



Joseph Quartini

December 22, 1981 - December 22, 2012

Joseph "Joe" Quartini
1981 - 2012

As a native son of Pacifica, Joe attended the Alternative School (now called Ocean Shore School), was a Terra Nova High School Class of 2000 graduate, and Eagle Scout. He was President of the Italian Club and as captain of the swim team; he also earned the MVP award in 2000. He went on to graduate from UC Santa Cruz in 2004 with a BS in Marine Geology, leading to his career at URS as a marine scientist.

Joe was an avid swimmer, runner, and surfer. He's competed in triathlons on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. In 2009, he met his love, Elyse Tomasello, when they both attended a fundraiser for Team in Training.

The two quickly were drawn to each other and while vacationing in Costa Rica, Joe proposed to Elyse and they celebrated their wedding last September in Santa Cruz.

Joe is survived by his wife, Elyse; his parents, Fran and Ed Quartini of Pacifica; his mother in law, Judy Van Sant of Woodbury, New Jersey; father in law, the Honorable John (Deborah) Tomasello of Mantua, New Jersey; sister-

in-law, Tracy (Gordie) Vap of North Carolina; and extended family members which include numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Joe passed away while doing what he loved the most, surfing.

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass, Saturday, June 2, at 1:00PM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 700 Oddstad Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044.

Charitable donations in Joe's name may be made to:

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Pacifica Beach Coalition.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *The shock of this never seems to go away, we miss you so much Joe. I will miss your calm and secure presence, learning from you, and sharing appreciation for the pacific cookie company together. You were so incredibly talented- I always liked the way a guitar seemed to make its way into your hands to play ?background? music while we all hung out, we?d think it was the radio. You were there for us in tragedy and in the most happiest of times. Thank you for being one of our closest friends, your loyalty and companionship is admirable and will never be forgotten, we truly have lost a family member. I will miss making more fun memories with you. Hall and Oates forever.*

To Elyse, Fran, and Ed: what you each have been through is unimaginable and I am in awe of your strength. I am here for you now and always.

Jen Recchia - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Dear Fran, Ed, Elyse, and friends & family of Joe, When I moved to Pacifica in 1989 I found the "Alternative Class" (now Ocean Shore School) for Vicki and she was a classmate of Joe's from grade 1-8. The parents at the school made me feel welcome & I had the opportunity to work at the school as a parent with a wonderful group of kids, including Joe.*

As the years went by, I continued to see Fran at Ocean Shore & we would talk about how our "kids" were doing. We will always have this bond formed by the years we spent together taking kids on field trips, cooking, having fun, and teaching them.

I wish the family, Elyse, and friends of Joe my heartfelt sympathy. It was a beautiful memorial service.

Love, Edie, and Vicki Bran

Edie Luther - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was one of the most authentic, grounded, amazing people I have ever met. He touched the lives of so many people - including myself. I am honored to have known him and am so saddened by this news. My thoughts are with you all.

Sincerely,
Eileen

Eileen Ho - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ To the Quartini and Tomasello families, please accept our deepest sympathies and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers through this unbearable time. May you all find eventual solace and comfort in your treasured memories.

Paul Blaine and Janet Kostiuk - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Fran, Ed, & Elyse: I hope you can find strength in the love and support that surround you. Joe was an amazing kid and a wonderful man. He always made me feel special. We will miss his smile and infectious laughter.

Dea Parks - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Fran and Ed. Nancy and I are so saddened to learn of Joe's passing. He was one of those rare Scouts that made the job of Scoutmaster a pleasure. Our prayers go out to you and his new family that the Lord will comfort all of you in this sad time.

Roy Stotts - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I can?t imagine anybody who fit the description of a ?good guy? better than Joe. From his laid back demeanor to his welcoming personality, Joe Q will always be remembered in my book as an all-around solid guy. I was fortunate to meet Joe in high school and through the years I?ve never come across anyone who has had a bad thing to say about him. I?m a better person for having known Joe and will forever cherish those weekly poker games that weren?t quite weekly. Joe Q, you will be missed. Elyse, Fran and Ed, my heart and prayers are with you.

Andy Fahey - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Joe was easy to like and a wonderful young man. He will be missed.

Carol Stoddard - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Fran and Joe,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. You must be very proud of the life your son led.
Our deepest sympathies,
Lucy, Norm, Travis and Tyler

Lucy Payne & Family - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Joe and I were co-workers at URS. It wasn't work, however, that made us friends, it was our shared passion for surfing and vintage race cars (I could talk guitar too). With Joe in my heart, I went surfing yesterday morning and then on to the vintage races at Sears Point for the remainder of the day. I went solo and didn't talk to anyone, just spent the time thinking about Joe and how he would have loved such a day. I'm sure I'll be taking his memory with me on other such trips in the future. RIP

Mark Hale - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Fran, Ed, and of course Elyse,
Joe and each of you have been in my thoughts and prayers many times a day, since Sunday. I am profoundly sad and the only thing I can think of is to reach out and have people I love send good thoughts, prayers, positive energy... aka love to all those who love Joe. I asked them to help you and all who love Joe to be comforted, to move through this grieving process supporting each other, and to thrive on the love that Joe left us all, in the memories shared with him. Joe was and will always be a brother to my son Nick, and as such is part of our family. Joe was one of the most fun, kind, and loving human beings I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

Dear Joe,

You are remembered and loved by all who knew you. Peace be with you. A hui hou ... until we meet again, blessings to you.

Tonie (Formally Recchia) Bass - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am sorry for your loss, Joe was a fun kid back in the Alternative School.

