



Joseph Howard Sannutti

May 9, 1954 - August 23, 2025

Mr. Joseph (Joe) Howard Sannutti, age 71, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at

The Corvettes of Carlisle Show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, doing what he loved. Joe was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Baxley, Georgia. He was a jack of all trades and a master of a few, a United States Army Veteran, a chaplain for drag racers across the Southeast, and a member of First Assembly of God, where he served many roles.

Preceding him in death are his father, Joe Sannutti; his mother, Jeanne Bowe; brother,

Ray Huddleston and sisters, Beverly Huddleston, Val Quigley, and Debby Huddleston.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years, Debbie; son, Joey (Cassey) Sannutti; daughter, Jessi (Matt) Butler; grandchildren, Jessalyn Butler, Landyn Sannutti, Preslee Sannutti, Mattilyn Butler, Tucker Sannutti, and Maxon Butler; great-grandson, Cameron McRae; brothers, Bobby (Missy) Huddleston, Kevin (Debra) Huddleston, Bernie Spence, George (Penny) Spence, Francis (Daniele) Spence, Rich (Karen) Spence; sisters, Betsy Touhill, Michelina (James) Farley, Carol Lallier, Pennie (Joe) Duczkowski, Chrissie D'Amelio, Celia (Ted) Osmola, Tricia (Greg) Tresch; along with a ton of nieces, nephews, and countless honorary children and grandchildren (literally every friend of his

kids and grandkids). Joe loved BIG - from the time you met him, you were immediately a part of his family, so you are also a part of this list!

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Baxley Church of God on September 6th at 3 pm. Don't worry about dressing up, please wear what you would wear when you hung out with Joe; racing shirt, Rat Fink shirt, leather vests, etc.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his memory to one of Joe's three passions: God Speed Ministry, Gideons International, or his lovely wife Debbie.

The staff of Nobles Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Joseph Howard Sannutti.

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Bert and I have served in Tres Dias with Joe throughout the last several years. He loved God and his family. That included our Tres Dias family. We loved him and will miss him. We know where he is spending eternity and are thankful we serve a God of hope! We love you Debbie and you and your family are in our prayers.

Cindy King - September 05, 2025 at 06:22 PM

WB

“ Joe, also known to my family as Joe Hot Rod, and I became great friends working on a 1932 Ford hot rod for many years. We spent hours in his shop talking, eating tomato sandwiches, and sometimes working. I thought a lot of Joe and he will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers for all of his family and friends.

Wallace Boatright & Family



Wallace Boatright - September 04, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CA

“ Praying for this family. With sympathy, love, and prayers
Jim and Cathy Ammons

Cathy Ammons - August 29, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of my friend of around 50 years has passed. My family will keep the family in our prayers.

Bill Bowers - August 28, 2025 at 12:40 AM

DC

“ *David & Phyllis Carter lit a candle in memory of Joseph Howard Sannutti*



David & Phyllis Carter - August 27, 2025 at 02:44 PM

SC

“ *My bride Claire and I served many times through the past 10 years with Joe and we always love serving with him and just being around him. He was truly a role model and a wonderful brother in Christ. Hallelujah! You are now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Praise God. We love you Joe.*

Sandy and Clare Camp - August 26, 2025 at 09:02 PM

RR

“ *Rose Royal lit a candle in memory of Joseph Howard Sannutti*



Rose Royal - August 26, 2025 at 03:59 PM

RR

Prayers and blessings being sent to Debbie and family ❤️

Rose Royal - August 26, 2025 at 04:01 PM

KF

“ *I met Joe and Debbie through Tres Dias. Joe was a great man of God. He will never be forgotten and I know I will see him again ! Debbie and family my prayers are with all of you during this time.*

Karen Falkner - August 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Howard Sannutti.*



August 26, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Howard Sannutti.

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“ *I was blessed to know Mr. Joe for a short time, but what an impression he left on me. A true man of God and one of the coolest hot rodders you would ever meet. I am lucky to have a piece of his hand painted art on my car and will cherish that forever. Ms. Deb I am so sorry for your loss and I know Mr. Joe is up in the lords palace looking down on us all! He will be missed around our Pharoah's events and so many more places. God Bless you all in this time of mourning and celebration of such a wonderful man and his life.*

*Jason Allen and Family
Pharoahs CC of Perry*



jason Allen - August 26, 2025 at 03:40 PM

BS

“ *I'm still grief stricken and sad for the loss of a great human being and great friend. My thoughts and prayers to his family and the large group of friends.*

Bill Stewart - August 26, 2025 at 03:36 PM

“ How could one write a note about one of the best and longest friends one ever had.... not easy; too much to say.

I met Joe, and his best friend Johnny Anderson, in Camp Edwards West, near Panmunjom on the DMZ near North Korea, in January 1974. We were stationed in the U.S. Army under the 2d Infantry Division in the 702d Maintenance, as Heavy Equipment Mechanics (11H).

The two of them were so cool, so carefree, so at ease with the world, best friends, and I was drawn to them from the first days. We froze together, we marched long marches through the mountains and stinking rice paddies, gave our money and gifts to the orphanage nearby, and we were awakened in the middle of the night in head-high snow, to the alerts of North Koreans attempting to invade South Korea. (We held them back!)

Our friendship grew over the 1.5 years (about) that we were there, and when we (DROS) rotated back to the USA, Johnny and Joe were assigned to Fort Stewart in Hinesville, and I was assigned to Fort Gordon in Augusta. We had agreed that we would meet at my home in Baxley as soon as we were settled. Unbelievably, they found their way to Baxley before I got there, and were quickly taken in as family by Mama and Daddy (and Susie & Debbie, of course) and the rest of the family, and they spent the remaining years as adopted members of the family.

It wouldn't be difficult to imagine that these drag-racing, life-loving American young men would soon be drawn to my sisters, and finally marry them. A crazy love story that deserves it's own discourse, but that for another time.

Joe was the ultimate friend, husband, father and part of our family. He was always finding new ways to make a living in hard times, and was always first to be sure that all of us, including Johnny and I, were part of his life. He and Johnny lived as closely through the 50+ years that I have known them, as any brothers could have.

Joe never waivered, in his devotion to his Debbie, his family, and his friends and his resilience through his many challenges has been an inspiration to many more than me.

Life is hard. We come here in a miraculous way, for a very brief time, and we leave, with no second chances. Joe proved that one can live this life with fun and enjoy what you love and who you love, and leave gracefully.

Joe will be missed for a very long time.
Burt

Burt Crapps - August 26, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LY

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe's new journey! I met this man of God when Cloyd Parker and I attended First Assembly of God! He enjoyed talking and preaching about his God. Joe walked his faith and was a blessing to everyone that sat under his ministry! He had a way of sharing his gift of ministry so that you fully understood his message. My thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful wife, family and friends. The dues are too high for the box marked widow.*

Lynn - August 26, 2025 at 02:03 PM

CC

“ *Ms. Debbie, Joey, and Jess, I am praying for y'all during this time! Mr. Joe was such a sweet-fun-loving-man and he most certainly shined for Jesus!!! May his memory live on forever in your minds and thoughts!!!*



Carrie Carrie - August 26, 2025 at 01:41 PM