

Centerbrook, CT

# Joe Heller

1937 - 2019



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Joe Heller made his last undignified and largely irreverent gesture on September 8, 2019, signing off on a life, in his words, "generally well-lived and with few regrets." When the doctors confronted his daughters with the news last week that "your father is a very sick man," in unison they replied, "you have no idea." God thankfully broke the mold after Joe was born to the late Joseph Heller, Sr. and Ruth Marion (Clock) on January 24, 1937 in New Haven, CT. Being born during the depression shaped Joe's formative years and resulted in a lifetime of frugality, hoarding and cheap mischief, often at the expense of others. Being the eldest was a dubious task but he was up for the challenge and led and tortured his siblings through a childhood of obnoxious pranks, with his brother, Bob, generally serving as his wingman. Pat, Dick and Kathy were often on the receiving end of such lessons as "Ding Dong, Dogsh\*t" and thwarting lunch thieves with laxative-laced chocolate cake and excrement meatloaf sandwiches. His mother was not immune to his pranks as he named his first dog, "Fart," so she would have to scream his name to come home if he wandered off. Joe started his long and illustrious career as a Library Assistant at Yale Law School Library alongside his father before hatching a plan with his lifelong buddies, Ronny Kaiser and Johnny Olson, to join the Navy and see the world together. Their plot was thwarted and the three were split up when Joe pulled the "long straw" and was assigned to a coveted base in Bermuda where he joined the "Seabees," Construction Battalion, and was appointed to the position of Construction Electrician's Mate 3rd class. His service to the country and community didn't end after his honorable discharge. Joe was a Town Constable, Volunteer Fireman and Ambulance Association member, Cross walk guard, Public Works Snow Plower and a proud member of the Antique Veterans organization. Joe was a self-taught chemist and worked at Cheeseborough-Ponds where he developed one of their first cosmetics' lines. There he met the love of his life, Irene, who was hoodwinked into thinking he was a charming individual with decorum. Boy, was she ever wrong. Joe embarrassed her

daily with his mouth and choice of clothing. To this day we do not understand how he convinced our mother, an exceedingly proper woman and a pillar in her church, to sew and create the colorful costumes and props which he used for his antics. Growing up in Joe's household was never dull. If the old adage of "You only pull the hair of those you love" holds true, his three daughters were well loved. Joe was a frequent customer of the girls' beauty shops, allowing them to "do" his hair and apply make-up liberally. He lovingly assembled doll furniture and built them a play kitchen and forts in the back yard. During their formative years, Joe made sure that their moral fibers were enriched by both Archie Bunker and Benny Hill. When they began dating, Joe would greet their dates by first running their license plates and checking for bald tires. If their vehicle passed inspection, they were invited into the house where shotguns, harpoons and sheep "nutters" were left clearly on display. After retiring from running Bombaci Fuel, he was perhaps, most well-known for his role as the Essex Town "Dawg Kecher." He refused to put any of his "prisoners" down and would look for the perfect homes for them. One of them was a repeat offender who he named "A\*\*hole" because no owner would ever keep him for very long because he was, in fact, an a\*\*hole. My Dad would take his buddy on daily rides in his van and they'd roam around town with the breeze blowing through both of their fur. He never met a dog he didn't like, the same could not be said for the wanna-be blue bloods, snoots and summer barnacles that roamed about town. His words, not ours. Well maybe not exactly his words as those would be much more colorful. Joe was a frequent shopper at the Essex Dump and he left his family with a house full of crap, 300 pounds of birdseed and dead houseplants that they have no idea what to do with. If there was ever a treasure that he snatched out from under you among the mounds of junk, please wait the appropriate amount of time to contact the family to claim your loot. We're available tomorrow. Joe was also a consummate napper. There wasn't a road, restaurant or friend's house in Essex that he didn't fall asleep on or in. There wasn't an occasion too formal or an event too

dour that Joe didn't interrupt with his apnea and voluminous snoring. Besides his beloved wife, Irene, and brother, Bobby, Joe was pre-deceased by his pet fish, Jack, who we found in the freezer last week. Left to squabble over his vast fortune, real estate holdings and "treasures" are his three daughters Michelle Heller (Andrew Bennett) of Newton, MA, Lisette Heller (Lenny Estelle) of Ivoryton, CT and Monique Heller (John Parnoff) of Old Lyme, CT. He relished his role as Papa and Grampa Joe to Zachary, Maxwell and Emily Bennett, Megan, Mackenzie and Ryan Korcak, and Giovanna and Mattea Parnoff and hopes that he taught at least one of them to cuss properly. Left with decades of fond and colorful memories are his siblings Pat Bedard of Madison, Richard (Pat) Heller of Oxford, and Kathy Heller of Killingworth, sisters-in-law, Kathy McGowan of Niantic and Diane Breslin of Killingworth, and 14 nieces and nephews. No flowers, please. The family is seeking donations to offset the expense of publishing an exceedingly long obituary which would have really pissed Joe off. Seriously, what would have made him the happiest is for you to go have a cup of coffee with a friend and bullsh\*t about his antics or play a harmless prank on some unsuspecting sap. If we still haven't dissuaded you and you feel compelled to waste your hard-earned money to honor his memory, donations may be sent to: Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, PO Box 667, Gulfport, MS 39502. A celebration of his life, with Joe laid out in all his glory, will be held on Thursday, September 12, at the Essex Fire Department, 11 Saybrook Road, from 4-7. A light dinner will be served as Joe felt no get-together was complete without food. None of his leftovers or kitchen concoctions will be pawned off on any unsuspecting guests. Feel free to be as late as you'd like as Joe was never on time for anything because of the aforementioned napping habits. Joe despised formality and stuffiness and would really be ticked off if you showed up in a suit. Dress comfortably. The family encourages you to don the most inappropriate T-Shirt that you are comfortable being seen in public with as Joe often did. Everybody has a Joe story and we'd love to hear them all. Joe faced his death and his mortality, as he did with his life,

face on, often telling us that when he dropped dead to dig a hole in the back yard and just roll him in. Much to his disappointment, he will be properly interred with full military honors (and maybe Jack) next to his wife on Friday, September 13, at 10:00 am in Centerbrook Cemetery. The family is forever in debt to his neighbor, Barry Peterson, for all of his help in recent years. We couldn't have done it without you. Sorry, Mom, Lisette and I did the best we could to take care of him and keep him out of your hair as long as we could. Back in your court now. To share a memory of Joe or send a condolence to his family please visit [www.rwwfh.com](http://www.rwwfh.com) Arrangements by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook.

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**445 entries**

September 9, 2020

I never had the honor of meeting your father but as a resident of Green Bay Wi., I many times enjoyed his satirical cartoons & offbeat humor in

the Green Bay Press Gazette..who ran his work. While we never met he, my father (who has now passed, a little while before Joe), and myself would have been, I think good friends because we all enjoyed the same wicked sense of humor.. including the time where we gifted my cousin, on the day of his marriage with a gift of mud ball "tu-ds" wrapped in smeared toilet paper, presented inside of an old coffee can also containing some "very well" aged Limburger cheese at 95° appropriately cooked for 4 days in the can prior to gifting with a note to enjoy this on your wedding night! I think Joe would have been proud. I shared this story on the day of my father's going home celebration to all in attendance (where fittingly, he too was laid to rest with military honors). Thank you Joe, for everything.. all of the laughs. Lastly I will always cherish the 9/11 cartoon showing Lady Liberty crying that your dad signed... I have it framed. However maybe strangely enough though I found myself dreaming of that image yesterday & thinking about the upcoming anniversary of that bad event on 9/11, only to this morning realize that I was dreaming of that image I year to the day after your Dad's passing (which I just learned of this am). "Strange" maybe is not even an appropriate enough word having read about your dad.. I think he might concur! I hope he's with the good Lord drawing his art up in heaven. God bless you all

**Kevin Voge**

September 5, 2020

This popped up in my e-mail today and just had to read it again. He was a very funny guy. Girls you did a great job writing this. Makes me laugh each time I read it. I actually saved it in my envelope. Thanks again and hope you are resting in peace Joe, have a beer with my hubby while your up there making people laugh. Gail Pierce

**Gail Pierce**

Acquaintance



September 4, 2020

Still and forever the very best obituary I have ever read - and I am the obit writer in my family! My husband was so impressed, he asked me to write a no-holds-barred obit for him. I have a lot of good material! I'll be delivering it to a crowd of his friends on his 75th birthday in May 2023 - whether he is alive to be there or not. Thank you for sharing your Dad with everyone!

**Terri Fitch**

Acquaintance

June 6, 2020

I really wish I would've known your father, he sounds AMAZING!!! You did him justice with his obit!! Death is always sad, but you brought joy! Thank you for sharing your dad with the world!! I would have worn my hoodie, old jeans, and tennis shoes!!! Bless all of you!!!!

**Mari Sorgatz**

November 20, 2019

Usually I say nothing good comes from Connecticut. However, since Joe is from Connecticut, I am proud to be from the same state this fine fellow is from!

**K L**

November 11, 2019

I know it cost a fortune!!! ...but thanks for the laughs. And for showing all the world how to honor our colorful loved ones.

October 18, 2019

Sorry for your loss. Joe sounds like a man after my own heart (I also love hoarding "treasures" (junk), dogs & never miss the opportunity to swear) and I wish I could have met him.

This obituary is so clever and creative, I hope Joe is both annoyed and satisfied somewhere about the widespread attention this is receiving.

**Miss J Milne**

October 9, 2019

The money on the obituary was money well spent. Thank you for the laugh, and happy trails to your dad.

**Anon Amouse**

September 25, 2019

Simply fabulous! What a guy, husband, father, granpa and friend!!!

**Rodrigo Stipp**

September 23, 2019

This is written with such love I can only imagine the big hole his passing has left. It is a fine tribute to a fabulous man. I only wish that I had met him. I'm sure he and your Mom are delighted to be back together.

**Owena C**

September 22, 2019

He must have been a remarkable person to warrant such a lengthy (and expensive) obit. I laughed out loud. This world needs more mischief and cussing in it and he has inspired me to do my part!

**Maureen Mooney**

September 21, 2019

This is an awful lot to miss! My sympathies to Joe's family from another person you'll never meet. You made a stranger smile today. No better legacy than that!

**Kathy Andreola**

September 20, 2019

I never knew Joe Heller, but damn if I don't now wish that I had. How much richer the world would be with more men like him, and how much poorer it is for his passing!

Godspeed, good sir. You are well and truly loved, and deserve to be so.

**Cory Basilico**

September 20, 2019

One of the most inspiring things I've read in a long time. Thank you Joe

and family; I will redouble my efforts to live a life of kindness and mischief in hopes that my obit will be 1/10 as funny and heartwarming. Warming. Heart warming.

### **Thomas Radtke**

September 20, 2019

I met Joe at my dad's funeral. I figured him to be quite a character My dad was in the Navy and had some of that brash attitude. My dad and Joe would have hit it off to say the least. I think they were cut from the same tree.

It's sad that all will miss his pranks here on Earth but they need pranksters in Heaven, it's too stuffy there.

### **Marlaine Chrystal**

September 19, 2019

Filled with much love. That's what it's about.

### **Ana Duran**

September 19, 2019

THAT is how to live! So glad this was shared.

### **Laura Soddors**

September 18, 2019

Joe's obituary, what you shared, reminds me of how my father was. My dad passed on 29 Aug 1999. Some of the stories you shared about your dad certainly reminded me of how colorful my father could be. If he were alive today my dad would be 89 years old. It must be that generation. Hold on to the memories. He will be missed and you dad was well loved. Thank you for writing the obituary.

**Jaimy Friedrich**

September 18, 2019

Say hi to Fart for us!

**Jennifer Justafan**

September 18, 2019

My kind of person. I always say want a barbecue and when done send me home.

**Gwen Winkler**

September 18, 2019

Best obit ever!

September 18, 2019

What an amazing obituary for an obviously amazing man. Touching and funny. My thoughts are with you all.

**Nathan Davis**

September 18, 2019

You were all blessed to love this wonderful man. Sorry for your loss.

**wendy duyns**

September 18, 2019

Eternal repose grant unto Joe Heller O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen..

September 18, 2019

Except for your father's penchant for the colorful language, I'm sure he and my father could have been fast friends. You girls have a lifetime of memories and stories to tell about this man. And enjoy the tears through the laughter.

**Cyndi R**

September 17, 2019

Guys like Joe really are the duct tape of the universe. Thank you for sharing his awesome story with this awesome obit. I will wear an appropriately inappropriate t-shirt later this week in his honor, and will be sure to have a horrible joke ready if and when I luck into meeting him, further down the road.

Also, thank you for reminding all of us how much fun a "Joe-bituary" can

be. Maybe the best prank of all will be if Joe-bituaries become a thing. After all, laughter is to grief what Ex-Lax is to brownies.

I wish you all the best, especially when it comes to Ex-Lax. ;-)

### **Janie Hotchkiss**

September 17, 2019

I'm not sure how my wife found this obit, but I'm glad she did.

So, Joe and Irene were our neighbors directly across the street, almost 30 years ago. Nice folks. He always had some good advice and a few tools to lend.

The funniest recollection I have is Joe showing up at our door early on Halloween 1990 declaring: Trick or shots, offering us some adult libation. Later when we took our 1 year old daughter to a few houses to trick or treat, at Joe's, her treats were contingent on our consumption of parental treats. Pretty fun guy.

We also had the benefit of our hilly street being plowed early and often because Joe was a big shot on the ambulance Corps., and our mutual neighbor was the fire chief.

Blessings to Joe, Irene and family.

Dave and a Kathy Harris,(63).

September 17, 2019

I am SO sorry for the loss of your father & kids grandfather. He sounds like he was truly one of a kind. thank you for your honest and hilarious tribute to your dad. I am so glad you shared it and the world has gotten to read and celebrate his life with you. that's what a FUN-eral should be...a Celebration of a life well lived. big hugs and condolences from Canada.

**Tannis**

September 17, 2019

My sincere condolences to your family on hearing of the passing of such an wonderfully cheeky character of a man. I lost my dad in 2018, and today it lifted my spirits to see others pay such a true and genuine tribute! It takes courage and real love to honour our loved ones they way they would want it, and I'm sure he would be so incredibly proud and grinning on all of you! We all need to celebrate a life well lived and thank you for reminding us of true human spirit! God bless him, if he ever runs into my dad, they will be kindred spirits!

Strength and peace to you,  
Corinne, Essex, Ontario

September 17, 2019

That's funny! I never even knew Joe existed, but this made me laugh!  
Thanks for this funny, if slightly off color, obituary!

**Jonathan Sandahl**

September 17, 2019



**Rosemary**

September 17, 2019

My condolences to the family. The best obit I have ever read thank you

September 17, 2019

What wonderful memories for all of you...he would have been quite the character to have know. Happy thoughts and prayers to all of you.

**Alice Longfellow**

September 17, 2019

So sorry for your loss. I think that your father was a truly blessed man. I love the obituary and feel like I met him. His family obviously has truly captured him in words. Best wishes to all of you.

**Linda Webb**

September 17, 2019

**DON'T TELL ME HE IS GONE !**

I never met Joe but I wish I had. Rest in eternal peace Joe and God bless your family. I question if you will ever be forgotten. Connecticut will never be the same including the World. LOL.....

**Gary May**

September 17, 2019

Wish I had known the Man. RIP.

**Gary May**

September 17, 2019

Rest peacefully, joe.

**Nicole Merrit**

September 17, 2019

One of the most clever obituaries ever, and I felt as though I knew Joe. Condolences to the family and thank you for sharing such happy and

downright funny memories of your dad.

**Margaret Dunay**

September 17, 2019

I'm sorry for your loss and thank you for the smile.

September 17, 2019

Seriously- best (if I can call it that) obituary ever. Your dad sounded AWESOME. Wish he was still around so I could borrow him to be my other dad. What a blessing it is for you to have loved and been loved by him. Bless you all! -Sandy from St Paul, Minnesota

September 17, 2019

I am so very sorry for your (and the world's) loss of Joe. He was a right character and the world is a better place with him having been in it. Many Blessings to you for having written this fabulous tribute to share with the world. I'm from CT and I wish I had had the opportunity to meet this fantastic fellow.

**Melissa Zawrotny**

September 17, 2019

I swear he and my grandfather are long-lost brothers. They're both in heaven catching up over coffee and gossip!

**Ruth Netanel**

September 17, 2019

I really admire you. During this difficult time, you still have a great sense of humor (just like your dad) to write the obituary that make people laugh all the way. Thank you for sharing stories of your dad, and may he rest in peace!

**Kate Quach**

September 17, 2019

Best obit ever.

**M Mitchell Marmel**

September 17, 2019

I'm sorry I didn't meet Mr. Heller while he roamed the earth. He sounds like my kind of person. Condolences and hugs.

**L. Stiles**

September 17, 2019

May God Bless and keep Joe close...the world's loss is heaven's gain. We need more people like Joe to remind us who we really are and what life is truly about. Thank you for sharing Joe's story.

**Tedd Rosenfeld**

September 17, 2019

**Denise**

September 17, 2019

What a fun life this guy had, and gave to those around him. Wish I could have known him. Thanks for living your life with such humor!

**Penny Purcell**

September 17, 2019

God bless your family and friends, Joe. They are better off for knowing you.

**Cindy Haller**

September 17, 2019

Wee hee he, he provided quite a few more hoots after the publication of this!

**Nick G**

September 17, 2019

My condolences to an amazing family. So lucky to have such great memories and someone who will be remember by so many for years to come.

**Bohdana Rousseau**

September 17, 2019

You made my day. I laughed so hard. Awesome way to remember your dad. I wish I could have met him.

**Pam Chancey**

September 17, 2019

Joe would have been in good company with most of my family. Joe, I hope you continue your fun shennigans with my kin forevermore!

**Ellen D**

September 17, 2019

Thank you for a life well lived and a memory courageously shared! I have known "Joes" in my life and I appreciate you for sharing yours with us!

**Lori Bonkoski**

September 17, 2019

Wish I could have known you. What a colorful life you lived. Have fun up there. My condolences to your family. This gentleman was one of a kind.

**Michelle Z**

September 17, 2019

Heller Family.

I'm sorry for your loss. Much like others who wrote here, I didn't know Joe, yet I'm sure we all have someone in our lives we can appreciate this story for. Thank you for sharing.

Your family's lives, I'm sure will feel like they have a Joe-shaped hole in them, but those same lives of yours were surely deeply enriched with his presence. I'm sure his spirit will carry on. Be well and continue smiling.

- Tony

September 17, 2019

This was an awesome sendoff! I wish you all the best.

**Brian T**

September 17, 2019

The most loving bittersweet tribute I have ever read. What a family who stayed true to themselves! Life is simply about always being you which too many forget. Bless your family for sharing such a loving, funny, and heart warming tribute. May your parents continue their love and antics up above as your family will here on earth.

I am going to buy an outlandish T-shirt in his honor!!

My deepest sympathy for all of your family and knowing what you will miss but always remember.

**Sandy**

September 17, 2019

I don't know you, but sure wish I had! Thanks for living life to its fullest and reminding the rest of us to have fun and enjoy the short time we are here on earth. God bless you.

**Diane Mc**

September 17, 2019

What a wonderful loving joyful way to remember a man who clearly loved life and enjoyed what happiness and humor he could bring to those around him. Bless you and your family for sharing such a positive message. These special people never really leave us - they support us and guide us for the rest of our days - with a smile in our hearts.

"Don't take life too seriously - you'll never get out it alive".

**Liz O'Toole**

September 17, 2019

A man after my heart living life to its fullest. RIP

**tom green**

September 17, 2019

What a wonderful, playful, loving man he was! I wish more men would be like Joe! I am so sorry for your loss.



September 17, 2019

I wish I could have had Mr. Joe as my friend! He sounds like a straight shooter and not too many people are like that these days! God Bless you Joe Heller and family!

September 17, 2019

What a guy! We could all use someone like Joe in our lives. Condolences to your family.

**Cristine Gaines**

September 17, 2019

**Brian**

September 17, 2019

I have to say this is the best obituary ever. I am sure your Dad is totally honored that you have honored him in this way. He sounds like a man who will be truly missed. Praying for you all in your time of sadness.

**Emily Sneed**

September 17, 2019

Loved this! Sounds like he was a good man, who lived a great life. How

lucky you all were to have known and loved him <3

**Jeanne Brunkhorst**

September 17, 2019

I'm sorry for your loss, but well done on sending your pop off right. He would be proud of your efforts. I know he'll be missed, as I had to write my 87-year old father's obit and plan his final farewell in NC late Feb. this year. But it certainly sounds like your dad lived the life he wanted to. God bless.

**Carol McClelland**

September 17, 2019

Well lived, memorable and above all REAL and you loved dogs. Undoubtedly a good friend. Nothing stuffy or fake about you. I like that, hard to find.

**P Khune**

September 17, 2019

A man who knew how to live.....rest easy sailor,fair winds,and following seas.

Ding....

Ding....

Ding....

**Mark Duggan**

September 17, 2019

Thank you for sharing your story of a life lived to the fullest and a man well-loved. Sounds like he was quite the character!

**Annie S.**

September 17, 2019

What a wonderful tribute to your Dad , thank you for sharing , I did not know him ,but thru your story , sharing your Dads gift of making others smile , he will live on thru his stories, what a treasure .And a wonderful tribute to your father , made me smile ...my condolences for your loss .

Sharon corman

Lexington,ky

**Sharon Corman**

September 17, 2019

I know more about this man from your obituary than I've ever gleaned from another one. No sugar coating here, just a real guy who was well loved, and imperfect, like we all would like to be and are.

**Robert Finlay**

September 17, 2019

## George, Moby, and their human

I never met Joe but I know him, and he is missed. He is my Pap who raised me, taught me to love, laugh and cry. But mostly laugh, especially when you feel like crying. Godspeed, Joe, and thank you for being you.

**Will Dulaney**

September 17, 2019

Just from reading what you wrote I can tell he was an amazing man. I hope there are more people out there like him. May God bless you and your family. Matt

**Matt Clayton**

September 17, 2019

i live in Nova Scotia and your Dad's obituary made it to me on facebook. What a terrific memorial tribute to him. I am sure he would be proud of

all of you. I find this obituary so up-lifting; more people should be so comfortable in their own skin to do the fantastic things he did, quite a prankster. I myself have done many things to my husband and children. The kids really enjoy it! Kudos to all. May he resting peace, wherever he is... but something tells me he will be back to play jokes, don't be surprised by his future antics. My sincere condolences to you.

**Irene Schofield**

September 17, 2019

Never met your dad but saw his obit on Facebook. What a man

**Deb Cain**

September 17, 2019

He sounds like he was a helluva guy. So glad he graced this earth and left a loving legacy.

**Sharon Segovia**

September 17, 2019

What a joyful and funny tribute. I wish I'd known your dad. Prayers for you and your family.

Cathy Akers-Jordan  
Davison, MI

September 17, 2019

I'm sure he also enjoyed the fact that he was buried on Friday the 13th.  
We all wish we'd have had that kind of Dad!

**Jody Hahn**

September 17, 2019

To the daughters of the late, great Joe Heller, Michelle, Lisette and Monique: by publishing this remarkable obituary, it is you who bring joy and comfort to those who live full lives, yet mourn. Thank you! You have lightened the hearts of perfect strangers. What a tribute to your father, your mother, yourselves and your families.