Dave Rauenbuehler - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Ed & Fran, There are no words to comfort such a loss as this, but please know that you both are in our hearts and prayers. We remember Joe as a spirited, kind, soft spoken, gentle soul. Such fond memories of him as a child and it was a pleasure to see him blossom into the wonderful young man he became. Our deepest symapthy to you both during this impossible time. Your friends Jeff & Janice

Janice & Jeff Torchia - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ To Joseph and Elyse'families we send our deepest sympathies. We are terribly saddened by this tragic event and terrible loss. Our thoughts are with you.

kari and joel rosen - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Tomasello and Quartini families,

Our thoughts are with you during this tragic time.

Janet & Michael Friedman

Michael & Janet Friedman - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ If I ever am lucky enough to have a son, I want him to be just like Joe. Joe was one of my best friends, but really he was more like a brother. I've never met anyone as generous and kind and honest as Joe-I'm proud to have been one of his closest friends. Those who knew him realize that we lost one of the all-time great people way before his time. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone whose life Joe touched, especially Elyse, Fran & Ed. I love you, Joe, and I'll never forget you.

Alex Guiriba - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ When I think of Joe, I instantly recall a wonderful man who was compassionate, loving, artistic, thoughtful, creative, loyal, and dependable - to name a few of his countless qualities. Joe (a.k.a. Q, Q-man) was a beautiful person and soul. He had an inquisitive character that shined through in conversation, companionship, and his incredible workmanship.

Joe was a true renaissance man. If he wanted to do something (travel to New Zealand solo), or learn something new (build an amp, guitar, surfboard, duck-tape wallet....), before you knew it, he'd master it.

As Alex's has already said, Joe was like my brother too. There were times when a couple months might have flown by, but we'd reconnect picking up right where we left off; I am going to miss our conversations and getting his advice. Joe was an amazing friend whose memory will continue to live on in my heart and mind for the rest of my days.

Elyse, Fran, and Ed my heart goes out to each of you. I am so deeply saddened by Joe's passing I can't imagine what you are going through. The three of you have been on my mind since I heard the news. I love you, I love Joe -you are each in my prayers.

Nick Recchia - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I went to high school with Joe. We braved through our 5am swim practices and Littrel's English class together. But more importantly, we shared a friendship with a lot of laughs. I haven't seen much of Joe since we've graduated, but I have always enjoyed those moments when we've spontaneously run in to each other; like his best friends have mentioned, Joe was just one of those guys you could pick right up with, without missing a beat.

My heart has been heavy with the news of your passing, Joe. I very much enjoyed our friendship, and always looked forward to the next time I'd see you. Be well in the afterlife, dear friend. You are missed.

To Joe's family, and his dear wife, Elyse; my deepest condolences. I wish you comfort and strength through this unimaginable time.

*All my best,
Dominique*

Dominique Devine - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Of the many positive qualities for which you will be remembered, your smile sticks out the most to me (though being a Maltese only-child is a close second). Your kind demeanor was infectious. I only wish I had the opportunity to say goodbye.

Fran, Ed, and Elyse my most sincere thoughts are with you. Your son/husband was an honorable man.

Nick Stimmel - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Joe was one of my oldest friends. I first met him when we played on the same T-ball team, but we became good friends when I transferred to Cabrillo school in the first grade. Joe was always fascinated with nature, and I remember being impressed with how much he knew about the various lizards and other animals in the hills near his house.

We lost touch after I switched schools again, but we met again during freshman year of high school in Biology class. Joe just came right up to me and said hello and we started talking as if no time had passed. That was Joe - he never forgot a friend. We remained close through high school. We shared a passion for music and the guitar, talking about various guitar heroes and suggesting we listen to this player or that. "Did you hear this live version of Slash playing the Godfather theme?" he'd say as he handed me a tape he'd made for me. We'd talk about Strats vs. Les Paul's and Jimi Hendrix and Lynrd Skynrd. He always encouraged me and gave me confidence when I had none.

I've always admired Joe. I'm heartbroken that we won't be able to meet again? as if no time had passed. Fran, Ed, and Elyse I am truly sorry for your loss. I wish words could somehow take away some of the pain you are feeling. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brad Semenoff - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Joseph "Joe" Quartini.

June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ ****Thinking of your family, and lighting a candle in Joe's honor. ****

Sally Daliege - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ My condolences to the family that Joe leaves behind. I knew him as a young man in high school, and he was already a great guy then.

Gary Yee - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Fran and Ed,
I can not find any words that could possibly comfort you at this time. I remember Joe in kindergarten. He never stopped smiling. Whenever we ran into each other, we would compare notes on how our kids (both only children) were doing. He was so amazing in his focus and energy. You always had a twinkle in your eye when you spoke of him. He so loved the sea and everything to do with it-how wonderful to have had the chance to find your perfect dream job so young. I am sure he was an amazing husband. My heart is heavy for Elyse to have such grief...it was just to soon. Please know my family will be praying for you and yours and hope there will some small moments of peace and joy in the days to come.

Sincerely,

Karen and Jeff Warner

Christie Warner Pagan and Kris Pagan

Karen Warner - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ There are no words to ease your pain! Our Hearts ache for you. We will all miss Joe. This world lost an Amazing young man far too soon
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Chris & Barbara Redfield - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ We met Joe through Jen and Nick. Such a fine young man. Very nice and just a wonderful guy. We will hold his memory in our hearts. Our prayers go out to the family.

Paul and Mary Kinder - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM