



# Joseph B. Gudenburr, IV

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**J**oseph B. Gudenburr IV, 53, of Venetia, PA passed away on April 2, 2023 surrounded by his loving wife and parents.

Joe is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife of almost 29 years Joanne Gudenburr, Children Joseph B. Gudenburr V and Jacob R. Gudenburr, parents Joseph B. Gudenburr III and Harriet F. Gudenburr, brothers Douglas G. Gudenburr (Jill) and Darrell M. Gudenburr (Christine) and several nieces and nephews.

Joe was a 1987 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He was a captain of the varsity football team, dedicated to the sport, ultimately earning several scholarships but chose the appointment to the United States Military Academy. Joe played football for two years and was a member of the West Point powerlifting team throughout his time at the Academy. His studies became his focus as he earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

Upon graduating from West Point, Joe was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. For the duration of his military career, he was stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX. He earned his Master Fitness Trainer Certification, Airborne wings, numerous medals and ribbons and was an Air Defense Artillery officer. His final assignment at Ft. Bliss, honored him with being chosen Brigadier General Joseph Cosumano's Aide de Camp. Joe was a disciplined, dedicated soldier and carried these and many other admired qualities with him throughout his life and career.

Joe retired as a captain, landing his first civilian job in Cortland, NY. He was the Director of Manufacturing for Buckbee-Mears Cortland, leading employees as well as being the key player in the expansion of the plant. Joe took an executive position with BMC that sent him to Minneapolis area and Europe. As his career advanced, he maintained many respected and admirable qualities that all good leaders should possess in the manufacturing world and in life in general. He was an ethical, dedicated, hands-on leader who gave 125% to every task presented to him. Joe spent 16 years at GA Braun, a manufacturer of industrialized laundering equipment, earning titles of Chief



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Operating Officer and President. In 2019, Joe and his family relocated to Pittsburgh, PA, where most of their family lives. Joe became General Manager of Sprague Energy, an independent supplier of energy and materials in the Northeast United States. In January 2021, Joe was given an opportunity to work for the Syracuse Glass Company, Syracuse, NY as Chief Executive Officer. Joe continued to work throughout his illness and his cancer treatments. He is a true WARRIOR in every sense of the word!

Most of all, Joe loved his family. When he wasn't traveling, he was at home spending precious time with those he loved. He took great pride in providing for Joanne, Joey and Jacob. Joe and Joanne built a beautiful life together, having been friends since high school. He was incredibly proud of his sons and all of their accomplishments throughout their lives.

Friends and family will be received on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 2 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 8pm and Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 2 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 8 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 10 am in the funeral home's chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations in joe's name may be made to Tunnels 2 Towers at <http://t2t.org/donate/> or the Donnell House , Hospice center at <http://concordialm.org/donate/>

Online condolences may be shared at [jeffersonmemorial.com](http://jeffersonmemorial.com).



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MS

**Mylinh Brewster Shattan** posted:

I am heartbroken to learn about Joe. I met Joe when we were cadets at West Point and I remember him as kind and thoughtful, a future leader. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May it be said well done. Be Thou at Peace. MyLinh Brewster Shattan

April 13 at 11:05 AM

CM

**Callahan Sandra J Mcclister** posted:

The little boy next door, who lifted weights each evening beside his Dad!My condolences. ☐May he rest in peace!Mrs C

April 7 at 10:44 AM

DD

**Dana Dekman** posted:

Joann, I am so sorry to hear about Joe. I have no words for your tremendous loss. Just know my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

April 7 at 10:00 AM

KH

**Korinne L'hommedieu** posted:

I worked with Joe for many years at Buckbee-Mears. He was a leader in every sense of the word and always a pleasure to work with. My sincere condolences to his family. May your memories help you through this most difficult time and holding you in my prayers to give you strength.Sincerely,Korinne L'Hommedieu

April 6 at 3:20 PM

BD

**Beth Davis** posted:

What an unbelievable loss to his family, community and work place. I knew How from Kindergarten up and he held himself with class and dignity even as a young boy. My deepest condolences to the Gudenburr family.

April 6 at 1:06 PM



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MG

**Matt Gallagher** posted:

Our hearts go out to the family of Joe Gudenburr. I had the pleasure of working with Joe at GA Braun for several years. He brought the best out in everyone he touched. He challenged you and made you a better person. He will always be remembered as great boss and fine soldier. Joanne and the family and rest in Peace Joe!

April 6 at 10:13 AM

CC

**Colleen Crist** posted:

Much love to his family and loved ones. Fond high school football memories.

April 6 at 9:33 AM

PL

**Paula Lim** posted:

Harriett and Joe.....We are so sorry to learn of your loss. We also remember how much you loved your children and how proud of them you were. He will live on in your hearts. Love to all, Dr. Dawson & Paula Lim.

April 6 at 7:40 AM

GS

**Gina Galioto Scott** posted:

Sending most sincere condolences to the Gudenburr family for your loss of a wonderful man. Joe was a true gentleman. God's comfort and blessing at this difficult time.

April 6 at 6:18 AM

GF

**Ggi Family** posted:

Our sincerest condolences to the Gudenburr family.

April 5 at 3:54 PM

BK

**Brian Kradjian** posted:

With Deepest Sympathy we are saddened to hear that Joe has left this world all too soon. Thank you for your professionalism and friendship over the years. You will be missed! We pray your family as they face this tremendous loss. God Bless. - Sincerely, the Kradjian Family & Bates Troy.

April 5 at 3:53 PM



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SB

**Scott, Donna, Christopher And Olivia Buckiso** posted:

Thinking of you and sending love. We hope you find strength and comfort as you remember Joe.

April 5 at 3:47 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We Love and Support you!PTHS THESPIAN BACKERS

April 5 at 2:31 PM

AF

**Aaron Weiss And Family** posted:

Rest in peace my friend!

April 5 at 2:30 PM

AE

**American Society Of Highway Engineers** posted:

Deepest Sympathy

April 5 at 2:08 PM

NP

**Nate And Patti Lerner Sam And Patti Piccarreta** posted:

Our deepest sympathy with love and memories

April 5 at 1:51 PM

FK

**From Brian And Laura Kochendorfer** posted:

To the Gudenburr family, You have my deepest sympathies and prayers. May he rest in peace..

April 5 at 1:34 PM

BC

**Bruce And Chrisdyvarnoldt** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all of you.

April 5 at 1:09 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

May you rest in peace Joe. You will be forever in our hearts! Love, The RozzisGeno, Tracy, Marco & Sophia

April 5 at 12:59 PM



**The Lineage Team** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences go out to your family. Joe was an incredible person who will be remembered fondly by us all. We will miss him very much.

April 5 at 12:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With Deepest Sympathy.

April 5 at 12:28 PM



**Belinda Eber** posted:

Ken and Belinda remember Little Joe as a young , blond-haired boy. He and his brothers were the absolute "apples" of their parents' eyes. Recently, Joe and Harriet shared with us Joey's many accomplishments. God bless this beautiful family in this terrible loss.

April 5 at 11:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

With deepest sympathy, Love Jerry & Ann

April 5 at 10:05 AM



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JR

**Jim Ransick (Col Usa Ret)** posted:

I was deeply saddened today to learn of Joe's passing. He was the epitome of an American warfighter and soldier servant. Joe and I served together as Aide de Camps at Fort Bliss and as warfighters years later. I'll always remember his personal selflessness, drive for excellence in everything he touched, and as a leader who really embraced and defined what it means to take care of soldiers. A good man. A good soldier. Joe you are missed. God bless you and your family. Rest peacefully. Jim Ransick (COL USA ret).

April 5 at 10:04 AM

SF

**Sprague Pa Family** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

April 5 at 9:23 AM

EC

**Ed Chen** posted:

Joe was a great businessman and even better friend. You will be missed and thoughts are with the family on your loss.

April 5 at 9:20 AM

RF

**Reese Family** posted:

Praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss

April 5 at 9:01 AM

DV

**De Anna Vouvakis** posted:

Dear Joanne and family, We are so saddened to hear about your loss. We have such fond memories of you and Joe, and we hope these and so many more wonderful memories will bring you comfort and peace in the coming years . God bless , The Vouvakis Family

April 5 at 8:40 AM



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PF

**Plantz Family** posted:

Joe: May you rest in peace for eternity in God's loving grace.

April 5 at 7:52 AM

BK

**Brian & Anahit Kradjian** posted:

With Deepest Sympathy, The Kradjian Family & Bates Troy

April 5 at 7:51 AM

NS

**Nick Spanos** posted:

Our Thoughts and Prayers to the entire Gudenburr Family. May his memory be eternal ! The Spanos Family

April 5 at 6:38 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept Our Deepest Sympathy from Bromer Inc Canada To the Gudenburr Family and Syracuse Glass colleagues .Lise & Roger Mercure

April 5 at 6:26 AM

LA

**Love, Uncle Kenny, Aunt Elaine, Anita And Ken** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

April 5 at 6:26 AM

TM

**Tom Mcmonagle** posted:

I am so saddened to see this news and wish to offer my condolences to the family. Joe and I played football together at TJ, and he was one of the fiercest competitors I have ever played with. Rest in piece old friend.

April 5 at 6:01 AM



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WT

**Wishing You Peace & Courage At This Difficult Time. Team Sgc** posted:

With our deepest sympathy to the Gudenburr Family. Joe was such a valuable Leader to us all at Syracuse Glass and will truly be missed by everyone.

April 5 at 5:39 AM

NG

**Northeastern Plate Glass** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

April 5 at 5:28 AM

JL

**Joe Liparulo** posted:

Joe was a guy you'll never forget if you ever had the privilege to meet him. He was an operator and engineer who could sell the product as well. You trusted what he told you. I feel honored to have known Joe and will miss him. Joe Liparulo

April 5 at 4:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

our condolences the matheson family

April 5 at 4:26 AM

SF

**Scott Flickinger** posted:

I am so saddened by the passing of Joe. He was an amazing man who was a boss, leader, mentor, and a great friend! He will live in my heart forever! God Bless you all as you remember him!

April 4 at 7:01 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With our heartfelt sympathy to the Gudenburr Family. May it comfort you to know how much others care.

April 4 at 6:29 PM



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JC

**Joe, Debby And Josh Casilli** posted:

With deepest sympathy

April 4 at 5:08 PM

CJ

**Conor And Cara Jackson** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you all very much.

April 4 at 4:55 PM

GF

**Gary And Karen Ostrum And Family** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts to the Gudenburr family.

April 4 at 4:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With deepest sympathy,

April 4 at 4:10 PM

LK

**Lovingly, The Grahams. Joel And Karen, Jon, Katy** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to our special family. Joe will live on in our hearts.

April 4 at 2:58 PM

BF

**Betsy And Mark Brubaker And Family** posted:

Joe was a beautiful human being. We are devastated to hear of his passing and hold you all in our thoughts and our prayers.

April 4 at 2:41 PM

JF

**John And Heather Szymczak And Family** posted:

Prayers for peace and healing! Our hearts and prayers are with you all!

April 4 at 1:33 PM



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**David And Theresa Clark** posted:

Joanne and family,. I had the pleasure of working for Joe for many years.. May warm thoughts comfort you knowing that Joe is watching over you always.

April 4 at 1:31 PM



**Lorie And Jerry Strennen** posted:

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.Lorie and Jerry Strennen and The staff at Huntington Learning Center

April 4 at 1:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With love and hugs,Molly and Joe Franjione

April 4 at 1:20 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will always cherish the 15 plus years I have know and worked with Joe. He was a wonderful man, the best! May he rest in peace.

April 4 at 11:47 AM



**Marty Masta** posted:

Bigs, Harriet, Doug and Darrell- My family and I join you and your families in celebrating Joe's life and service to our country. -Marty Masta

April 4 at 11:22 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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