May God grant you comfort in this profound time, and joy and peace in your full lives.

May God Bless and Keep Joe Heller, and his awaiting bride, Irene!

Luigia Tenuta  
Dublin, Ohio

September 17, 2019

Thanks for the laughs, many condolences and best wishes! May he rest in peace.

**Lisa Conrad**

September 17, 2019

Most days I detest social media, but when I find gems like these it is truly worthwhile. Condolences to you all but man, what a life to celebrate! If we all can live as well as Joe. You clearly carry a bit of him in you and it is FABULOUS. Carry on!

**Whitney Gentry**

September 17, 2019

He sure lived life to the fullest. How lucky you are to have a Dad like this. I think you captured his life perfectly. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

**Chris Mikulski**

September 17, 2019

**Terry Buxton**

September 17, 2019

What a happy and loving tribute you have provided to your father and a wonderful lesson for all of us. May Joe now share God's benevolence with his beloved Irene.

Kevin Reddington

September 17, 2019

I light this candle in memory of Joe. May the good memories make it

easier to endure your loss. What I read about Joe made him sound like a great,fun loving husband,Dad, Grandpa and friend. I laughed,got teary eyed and felt proud of someone I didn't know. Thank you for sharing his story. I will think of Joe and also share your story. Peace be with you.

**J. D. Gonzalez**

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**J. D. Gonzalez**

September 16, 2019

You don't know me, but I read your father's obituary on line (it's very poplar) and thank you for instilling what a great man he was to complete strangers, My deepest condolences on your loss.

**Debra Piper**

September 16, 2019

We need a LOT MORE JOE's! My condolences to you and yours!

**Gary Bearman**



September 16, 2019

Sorry for your loss. He sounds like a very likeable guy if you look beyond the roughness. Hope your memories bring you comfort as you share his crazy antics.

**Anita Lopez**

September 16, 2019

To the Family and Friends of Joe Heller,

You Are All In Our Prayers.

Nice Obituary

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-Trent & Cora

**Trent & Cora**

September 16, 2019

This funny, outrageous, wonderfully written obituary shows how much his three daughters loved him. May Joe rest in the sweetest of peace. Just curious, was Jack buried with him?

**Gina Garibaldi**

September 16, 2019

So sorry for your loss. Just know that he is giving them a good laugh upstairs. Your father was an amazing man and gave all of you, a life full of

memories you will never forget. Be proud of that.

### **Betty Jones**

September 16, 2019

What wording, what a beautiful reflection and yes I laughed my head off.

Simplicity and honesty, reminds me of Edward Abby.

Absolutely wonderful and what an incredible man.

He was remembered properly and now around the world!

How better to reflect on the passing of some one you love?

I been with tears and greif for years after loosing the love of my life.

Wish we had the time to develop this we would have done the same.

Namaste

### **Sven Grosse**

September 16, 2019

So sorry for your loss. LOL!

### **Rev. Mike Ricke**

September 16, 2019

What a card and a character Joe must have been in his life, and what a wonderful gift he left you all--and, also, all of us who never met him in life, but wish we'd met him and, through this fantastic obituary, feel like we've gotten to know a part of him. Please accept my regrets for your family's loss, and my thanks as well for this memorable gift to the world that will absolutely ensure that Joe Heller is not going to be forgotten! Peace to you all.

**Nick McCall**

September 16, 2019

That is the absolute best, most honest and funny Obituary I've ever read and one I am sure your dad would be proud of. I would love to have known him and have a Joe story to share. So sorry for your loss.

**Mary**

September 16, 2019

Rip Joe. Absolutely the funniest. Sorry for your loss. Would have loved to have met him.

**Duncan Hoffman**

September 16, 2019

I never met Joe but feel like he would have made me feel right at home with his own special brand of humor. Being a Connecticut yankee myself and now living in Colorado, I can totally relate to this SICK man. Rest in peace Joe. Thanks for smile.

Mark Dougherty

**Mark Dougherty**

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