



## Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr.

October 22, 1960 - March 8, 2015

Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky, Jr. , 54, of Winter Springs, Florida, passed away March 8, 2015. Preceded in death by his wife Karla Wojnarwsky. Survivors include his Fiancee: Julie Nedeau; Sons: Josh Wojnarwsky (Pandora), and Joseph Wojnarwsky (Jennifer); Brothers: Mike Wojnarwsky, Paul Wojnarwsky, and John Wojnarwsky; Grandson: Aiden Hodges.

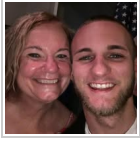
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 5:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Joe has been a part of my family for many years, beginning when he was in the Navy with my husband. Joe was an integral part of our home and family for many years. He was a man to look up to and ALWAYS had a smile and a glint of mischief in his eye. He will be greatly missed. We will see you again Wojo.

*Tonda, Barry, Jeff, Tammi, Jennifer and Nathan King*

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**Tonda King** - April 22, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr..



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March 20, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr..



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March 19, 2015 at 09:15 PM

“ *The Dash* by Linda Ellis copyright 1996

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to  
the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following  
date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those  
years.*

*For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is  
worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the  
cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to  
change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be  
rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to  
rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent*

*YOUR dash?*

*Thank you,  
Respectfully/  
Trudy Hodge  
Gertrude Hodge  
Commander's Secretary  
E-mail: [Trudy.Hodge@DCMA.MIL](mailto:Trudy.Hodge@DCMA.MIL)*

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**Trudy Hodge** - March 19, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr..*



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March 19, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr..*



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March 19, 2015 at 08:56 AM

KB

“ Remembering my fellow Buckeye, my friend and my co-worker, Joe Wojnarwsky.

*When I first Joe at DCMA Orlando he immediately made me feel welcomed to a new office. Joe was friendly and outgoing. He had a great smile with a hint of mischief in his smile. Speaking as a fellow Buckeye I will miss our sports discussions. Rest in peace my friend and may God Bless you and your family during their time of sorrow.*

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**Keith Barrett** - March 18, 2015 at 06:31 AM

KB

“ Keith Barrett lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr.



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**Keith Barrett** - March 18, 2015 at 06:15 AM

AW

“ I want to send my deepest condolence to the family of Joe during this time. The news hit me hard as well and with plenty of emotions. Joe and I were officemates when I started my civilian career with DCMA. He showed me that we could work hard and have fun at the same time. We shared many laughs and he showed me many tricks from placing tape on the phone line, followed by a phone call that they could not answer to sending crazy emails from someone's open computer. I can hear his chuckle now! After he left I looked forward to his email update bragging on his family accomplishments, that he cherished dearly. Rest in peace my friend and "Thanks for the memories".

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**Aaron Woods** - March 13, 2015 at 06:30 PM

CM

“ Well, the "Pooch" is in heaven now. That's a nickname that he came by at DCMA in Greenville. I wrote a poem for him for his going away party and gave him a stuffed toy dog named, "Pooch". As I read it to him, I shed many tears as I don't do goodbyes very well. He said he kept "Pooch" on his dresser for a long time. I was like an older sister to him (almost old enough to be his mother), and after he left for Orlando, we kept in touch and even had a few lunches together when Tom and I visited Florida. He sent me flowers when I retired and surprised me with a phone call. He had no idea how much I was touched. He called me "Dizzy" Dean. He told me all about Julie, and we were so happy that he had met someone to share life with. What a wonderful father he was, and Josh and Joe, Jr., and family and Julie, I pray for time to gently heal your sorrow. It's never easy, but memories warm the heart. For sure, you will see him again all healthy and happy. "One Day at a Time", dear ones.....

*Carolyn (Dizzy Dean) and Tom Murphy*

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**Carolyn (Dizzy Dean) and Tom Murphy** - March 13, 2015 at 01:31 PM

LK

“ Hang in there and take one day at a time Julie, Joe Jr, Josh and family. Thinking of you all and hoping and praying for strength during this difficult time.

*Joe was so proud of his boys and talked about them a lot when he worked here at DCMA in Greenville, SC.*

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**Lynn Klemme** - March 13, 2015 at 08:36 AM

TL

“ I know Joseph back in the Navy in VQ-4. HE was a nice guy and a good worker. HE is a Member of the TACAMO Family and will be missed. I am so sorry to his son and THE Lady he loved. I talk to him a few months ago and he talked allot about both you and Know he loved you 2 very much and I was so glad he was so happy. God Speed

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**Tim Lane** - March 12, 2015 at 07:58 PM

UN

“ Joe, You sudden passing was a great shock to us. You will be greatly missed and will never be forgotten . All our love to you. God Bless You. Love uncle Don and Neni.

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**Uncle Don & Neni** - March 12, 2015 at 06:35 PM

SB

“ Steve Barth lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Wojnarwsky Jr.



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**Steve Barth** - March 12, 2015 at 06:07 AM

KR

“ Joe, it seems like just yesterday we were picking on each other at work. I really enjoyed putting the gay pride sign on the tailgate of your truck that one day. I know you got a bunch of calls from everyone who drove past your truck at Lockheed. I always had to check my office real good to find out what messed with. We both had thick skin and enjoyed messing with each other.

We hit it off from the moment we met. Since we were both MetalSmiths in the Navy we had a lot in common I guess. I don't believe I have ever laughed as hard or as often I did working with you.

I consider myself blessed to have had such a good friend. We both helped each other through some tough times. You were such a great father to the boys and they have grown up to be great men. You were always so proud, with good reason, for all accomplishments.

To little big Joe, Josh, Julie, friends and family. I am so truly sorry for you loss. I too will miss Joe and the passion that he lived his life with. My heart breaks for you all.

Joe, thank you for being such a good friend, mentor and great example as a father. You will be sorely missed my friend. Until we meet again.

Kyle Richeson, friend/coworker in Greenville, SC

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**Kyle Richeson** - March 11, 2015 at 11:35 PM

WM

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Wishing peace and comfort for the boys and the family. Joe will be greatly missed. I worked with Joe, and even "Little" Joe, in Greenville. He was always dedicated, hard-working man of integrity. The world is truly a lesser place without him. May the many fond memories help to fill the void and ease the pain of loss.

*Wayne Martin*

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**W. Martin** - March 11, 2015 at 04:29 PM

JW

“ Joe lived life BIG. He worked hard and he played harder. I got to know Joe during our Canada tour together. We spent more than a few nights out on the town...painting it red. And the emails that Joe, Ryan, Anita and I routinely participated in were so funny that I would have tears flowing from my eyes. I wonder how many times did he call me a knuckle dragging lop eared Neanderthal? Never one to run from a fight and yet Joe had one of the biggest hearts of any man I know. He dearly loved his boys and would tell stories of them with great pride. I only wish I could be the father that Joe was to Josh and Joseph. He will continue to live in you both. Julie while I have never meant you, I know you must be a Hell of a gal, and that Joe loved you dearly. My heart goes out to you all for your loss.

*This poem reminds me of Joe:*

*Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.*

*Rest in Peace Big Guy*

*Jim Waples*

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**Jim Waples** - March 11, 2015 at 08:42 AM

AB

“ I’m so saddened to hear of Joe’s passing. He became such a great friend during his tour in Canada and we remained close even after he returned to the US. I am so fortunate to have known him and the great times we had. I’m so glad I had the opportunity to meet up with him in Orlando a few years back where we shared many laughs and memories of the office. I’m also very grateful that I was able to hear his laugh one last time over the phone this past fall. “JOWL”....I’m going to miss you dearly and may you rest in peace....from “Hammer”. And to Joe’s entire family, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Anita Brown** - March 11, 2015 at 06:11 AM



“ To Joe's family & friends; I am so sorry for the loss of your Joe. We worked together for many years and I had a great deal of respect for Joe's integrity, intelligence and most especially his love of family, friends and country. He was a not so obvious humble young man with a huge heart and a truly great American that I had come to admire. I think we last communicated on Veterans Day, true to form, Joe reached out to all Veterans he knew to remember their service.

I am quite certain that Joe and our mutual friend Peggy are at this very moment having a grand old time catching up in heaven. Peggy was sort of our work mom; sister in my case, her and Joe shared an office for many years. You had to be on top of your game if you dared enter the same room with those two characters; I miss that and I guess never realized how much until this very moment.

Joe, I'll miss you, my heart aches for your family and close friends, we are all better people for having known you. I look forward to seeing you again my friend.

Hughie

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**Hugh O'Handley** - March 10, 2015 at 10:39 PM

“ My Brother, You will be truly missed\*\* I don't think that there ever has been a more outspoken fan of Ohio State---it really took an effort to congratulate you on the championship---yeah you just laughed\*\* When we talked the last time I only can wish we would have talked longer\* Every time we talked it was like we just left work and there was no catching up\*\* You and Karla did a wonderful job with your boys--now great young men with beautiful women at their side/ Enjoyed watching them grow up\*\*\* Enjoyed the TDY's you, me and Bridges--yeah we could have cleaned the place out--good thing we left==you laughing all the way\*\*\* Will miss you Brother\*\*\* I know you will be missed by all \*\*\* Till we meet again\*\*\*

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**Mike Hendrix** - March 10, 2015 at 08:50 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I am a former co-worker at DCMA in Orlando and had great respect for his integrity and dedication to our military members and their mission! To joe's family and friends, please know he was loved and brought so much joy and good vibes to everyone around him. He will be dearly missed.

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**lois davis** - March 10, 2015 at 07:57 PM

DK

“ Cousin Joe, we talked on the phone before the holidays and then again on Christmas. I never thought it would be the last time we would speak. Life take many turns and twists that we will never understand . I will always rember those conversations and never forget the way we laughter together. I will miss you very much.GOD BLESS YOU. I also want to take this time to ask everybody to pray for Joe's family, they have lost a good man. Cousin Doug

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**Doug Kiesel** - March 10, 2015 at 07:52 PM

AD

“ Joe - You left us too soon.. You will dearly be missed.. Co-worker and friend. Anna Diaz

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**Anna Diaz** - March 10, 2015 at 04:51 PM

BW

“ To my best friend! How a big dumb Yankee and a knuckle dragging redneck ever became friends is beyond me. Since our paths crossed in 86 I have expected and received a phone call every Saturday and it has been an enjoyment that I am truly going to miss. Even though you could not pick a winner on our football bets it was always a good time to talk or argue sports with you. Never met anyone who loved Cleveland like you have whether it was the Browns - Cavaliers or the Indians. In my most trying times you were always there to listen and offer suggestions to help keep me out of trouble. You raised two great young men and I am very proud to have been involved in their lives. I remember great times with you and Karla and was looking forward to the same with Julie. Our wish to race wheel chairs when we got old is gone but I will never forget the man who is and was my best friend. May the wind always be at your back and God's speed.  
Bleu

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**Bleu Watkins** - March 10, 2015 at 03:42 PM

ST

“ Chief, I wish I had taken the opportunity to check in with you more often once our jobs moved us to other parts of the world. I can't believe you are gone, it will never seem real to me, you were always there, just an email or phone call away. We had a lot of laughs in Canada, but a lot of late night chats in email too, about life, about death, and about hope. My husband Jason and I really appreciate your friendship, you will always be a part of our family. I know you aren't really gone what with all the love and memories that you gave us, that remain with your family whom you loved immensely, and of course, with your friends whom you accepted and supported unconditionally. Rest in peace, my dear friend, you are greatly loved and will always be missed.

stiles

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**Stiles** - March 10, 2015 at 03:31 PM

MR

“ Joe has been a dear friend to Ryan and I over the years. Ryan and Joe worked together in Greenville and Canada. We did not know anyone when we arrived in Canada and Joe took us under his wing and really became our family. We shared many good times, many delicious meals (especially Joe's famous gut bomb meatball subs!), many great conversations, and most of all many great laughs. Ryan and I still crack up at all of Joe's classic stories about growing up with his brothers in Cleveland. Joe's joy and love for his sons made a lasting impression. We now have 2 young sons and have enjoyed sharing stories with Joe about life with boys. We love you dearly Joe and can not thank you enough for the blessing you brought and continue to bring to our lives.

*Mandy and Ryan Perry*

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**mandy and ryan** - March 10, 2015 at 01:53 PM

SS

“ Really, really true friends cross our paths only on rare occasions in our lifetimes. Joe was one of those to Kate and I. We helped each other when we could and shared our experiences of work and life. We will miss our "Joey" and those times we spent together and the conversations we had. It breaks our hearts to have lost a friend with such a big heart who was so passionate about everything in life. Rest in Peace, Joey!!!

*Kate and Scott Shammo*

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**Scott Shammo** - March 10, 2015 at 08:16 AM

TE

“ Joe was a wonderful man who I am honored to have met and became friends with. I admire him because of the love he showed to a great friend of mine, Julie and her children. The world will not be the same now, God speed Joe!

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**terri** - March 09, 2015 at 09:38 PM

SH

“ Joe , I love you and will miss you dearly. I will always remember all the good times we shared as kids and as we have grown over the years . You will always be in my heart little brother .Till we meet again in Heaven.say hi to mom and dad . Rest in peace little brother. With All My Love, Paul

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**sharon** - March 09, 2015 at 08:53 PM

MW

“ Joe  
How I never thought I'd be writing this. My goodbye to my little brother. We've had great memories. Everything from fighting with all the guys you messed with when you were little and telling them your big brother will kick their a\*\* to watching you raise two great sons. Visiting with you wherever you moved too and meeting all your wonderful friends you met on the way. You were blessed with great family and friends along the way. Especially that "Red Neck' Bleu. Say hi to mom and dad and watch over all of us.  
Love you brother

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**Mike Wojnarwsky** - March 09, 2015 at 08:16 PM

KO

“ *My life is better having you being a part of it. I always saw you as a wonderful man with great character, an amazing husband, father, brother, son and dear friend to so many, that love you in return. I will always cherish the memorable times we shared in the 30+ years of knowing you; the fun, family, and heart to heart times. You will be dearly missed, Joe. May you be at glorious peace, enjoying your journey. Love you bunches, Karen*

*'A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive within our hearts and minds, through us, they live on.'*

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**Karen Oertling** - March 09, 2015 at 05:29 PM

DK

“ *Joe, we shared a special bond together as the travelers of the family. I always enjoyed our talks on the phone and your laugh. I will miss you. RIP*

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**Dennis Kiesel** - March 09, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Hey daddy...today I would like to share the memory of why I love aliens vs predator so much. When I was just a young boy you came home from a trip and gave joe and i something. That something was a drake and hicks action figure. From then on you introduced me to the movies. Since then I am more than a fan. Avp is comfort and great times that I will have with me for the rest of my life. It's all because of you. I love and miss you so much.*

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**Joshua Wojnarwsky** - March 09, 2015 at 02:37 PM

JM

“ Joe, I have way to many memories of you to pick just one. I am gonna miss you for many reasons, one is the fact that you always called me a redneck. .lol! I will never truly know why, and I would call you a yankee. But that was our thing to each other. You were there and called me twice a week when I lost daddy, and was going through everthing, and I love you for that. Your were a great man, kind hearted and loved by many! I love ya big joe, say hey to my daddy for me and watch after all of us down here okay.  
Love always  
Your cuz,  
Jennifer

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Jennifer Rigby Mosley - March 09, 2015 at 01:24 PM

JW

“ I still remember the day we first met, I was so nervous to meet you, I wanted your blessing to be with your son so badly. You didn't just accept me though, you accepted me with open arms and a kind loving heart. The more I got to know you the more I loved you. I love you for being the best Dad a man could ask for to my husband, I love you for being an amazing "papa" to my son Aiden, and I love you for treating me like your own. I'll always remember all of the wonderful memories we made together, and life won't be the same without you pops. I know you will be with us every step of the way, and there won't be a day that goes by we won't be thinking of you and missing you. We love you today and always! -Jen



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Jennifer Wojnarwsky - March 09, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BW

“ Gonna miss your weekly rants about the Browns and reminding me how great your beloved Buckeyes were. Tell my dad I miss him..  
God speed

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**brad wojnarowsky** - March 09, 2015 at 12:15 PM

NS

“ Fare Winds and Following Seas shipmate, your friendship was a blessing, you will be missed, your friend and fellow sailor Nick Schroeder

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**Nick Schroeder** - March 09, 2015 at 11:38 AM

JW

“ My dear brother and friend will be missed by many. I have huge hole in my heart now that he is gone. May you rest in peace brother with all my love your brother John

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**John Wojnarwsky** - March 09, 2015 at 11:05 AM

RE

Joe,  
WE had some good times ans some bad, but we always comee togeter.

My most heartflett sorrow goes to your boys with a spwcial hug for the girl you were goin to marry.

All the pwoplw in Greenville will miss you. May you be in Heaven 5 days before the devil knows youare gone.

Rest In Peace Joe, you have earned it.R.  
Ross

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**Ross Eaton** - March 10, 2015 at 08:00 PM

SB

Joe,

*What are you doing? You're not supposed to be gone; you're supposed to be here, with Joe, Josh, Julie and the rest of the family. You didn't discuss with me that you had plans on getting out of here before me, that's not how that was supposed to work. I'm older than you; I wanted to go first. You know how hard it is to lose loved ones; I don't like going through that. First, there was Mike Amante in December and now you. I guess I'll have to wait awhile to kick your butt for leaving early.*

*Speaking of kicking butt, I recall the story of when you were in London, Ontario. You had a hankering to eat a sub from the joint across the street from your apartment. The story goes that after you picked up your sub and was heading out to take your sandwich back to your apartment you were attacked from the back. Fists were thrown and you said you beat the daylight out of him; however caught up in all the excitement you left the scene to get back to your place. When you returned to your apartment, you looked off the balcony to see if the burglar was still on the ground...he was gone and so was your sandwich. We all had fun with that one. Well meat, you escaped from Greenville, and now you escaped from this world on your last but greatest adventure. Enjoy the ride brother. Hope to see you soon.*

*Joe Jr, Jennifer, Josh, Pandora and Julie, I feel your grief and will pray for your strength. Always remember his smile and the love he had for you all.*

*Steve Barth*

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**Steve Barth** - March 12, 2015 at 06:06 AM