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Joe Knorr passed away after a long brave battle with Parkinsons.

Joe was born in Camden, NJ, to August and Virginia Jacoby Knorr. Joe moved to Merritt Island in 1965 and was a member of the first graduating class of Merritt Island High in 1966. He made friends easily and those friendships lasted a lifetime. He was an avid fan of all sports but favored playing basketball.

The Vietnam War interrupted his college career but he returned from his service in the Navy to complete his degree and began a stellar career as an educator. In 2009, Joe retired as the Assistant Principal at Milwee Middle School in Longwood, FL and returned to Brevard County.

Throughout his life, Joe's priorities were family and community, from serving on the Merritt Island Volunteer Fire Department in the early '70's to most recently President of the Cocoa Beach Optimist Club.

He is survived by his son, Joey, and his sister, Judith Seitz (Paul).

Lovingly guiding Joe on his final journey was the love of his life, Connie

Cornette and family Kelli, Amy, Stacy and their children.

You will be missed JoeJoe!

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was my rock from the time that we met.
You know you have found a good guy when
your deceased husband's family accepts and
likes him.

He loved to travel, eat at nice restaurants,
and loved any kind of sports.

One of my fondest memories is the first time he said I Love You. I
ask him how do you know ? His reply .. "You just know".

So now I say to you.. I just know.



Connie Cornette - October 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

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Joe was a great friend. We taught Middle School students together for
many years but we also traveled together. We both shared a love of
baseball and once a year many of us would play "hooky and take in a
spring training game. Several summers we traveled all over the US
attending various baseball parks and several of the Hall's of Fame. I
will miss my friend and though I'm a Braves fan, for Joe ill say it just
once: "Go Phillies"

Mike Spalding - October 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ Joe became my best buddy the day I met him at Merritt Island High in 1965. Probably a lot of people can say that because that is the kind of sole he had. My family embraced him as one of us and I always felt warmly received in his family's home.

We played endless hours of one-on-one basketball. He introduced me to the game of golf for which I have since forgiven him.

In a lot of ways we were total opposites. Joe was focused and steady and I could be a little erratic. But, when I flew too close to the sun, Joe was there to brush me off, pat me on the back, and, through a chuckle, say, "You're an idiot."

Thank you, Joe, for 60 years of quality friendship. I miss you.



Terry Balthaser - October 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM