teaching Joseph in 9th grade at John Curtis Christian High School (physical science). He was a blessing to teach and his enthusiasm for his awesome (and winning) science fair project on cockroaches still lives vividly in my memory. Even though Joseph left Curtis, he still stayed in touch. He visited me and also stayed in contact with me via the Internet. When he spoke of the Marines and his service, he had the same wonderful and dedicated enthusiasm that still made me smile. I will never forget his infectious smile and zeal for life. I am so proud of Joseph and his commitment to serve his country. I am honored to have been a part of Joseph's life. From Drew Brees book, *Coming Back Stronger*, this quote made me think of Joseph, "Attitude speaks to the way you approach life. You can't always determine your circumstances, but you can always determine your attitude....approaching each day...knowing that as long as we do things the right way, good things are going to happen." Joseph always had a positive attitude and did things the right way and I know he is with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Cathy Boucvalt

cathy boucvalt - September 07, 2010 at 08:55 AM

SY

“ John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.



I did not know Joseph personally, but I am grateful for him, his family, and his friends. It is because of people like Joseph that we are able to experience the rich life that we do in the USA. To Joseph's family and friends, you have helped to shape a man who would give all for us ... to his mom, as the mother of four boys, one a USAF Staff Sargeant - My heart goes out to you. Since I learned of your loss I have been constantly reminded to pray. I am confident that the Holy Spirit will console and comfort you and that your deep sorrow will gradually be replaced with peace in Jesus.

Sue Yancich - September 07, 2010 at 08:30 AM

DD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Joseph is our hero and has earned a spot in heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

*Sincerely,
Don & Emelda Dessauer & Family*

Don Dessauer - September 07, 2010 at 07:49 AM

SA

“ Herb and Teresa, my sincere wishes for the both of you, may God bless you both and keep the memory of your son alive forever. Rest in peace Sgt. Bovia and may God be with you and your family, "Fair Winds and Following Seas", Retired Navy Chief and former Reserve Officer NOPD, two combat tours, In-country, Vietnam, Steve Aucoin, Saint Gabriel, LA

Steve Aucoin - September 07, 2010 at 12:14 AM

BA

“ Thoughts and prayers to Herb, Teresa and the Bovia Family.

Bruce Anderson - September 06, 2010 at 09:06 PM

TN

“ My sincere sympathy and condolences is the recent passing of Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bovia United States Marine Corps. I and other members of our Corps, past and present, salute his service to our Corps and the utlimate sacrifice Sergeant Bovia made for our Country! Sergeant Bovia will surely be missed; however, Sergeant Bovia is now assigned to the Division called "The House of the Lord" where he will dwell forever and serve under the BEST COMMANDER known to man!

Major Ted C. Mc Neel Sr. USMC Retired

Ted Mc Neel - September 06, 2010 at 02:36 PM

GB

“ Today, we read the editorial in the newspaper and then we read the obituary about a brave young man who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country and for us. We honor and salute Sgt. Joseph Anthony Bovia, U.S. Marine Corps.

Greg Karen Barton - September 06, 2010 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ You and your brave son are in my thoughts a prayers. He gave his life for me and my children. I am eternally grateful. God bless.

Tawnya Fitzmorris - September 06, 2010 at 10:59 AM

NF

“ As the family of a LCPL in the USMC we will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. My little brother, LCPL Joshua Newman, leaves today for Afghanistan and he sends his condolences to your family. I would like to thank your son for all he has done and all of his fellow marines for their service to our nation. God bless you!

Newman Family - September 06, 2010 at 10:46 AM

WL

“ On behalf of my family, we thank you and your son for your sacrifice. We only know him thru the news but he meets the definition of a great American. We will keep all of you in our prayers. I know you are proud of him and rightly so.

Wheeler Lalonde - September 06, 2010 at 10:45 AM

GA

“ To the Bovia family and friends, I did know Joseph but wanted to tell you as an American Citizen that I thank you with all my heart for his service and his sacrifice God Bless

Gayle Albano - September 06, 2010 at 08:52 AM

CP

“ If the Army and the Navy ever look on heavens scene, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.
Semper Fi



CMDCM(FMF/SW/SCW) Porter - September 06, 2010 at 07:15 AM

EM

“ Edmay Mayers lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Edmay Mayers - September 06, 2010 at 06:45 AM

JB

“ I never met this fine Patriot, but through the Patriot Guard Riders, I have learned of his service and ultimate sacrifice for his family and country. My thank for his service, and his sacrifice, so that I may soon sleep in peace, knowing Joseph, and others such as he, are at the ready to defend me in the event someone wishes to do me harm. What a wonderful photo posted here! He's so full of happiness and pride; I, too, am proud of him, My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of SgT. Joseph Anthony Bovia, United States Marine Corps; surely he will be missed, and during your tremendous grief, I pray God's Grace will give you comfort, and may His Mercy give you peace! He will not be forgotten! J.Steve/ Vietnam Vet.

J.Steve Bogie/Baker, - September 05, 2010 at 09:29 PM

JA

“ Bovia Family,
So Sorry to hear about Joey, he was a fine young man, take heart and meet each minute with faith in God's great love and know that He's with you now and He'll see you through to better times. God bless all.
With Love and Prayers,
Jackie and Steffanie Bruzeau

Jackie - September 05, 2010 at 05:20 PM

AB

“ I have so many memories with you but the one that I will never forget is how I met you. Jeff wanted me to meet his friend so badly, so I said I would go to church with him. Little did I know when Jeff's mom picked me up, Joey was hiding in the back trunk of the van. I sat in the seat and he jumped up and scared me about halfway to church. After that, we were inseparable. That was 9 years ago and we still talked all the time. Although I couldn't talk to him as much as I wanted because of him being overseas, everytime we talked, we would pick up right where we left off. He was great at doing that. He was a great listener and advice giver. He never judged people and was always open to listen. I miss him and I'm going to miss those random phone calls, text messages, and e-mails. They always made me smile. Save me a good seat up in heaven. "I love you kid.."

Amy Boudreaux - September 05, 2010 at 12:55 PM

LT

“ I remember the week i was checking in to go on the 31st M.E.U. when he came towards me and asked me who I was and asked about me as a person and told me he was going to make me a killer. over the months of knowing SGT. Bovia i've become someone completely different than i was years ago of my two years of being in Okinawa SGT. Bovia has made a big difference in my life



Lcpl Taylor - September 05, 2010 at 05:50 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Brenda Byrd - September 04, 2010 at 05:04 PM

BB

What an awesome young man. Richard and I watched him grow up into a man who loved Jesus with all of his heart. I will miss him and his beautiful smile. He truly had a love for Jesus, life and his beautiful family.

Brenda Byrd - September 04, 2010 at 05:10 PM

GP

“ *Glen Helen Philmon lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Glen Helen Philmon - September 04, 2010 at 04:56 PM

CT

“ *" the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me."*
2 Timothy 4:6-8



Cinnamon Tucker - September 04, 2010 at 01:20 PM

CT

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Cinnamon Tucker - September 04, 2010 at 01:17 PM

SN

“*What a blessing in my life to watch Joey grow from a young boy to a wonderful servant of the Lord. Joey had a way of touching your heart with Big smiles and Big hugs. There was not a time Joey did not say I love you and I'm thankful for you. Joey showed the Love of Christ in his walk...how Deep was that Love.*

Sol Nelson - September 04, 2010 at 08:50 AM

Lori
Wilka

“ I cannot tell you how many times when I would come into the church at WBBC, Joey would come running up to me with his arm out wide calling out "Ms Lori!" and wrapped his arms around me for a great big hug. He had a way of reaching out to everyone that made them feel like you were #1 on his list. His smile melted my heart after a long day and always brought a smile and happiness to my heart. I still remember one time that I 'caught' him doing something he shouldn't be doing. When I called him on it he quickly apologized and then jokingly said "Man, I can't get a way with anything around here with 50 moms running around!" Then he gave me a hug and went on his way. His love for Christ was not just in words, but in deeds - and when he helped out he did with so much joy and enthusiasm. That was just Joey's way to do most everything. And that is how we lost him...doing the task at hand with all that he had. He always gave it his all and he gave all for the country he loved. Joey, my life is so much brighter because you were in it...and you will always be in my heart and memories. T and Herbie and Matt and Kaitlin - words cannot express my sorrow for your great lose...I can't even imagine what you are experiencing...but I know God does because he lost his Son too...and I pray that he carry you through this as only a loving and compassionate God can. Until we all meet again dearest Joey, enjoy the rewards you have earned in heaven. I John 2:17 "The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."



Lori Wilka - September 03, 2010 at 10:09 PM

LH

“ I remember the last time I chatted with Joey was a few months ago and it was a great memory. I remember being in ROTC together in high school and we were the military ball king and queen. That was a great memory. I also remember working with you at Chick-fil-A. Those were really great times!!!!!! I just want people to remember you as loving, fun to be around, always motivated, and a very great friend!!!!!! You will be truly missed!!! May God be with you!!!!!!

Leticia Hernandez - September 03, 2010 at 08:08 PM

DE

“ I remember the last time I saw you around the holidays this past year at Chick-fil-A, I think you were in town for Matt's wedding. If only I had known it would be the last time I saw you. I should have taken more time away from passing out sauces and refreshing beverages to catch up. Even though I remember you from high school it was working together at Chick-fil-A in Esplanade that I remember most, breading chicken, scrubbing floors, talking about the girl everybody, including you, had a crush on. But I'm glad you moved on to do such great things with your life. If I can become just half as honorable, caring, and all around wonderful as you, I will have truly succeeded in life. Semper Fi



Desiree Ernst - September 03, 2010 at 07:24 PM

KD

“ I remember when he was going to Iraq, and how the entire church prayed for his safety. I will never forget his polite mannerisms and how he loved Jesus, his parents and family, and the United States of America. God bless him. I know he is in a safe quiet place in Heaven. Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice for our freedom!



Kate Daphne's - September 03, 2010 at 02:18 PM

TM

“ I met Joey in 2005. He came with my company to Fallujah that year and he was definitely one of my favorite Marines. He had a lot of charisma. I'm writing this from overseas and want to send his family my condolences. In St. Vincent Basillica, Latrobe, Pennsylvania there is a candle burning and a service being held in his honor where I'm from. The folks there know who your son was and are praying for you during this sad time. Rest in Peace, Joey

Semper Fidelis

Tim Morris - September 03, 2010 at 11:55 AM

MP

“ I remember when my brother Jeremy got married and Joey was in the wedding, at the rehearsal dinner he had shared his frog legs with my youngest daughter. Joey was my brother best friend and like my little brother as well. I will miss him greatly. May you rest in peace and guard the gates of heaven



Michelle Powers - September 03, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ *this candle is lit in honor of my friend that died in the line of duty. i will definitely miss you joey. i will miss your wonderful smile and i will definitely regret not getting one last hug from you before this happened. and not only were you my friend but you were also my brother in Christ, and i cant wait to see you again someday. you touched so many hearts and lives. you will be missed by many.*

love your friend and sister in Christ, michelle borne



p.s. the bovia family is in our thoughts and prayers. i love you, theresa, herbie and matt.

Michelle Borne - September 03, 2010 at 06:22 AM

 Steve
Bonilla

“ *Joey you will be truly be missed by many, we never talked but i knew you through your brother, you were a great man and always will be to more than you know, you will live in our hearts and minds forever until each one of us meets you again, till then we miss you Joey*



Steve Bonilla - September 03, 2010 at 01:05 AM

NF

“ *Nicole & Family lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Nicole & Family - September 02, 2010 at 11:19 PM

ST

“ To the family of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia...I did not personally know this brave, young man and Marine, but what I do know is that he unselfishly gave his life to protect my freedoms and the freedoms of every American. God Bless him and God Bless this family.



Sharan Taylor - September 02, 2010 at 10:45 PM

CP

“ Joey, I am so glad to have met you. You were always full of life and brought smiles in everyone's faces. I remembered the email you sent to me explaining how you and your buddies managed to finish a game of monopoly during your deployment.



*Joey, you will forever be missed and you are one of a kind.
Thank you for everything.*

Chloe Pedroso - September 02, 2010 at 10:20 PM

PP

“ Sometimes you don't know why they are there in that God forsaken place. But, your son a true soldier is the reason our country is the land of the free and the home of the brave. Joseph Bovia is an American Hero. God Bless you.
Phyllis and Terry Puissegur



Phyllis Puissegur - September 02, 2010 at 10:17 PM



“ *I never imagined a day like this would come. You were like a 2nd brother to me growing up. I wish we could've been closer these past few years----my children would have loved and looked up to you. I will always cherish the memories.. ..*

Kaila Miller - September 02, 2010 at 10:07 PM

TP

“ *JOEY I REMEMBER THE FUN TIMES WE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL.....ITS HARD FOR ME TO SAY GOODBYE....I MISS YOU AND AM SO PROUD OF YOU..... YOU HAVE TRULY TOUCHED MY HEART AND I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU...I LOVE YOU JOEY AND I KNOW YOU ARE STILL WATCHING OVER ALL OF US....YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS..THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A PART OF MY LIFE...I CANT BELIEVE I TALKED TO YOU ONLY A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO....AGAIN I LOVE YOU JOEY REST IN PEACE*



TRACY PETERSEN - September 02, 2010 at 09:35 PM

 Kim Paretti

“ *May god Bless the Bovia family.....*

Kim Paretti - September 02, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ *Cindy Fleet (sister Of A Marine) sent a virtual gift in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Cindy Fleet (sister of a Marine) - September 02, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ *Cindy Fleet (sister Of A Marine) lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Cindy Fleet (sister of a Marine) - September 02, 2010 at 08:55 PM

OM

“ *His courage, his smile, his grace gladdened the hearts of those who had the privilege of loving him. A friend to many and sadly missed. Precious are the memories of Joey. To his parents remember...Absent from the body but present with the Lord. I'm so glad to know that one day i will see him again. Im praying for all of you.*



Olga Martinez - September 02, 2010 at 08:53 PM

KF

“ *Katie B.H.S. Friend lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Katie B.H.S. friend - September 02, 2010 at 08:04 PM

DB

“ *I will always remember you coming to my door in your uniform when you came home on leave. You looked so handsome and brave. I am proud that you were my daughter Amy's friend. She loved you. We were all blessed to know you.*

Darlene Boudreaux - September 02, 2010 at 06:41 PM

IG

“ Joey i miss seeing you in ROTC class you were the funniest nicer person i have met i miss you and love you lots remember when you went to visit me at home after i graduated in 07 and showed all the tats you got and told me what hey met i miss you like crazy one part of me you took it with you love you lots may God be with your soul and your family! miss you always and always will lots of love!



Iris Goicolea - September 02, 2010 at 06:25 PM

DB

“ Darlene Boudreaux lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Darlene Boudreaux - September 02, 2010 at 06:22 PM

SU

“ SSgt Dustin USMC sent a virtual gift in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



SSgt Dustin USMC - September 02, 2010 at 05:21 PM

LT

“ *Lori Treitler lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Lori Treitler - September 02, 2010 at 04:57 PM

C2

“ *CHRISTINA C/o 2003 lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



CHRISTINA c/o 2003 - September 02, 2010 at 04:36 PM

C2

“ *WE WERE IN SOCIOLOGY WITH MRS. HARMEYER'S CLASS, AND WE WERE GOOFING OFF ABOUT DIFFERENT STUFF..... THAT WILL BE THE GREATEST MEMORY TO HAVE HAD YOU AS A FRIEND AND TO HAVE YOU IN MY LIFE WAS A BLESSING.... WE LOVE YOU JOEY AND PRAY THAT YOUR GONNA WATCH OVER US, AND THANK YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU DID IN THE MARINES...WE WILL HONOR YOUR MEMORY BY PRAYING FOR THE OTHERS TO RETURN HOME SAFELY....*

CHRISTINA c/o 2003 - September 02, 2010 at 04:33 PM

EB

“ Joey, Marhsa and I (who you called mom and dad) are so very proud to have known you. You are like a son to US and OUR son's very best friend and brother. You will be sadly missed and it was such a great pleasure to know you and call you our second son. You will always be remembered in our hearts and we will carry the memories of you and your wonderful sense of humor. You were always happy, outgoing and making everyone smile. You lived the fullness of life with an attitude we should all have. It is so hard to believe you are gone and we won't see you again until we join you in heaven, which we look forward to. I praise you my fellow marine, for without you, life would have been a little less happy and joyful. The Lord created a special person in you and you will never be forgotten. "SEMPER FI" my brother in arms. We were blessed by GOD in knowing you. I salute you, and hand you over to our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Edward Buckshot - September 02, 2010 at 03:25 PM

KR

“ Joey, I will never forget you. You were always in a great mood and could always make me smile. Everyone that has ever met you knows how wonderful you were. You impacted the lives of everyone in the best of ways. Its very hard to beleive that you are gone. It doesnt seem possible. The world will never be the same without you. You will never be forgotten. Luv Ya Babe!! ;-)

Kristina Rodriguez - September 02, 2010 at 01:57 PM

DC

“ Dave Chaplain lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Dave Chaplain - September 02, 2010 at 01:55 PM

DC

My condolences for Joseph's family and the families of the other young men and women who placed themselves out front for our sake and in defense of freedom across the world. Semper Fi

Dave Chaplain - September 02, 2010 at 02:00 PM

AB

“ *Joey was the most amazing person anyone could ever be blessed to meet. He always thought of others and always wanted to fight for what he believed in. He was the strongest person I've ever know and extremely brave. He was the kind of guy that made every single girl feel like she was the only one on the planet, yet he had so many male friends that he called his brothers. Everyone who met him fell in love with him. He will never be forgotten. It is because of his bravery that we are able to live in freedom.*

We'll always love and miss you Joey.

Amy Boudreaux - September 02, 2010 at 01:07 PM

AB

“ *Amy Boudreaux lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Amy Boudreaux - September 02, 2010 at 01:04 PM

EG

“ Thank you Sgt. Joseph Anthony Bovia, for your dedication and bravery... You are truly a Hero and a great Worrier, to see how you have grown up and shaped your life for God's purpose was a blessing... To have you serve and protect is truly Honor and a great sacrifice, you will be missed but never forgotten! Our prayers are with you Herbie, Teresa, and Matthew, Family and friends... ”
Greater Love has no one then this, then to lay down one's life for his friends.” | John 15:13 |

Eric Guttuso - September 02, 2010 at 01:03 PM

LS

“ Lauren Scandurro lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Lauren Scandurro - September 02, 2010 at 12:50 PM

EG

“ Eric Guttuso lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Eric Guttuso - September 02, 2010 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ Herbie, Teresa, and Matthew...you are in our prayers. I always admired Joey and am thankful for the time I got to spend ministering at WBBC.
Jeff Box

Jeff Box - September 02, 2010 at 12:19 PM

PA

“ *Joey was so special there are no words to explain! Everyone who knew him loved him because you just couldn't help it. He was one of those rare people who always put other people's needs before his own. And that smile, there isn't another person on earth with that smile! Although he will be missed by us forever, he died doing what he believed in. I believe his father said it best, "Joey was a true warrior." He is gone from this earth but will never be forgotten! Joey lives on in our hearts!!! We love you Joey!!!*

Patti Aguilar and Family

Patti Aguilar - September 02, 2010 at 11:35 AM

LO

“ *Loretta lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Loretta - September 02, 2010 at 10:48 AM

LO

“ *I only got a a glance of the great man that he is. I wish I knew what to say to you right now to ease your pain. I am praying for you and the family in this time.*

Loretta - September 02, 2010 at 10:48 AM

CL

“ Christina Lewis lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Christina Lewis - September 02, 2010 at 10:32 AM

SV

“ God bless the Bovia Family. Your sacrafice to this Great Nation is truly appreciated. I symathize in so many ways, as a former Marine, the father of a Marine, and as a Police Officer. Joseph was certainly celebrated upon his arrival in Heaven and Jesus has another fine Marine by his side. We do these things for the men to our right, the men to our left, for Mom and Dad, and for our Country. He is a hero to all of those he served with and for. Semper Fi, Scott Vinson USMC/Gretna PD. If there is anything...don't hesitate.

Scott Vinson - September 02, 2010 at 10:01 AM

TA

“ Tessie Alligood lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC



Tessie Alligood - September 02, 2010 at 09:44 AM

TA

I'm so glad to have gotten the chance to meet you and personally thank you for your service to this country. The words you shared with my husband and I that day have changed the way I think of soldiers forever. You have my utmost respect! Rick and I will miss you terribly.

Tessie Alligood - September 02, 2010 at 09:46 AM

AS

“ *Ashlie lit a candle in memory of Sgt Joseph Anthony Bovia USMC*



Ashlie - September 02, 2010 at 09:42 AM

AS

I am so grateful for your service. My thoughts are with your family.

Ashlie - September 02, 2010 at 09:44 AM

GV

“ *From one Kenner guy to another, I thank you for fighting for the freedoms that me and my family share. You paid the ultimate price and we are thankful for your bravery, honor, and dedication to your countrymen. *** I know you are not an officer and I know you wouldn't want to be saluted...but We salute you!*

Geovanni and Family

Geovanni Velasquez - September 02, 2010 at 09:36 AM

MC

“ *Thank you for your service Sgt. Bovia, Just reading all the comments about you, I know you must have been a great guy. To your family & you, THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE & SACRIFICE. Enjoy Heaven.*

Margaret Carter - September 02, 2010 at 09:14 AM

WV

“ Joey was in the first group of youth I ever taught. My very first Sunday School class. I laugh because it was a 10th grade girl class, but somehow he managed to sneak in. He was a natural leader, passionate! He could light up a room by just walking in and there was always laughter to follow. He loved Jesus, and was not afraid to show it! When most teenagers get off track, He stood firm unashamed! I don't like talking about him as a was, because HE IS and he will always be remembered, I can see him running around in an ape suit keeping things interesting up in heaven,,, SEE you in eternity and Thanks for showing me how to be a good youth leader.....

Wendy Vogel - September 02, 2010 at 09:12 AM

JR

“ I remember in spanish class freshmen year, when Joey took of his shoe and showed everyone how he didn't have a bone in his little toe.. was the weirdest thing ive ever seen.. He was a great friend and will be greatly missed... RIP Joey!!!

Jennifer Robertson - September 02, 2010 at 12:16 AM

MM

“ The first time I saw Joey, he was heading to the choir room at WBBC looking for his mom with a big grin on his face; that said he was up to something. He went up to Teresa and gave her the biggest hug and kiss and told her it was not his fault. You know, I never found out what was not his fault, but that is okay. I got to meet you, Joey that day and that beautiful smile is what I noticed right off the bat. Now that smile is gone, but you are singing and smiling in Heaven and now your are probably patrolling the Heavenly Gates and we will see him again as we enter in to God's care. I am blessed just knowing you and how you touched my world. Love You!!

Teresa, Herbie, Matthew & Kaitlin, God will see you through this time, just know it gets better over time. My prayers and love are with you all. Know that I love and miss you and I wish I could be there for you. Let me know if you need anything. Bethann Rankin has my number.

Joey you are a True Hero in the eyes of all who's lives you touch.
RIP Joey Bovia



Melody McAtee - September 01, 2010 at 10:31 PM

EB

“ Honestly, you were a wonderful person and I loved the time we were able to spend together as teens. I'll miss you. My heart goes out to your family. There are no words to describe how we all feel right now. I love ya. -erica b.

Erica Boss - September 01, 2010 at 10:05 PM

SR

“ I remember Joey since he was a little boy in children's choir at Williams Blvd. Baptist Church and then in Youth Choir. I chaperoned so many of those youth trips! He was a great kid who was always willing to help others and who had that beautiful smile on his face. The last time I saw him was at his brothers' wedding. I was getting ready to leave and he ran across the parking lot because he had to hug me before I left. That was Joey--always giving those good hugs!! He thanked me for sending packages to him and for praying for him. It was a privilege and an honor. Joey, you will be missed because there is no one else like you. Enjoy heaven and your time with Jesus.

You are loved so much,
Ms. Sharon & Mr. Randy

Sharon Rumbelow - September 01, 2010 at 09:56 PM

AH

“ "Hey Beautiful" -- The first words out of Joey's mouth everytime he saw you. A young man who could make you smile under any circumstance. A beautiful soul who touched many lives- he will be truly missed. He was a hero who has gone to meet his maker and watch over all who remain.

Amber Hybart - September 01, 2010 at 09:37 PM

DC

“ *What I remember the most about Joey was the great love he had for his friends and family. His "Big Smiles" and always a "Big Hug" he was an all around awesome young man. I remember the last hug I got from him was when he announced at the church that he was leaving to join the Marines. While saying good - bye he said, " I love you Miss Debbie." And I said, I don't want you to go. But he flashed me that "Big Smile" and down the hall he went to join his mother and others. Joey is a "hero" and will forever be in our hearts and minds. We love you, Joey.*



Debbie Chase - September 01, 2010 at 09:19 PM

TG

“ *My heart has been so heavy since I heard the news. Teresa, Herbie, Matt...my prayers are with you.*

tina gaspard - September 01, 2010 at 08:46 PM

Megan
Johnson

“ Joey,

I can barely believe that you are gone. I loved getting to see your smiling face whenever you would come visit. You were a shining example of what it means to live life for Jesus Christ.

Our youth trips, choir tours together, and those amazing hugs you would give. These fond memories, I will cherish always. You were so brave to fight for our country and freedom. As our hearts are aching with the pain of knowing you are no longer with us here on earth, we have comfort knowing you are with God. Heaven must love having an Angel like you.

I love you Joey, you are my Hero.

With all my heart,

Megan

I light this Candle in Honor of Sgt Joseph Bovia, United States Marine as a symbol of the shining example he was for Christ's Love and Warrior for his country. Also, to show that his life will shine on in our Hearts.



Megan Johnson - September 01, 2010 at 08:41 PM

CM

“ *It was such a joy to see Joey around Wms. Blvd. church. He smile and love of life, his faith, his famiy, his friends, his country was utmost . THis trully was a special young man, a true hero to those that knew him. Prayers and love to this wonderful family*

Cindy Mazza - September 01, 2010 at 08:25 PM

SH

“ I will always remember Joey as having a voracious lust to "getter done". Always smiling, always willing to help. He loved the Lord, his family and his life. Joey was truly one of the brave, one of the proud, one of the few. Semper Fi. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his family.

Sandy Hubbard - September 01, 2010 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ I watched Joey grow from a boy to a man at church. One of my favorite things about Joey was he always had time for the younger kids in the youth group. He always had a smile and was blessing to be around. My heart and prayers are with his family and friends.

Brenda Al Clesi - September 01, 2010 at 07:39 PM