



Joseph Anthony "Big Papa" DeSalvo

June 14, 1971 - September 13, 2015

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Joseph Anthony "Big Papa" DeSalvo, age 44, of Maumelle, passed away, Sunday, September 13, 2015. He was born June 14, 1971 in Morrilton, Arkansas, a son of Thomas P. & Ida A. Wenger DeSalvo. He was a life long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Center Ridge, a graduate of Nemo

Vista High School, served in the U.S. Air Force, employed 16 years at Molex, Inc. in Maumelle, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his parents, 6 brothers, Raymond (Wendy) DeSalvo of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Andrew DeSalvo of Conway; Danny (Samantha) DeSalvo of Stuttgart; Donny (Misty) DeSalvo of Laredo, Texas; Louis DeSalvo of Plumerville; Hank (Erica) DeSalvo of Center Ridge; 2 sisters, Evelyn (Mitch) Garner of Springfield and Ginger DeSalvo of Center Ridge; 6 nephews; 10 nieces; and numerous extended family and loved ones. Preceded in death by his infant brother, John Thomas DeSalvo; grandparents, Tony L. & Frances DeSalvo and Ted & Amelia Wenger.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 18th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Center Ridge, with Fr. T.J. Hart officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home. Rosary will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at Sacred Heart Church, Morrilton, visitation following. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to St. Joseph Church or St. Joseph Cemetery Fund, 343 Catholic Point Rd, Center Ridge, AR 72027. Pallbearers will be Brandon Garner; Jason H. Paladino; Kenny Rossi; Bart Stobaugh; Ray Koch; Phillip DeSalvo; Adam Wenger; and Sonny Paladino.

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“ *Joseph Anthony "Big Papa" DeSalvo*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Rest in peace Big Papa.*

Dc. Steve Mallett - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Thanks for all the love and memories Big Papa!!!! I love you!!! Now you and Dick can crack jokes together!!!!*

Becky Lewandowski - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Gonna miss ya Joe D, rest easy my friend*

stephen jukes - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Big Papa the picnic and weddings won't be the same without you. I always looked forward to your welcoming smile and big hug! I am glad I knew you. My prayers are with you and your Family.*

Donna McGee - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family. I so sorry for your loss.*

Brenda Wells - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

ED

“ *Danny, I extend my sympathy to you and your family. I continue to hold you all in prayer. Sincerely, Emily Davis*

Emily Davis - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

RP

“ *worked at molex together*

Richard Page - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

DE

“ *Prayers for comfort and peace to the DeSalvo Family during this difficult time. We love you all!*

Dawn Damron Yates, Zach, Brennan & Ethan - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

CG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time in all your lives. I know how hard it is to lose someone so dear to you, but know that he is with his God and is getting the best love and care possible. God Bless You.*

Carolyn Gadberry - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JC

“ *Big Papa, May your warm heart and joyful spirit carry on!!!! We will miss you!!!To the DeSalvo family, we send our prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely Jerry, Kristen, Kaylee, Shelby-Lynn, Garrett and Emily Chavers*

Jerry Chavers - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JH

“ Thoughts, prayers & peace to the DeSalvo Family during this sad time. May God Bless & comfort all of you. We love you all. Hank & Janet, Pete, Summer & Emma.

Janet Hunsinger - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

CB

“ I miss you already Joe D. You are one of a kind and a big personality and presence that will be missed by all who knew you. Rest in peace buddy.

Cindy Belon - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

DF

“ My prayers to all the family. May God grant you peace and comfort. I will miss Joey's big smile and hugs.

Denise Flowers - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JW

“ Prayers of comfort for all of you during this difficult time. The Wilsons

James and Sharon Wilson - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

LN

“ I was so sad to hear about Joey. Joey was by far the nicest person in our class and probably even the entire school. He was never without a smile. I pray the Lord will comfort the DeSalvo family. You'll be in my prayers. God bless. love, Laura McDonald

Laura McDonald Nisbet - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

MR

“ JOEY WAS A GREAT AND LOVING MAN I REMEMBER WORKING AT MCDONALDS TOGETHER WHEN I WAS N HIGH SCHOOL HE ALWAYS BROUGHT A SMILE TO MY FACE NO MATTER WHATU WILL B GREATLY MISSED B ALL N HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE N MY HEART FOREVER

Melissa MEELER robin - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ Sorry for your loss if there is anything we can do let us know.

Butch & Sheila Gunderman & Family - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the entire DeSalvo family today.

Melissa Ritter - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

EP

“ Always enjoyed the story telling, card games or just hanging out at Grandmas house. You will truly be missed by many Big Papa. Rest in Peace.

Eric Payne - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JD

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. My heart goes out to the whole family in your loss.

Jeanette Donahue - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

DK

“ Hank, Erica, and family, we were so sad to hear about Big Papa passing away. He brought joy to so many lives and he will be greatly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. In Sympathy, Danny and Merinda Kordsmeier

Danny and Merinda Kordsmeier - June 29, 2018 at 07:12 PM

S(

“ Donny, Misty & the DeSalvo family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother/brother in law/son/uncle. We are praying for peace & comfort for the DeSalvo Family. God Bless each & everyone of you! Love, Sheila, Neal Pitts (Nichols) & Family

Sheila Pitts (Nichols) - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Love and our deepest sympathy.

Lex and Patsy Moix

September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM