

## Joseph Anthony Caminiti

February 5, 1936 - July 9, 2025

Joseph Anthony Caminiti, 89, of North Port, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on July 9, 2025. He had been fighting cancer and heart disease for several years. He was born on February 5, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York. He had two brothers, Ron and Cosmo Caminiti. Joe was a loving father and husband. He leaves behind his wife Janice; five children, Joyce Schottle, Donna Angelini, Anthony (Diane) Caminiti, Stephanie Ilardi, and a step-daughter Christy Meyer. He had seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He loved to share about Jesus and belonged to several small groups at his church. A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

# Tribute Wall

SI

“ Always missing you more and more each day.  
We love you always 💖🐵



Stephanie Ilardi - March 14 at 08:13 PM

TR

“ Joe, I have a photo of the two of us standing outside of PS142 on June 27 1949, our graduation day. Two thirteen year-old boys ready to leave childhood...

Tom Russo - February 07 at 10:58 AM

SI

Thank you for posting such a great memory of you and my dad. That means the world.

Stephanie Ilardi - March 14 at 08:11 PM

SI

“ Happy Heavenly Thanksgiving Dad, 🍁🐔🍁  
🐔 we love and miss you. We know you are surrounding us today. Love you forever and always.



Stephanie Ilardi - November 27, 2025 at 07:46 PM

SI

“ *Missing you so much Dad. We love you*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - October 28, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - October 09, 2025 at 08:30 PM

SI

“ *Missing you more and more as days go on but I know you are still here with us. I just wish you could feel our hugs. Mom, myself and Andy miss you so much dad. I love you forever and always. Ps, eating a donut and drinking a Blueberry coffee just for you.*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - September 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM

SI

“ Thank you again Dad, I really feel you speaking to us. Your little ways of sharing the bigger picture. Nothing is coincidence these days. We all love and miss you so much. I wish I would get easier but just knowing you are still with us in the heavenly realm sending little things here and there. You are doing Gods work with Him and we see it. Love you always Dad 💖



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Stephanie Ilardi - September 04, 2025 at 06:40 PM

SI

“ Not one single day does on that we don't all wish you were here. We know you are with us still but I can't help that I have to post still. We love you so much dad. I love you always and o think I have overdone the coffee. I now drink two for you ❤️ love your little monkey brat. Ps, the white dog missing you and Gavin sits by your chair all the time.



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Stephanie Ilardi - August 28, 2025 at 05:43 PM

SI

“ Missing and love you so very much today. We love you dad ❤️



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Stephanie Ilardi - August 20, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JC

“ *Janice Caminiti sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Janice Caminiti** - August 17, 2025 at 04:22 PM

SI

“ *Thank you Dad for sending me beautiful memories and for always being our guardian angel and being near us every single day watching over us with God. It's beautiful to watch new signs and see you in the heavens*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - August 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SI

“ *Missing you more than ever today! Love you so much Dad.*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - August 11, 2025 at 10:19 AM

SI

“ *Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Stephanie Ilardi** - August 07, 2025 at 09:42 AM

SI

“ Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti



Stephanie Ilardi - August 06, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DA

“ Dee A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Anthony Caminiti.

Dee A. - August 02, 2025 at 07:33 PM

SI

“ Stephanie Ilardi sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti



Stephanie Ilardi - August 02, 2025 at 12:07 PM

SI

“ Each day is something new. A new emotion, a new memory or just another day missing you. We love you Dad. Thank you for the beautiful rainbow outside my office this morning. I saw your ambulance that we last rode in together and above that was your beautiful rainbow. It the feather and rainbows that get me through my day. I don't you wouldn't want anyone sad and for us to focus on mom. That is what we are trying to do each day and make new memories and cherish the time we have. Christy is taking mom to lunch and out shopping. We are having your favorite soup tonight for dinner. Love you more than you know.



Love,

*Biggie Biggie  
Medium Medium  
Little Little*

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**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 31, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ I worked AND served with Joe for many years at First Alliance. Joe was involved in Bible studies, small groups, men's ministry, PrimeTimers and more together with his beloved wife Jan! He was a blessing to so many! Always remember how Joe would ask me to pray with him about many people he loved and situations God put on his heart. Rest in eternal peace, my friend! Praying for you Jan!

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 29, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JC

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 29, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JC

*Beautiful memory from Tony Huffer*

**Janice Caminiti** - August 01, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CM

“ *Christy Meyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Christy Meyer** - July 25, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CJ

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss Jan, Stephanie and family. Mike Rankin said it best about Joe. Joe had a passion for following Jesus and was open and honest about his relationship with Him. Joe and Ronnie and a few other brothers from First Alliance were in a weekly Men's Accountability Group together, I drove Joe back and forth from his home in Englewood to church in Port Charlotte and heard story after story from Joe about growing up in New York, the family's restaurant business (how to make a great pizza), but mostly about his love for Jesus. There is no doubt in my mind that he's by the Savior's side, finally able to rest in his presence, knowing that his work is done. One of Janet and my favorite memories of our FAC Small Group was the first time we met Joe/Jan, Ronnie, Frank/Joyce, Steve/Judy and others....it was loud, and everyone was talking with their hands...and we came away from that first meeting laughing and thinking we'd better step up our game if we want to get a word in edge wise! LOL. We loved that group, and our memories of Joe will always be wonderful ones. Rest easy my friend.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.*



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**Craig and Janet** - July 25, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JC

*What a beautiful memory. Thank you Craig and Janet*

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 27, 2025 at 07:01 AM

DC

“ *Diane Caminiti lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Diane Caminiti** - July 24, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JC

*Thank you Diane.*

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 24, 2025 at 05:59 PM

AC

“ *Anthony Caminiti lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Anthony Caminiti** - July 24, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JC

*Thank you Anthony*

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 24, 2025 at 06:00 PM

MR

“ I first met Joe in a time when we were starting a new church. This would become some of our best days. Joe and I had a passion for Men's Ministry with a goal of seeing Men get free in Christ. Promise Keepers events were powerful times. We made several trips and watched Men change their lives. Joe introduced me to Emmaus. The ultimate three days with Jesus. The very best was when Joe took the lead role and I had the privilege of serving and supporting Joe. He was so humble and I think it was one of his finest moments serving Christ. Joe never hesitated to speak his mind. You think? I loved that quality and it provided us with many laughs. I can still see that laugh with the half smile and humility that was only Joe

PROVERBS 18:24 NIV

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother

While family is important, this Proverb points out that a close friend can provide a level of support that can be as strong, or even stronger, than family relationships. Joe was a true Brother in Christ and these were special years we had together. The entire Caminiti Family showed me nothing but love and I am forever grateful. I will see you soon, Joe.

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**Mike Rankin** - July 23, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SI

Thank you so much for your kind words Mike 💕 just beautiful

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**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 23, 2025 at 11:18 PM

JC

What a beautiful memory Mike. Thank you for sharing your memories with us.

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 23, 2025 at 11:24 PM

SI

“ Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti



Stephanie Ilardi - July 23, 2025 at 08:01 AM

MR

*With the start up of Fellowship Church I met Joe, and started a friendship with a guy from NY that was not afraid to give his opinion. At first I was a bit shocked, but I quickly found a wonderful friendship in Joe. I started to get to know Joe's heart for Jesus, and we both had a desire for Men to have their freedom in Christ. We shared so many great times in Men' Ministry. We planned several Promise Keepers trips and witnessed Men absolutely breaking bondage and getting free. Joe introduced me to Emmaus and we shared several weekends. The absolute best was when Joe was lead and I got to serve on his team. I loved watching humble Joe lead us. I always loved that half smile and humbly ducking his head. That kept Joe in good grace after telling it like it is. Proverbs 18:24 NIV One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. While family is important, this Proverb points out to me, that a close friend can provide a level of support and connection that can be as strong, or even stronger, than family relationships. I will always cherish those days and the love and support from the entire Caminiti family. I don't know if God will allow us to watch THE GODFATHER marathon, but it's sure going to be awesome to see that smile. Thanks for being my brother in Christ*

Mike Rankin - July 23, 2025 at 04:22 PM

ME

“ I met Joe shortly after becoming a believer, and he and Jan quickly became a steady presence in my life, which played a huge role in shaping my spiritual journey.

Whether it was time spent together at church, after church, diving into Bible studies, breaking bread (the best calzones), being served at Emmaus, or serving alongside one another—it may have been all of it. Whatever it was, the only way I can explain it is that it felt like a little slice of Heaven right here on earth. Words always seem to fall short when I try to describe that season—and maybe they always will. But God knows, and I regularly thank Him for it.

When someone leaves an imprint on your soul, their name becomes part of your testimony. I will forever be grateful to you, Joe. You showed me what walking with Christ truly looked like, and it did not mean “looking” like you had it all together. No one does, and that’s not obtainable, nor is it relatable. Your love for Jesus was contagious. You were open, genuine, and deeply understood the value of Christian fellowship—so much so that you made your home a gathering place each week, several times a week. You knew who God was, and just as importantly, you knew who He wasn’t. You spoke with conviction, never shying away from the truth, and you consistently shared the impact Jesus had on your life.

That kind of investment in my life left a mark that still influences me today. Because of your example, my husband and I strive to do the same. I’ve seen firsthand how powerful that is~ in shaping someone’s walk with Jesus~ and I don’t know any other way to thank God for putting you in my life!

I have so much more I could share, but I’ll save it for when I see you again, my faithful brother in Christ.

With love,  
Melanie

**Melanie** - July 22, 2025 at 06:46 PM

SI

*Thank you so much for your kind words Mel 💖 beautifully said*

**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 23, 2025 at 11:19 PM

ME

“ *Melanie lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Melanie** - July 22, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JC

*Thank you so much Melanie*

**Janice Caminiti** - July 22, 2025 at 06:15 PM

SI

“ *Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



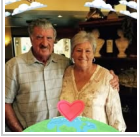
**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 22, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JM

“ *Jordan Meyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Jordan Meyer** - July 21, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Our lives go on with you, but nothing is the same. We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that you and silent are the tears that fall. Living without you is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true, and when we needed someone we could always count on you. With the love that is in our hearts you will walk with us forever.

Jan Caminiti - July 21, 2025 at 01:26 PM

SI

I love you mom. This is beautiful. I just burst into tears at work. ❤️ I see him in every room and hallway same as you ❤️

Stephanie Ilardi - July 21, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Your life was a blessing. Your Memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Jan Caminiti - July 21, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CM

“ Christy Meyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti



Christy Meyer - July 20, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CM

“ *Christy Meyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



Christy Meyer - July 20, 2025 at 05:14 PM

SI

“ *Having a Blueberry coffee just for you and making your meatballs and sauce with mom as we knew you would enjoy* ❤️



Stephanie Ilardi - July 20, 2025 at 01:24 PM

JO

“ *We said see you soon to a great man ..My Dad is now an angel in heaven...He was A man with integrity. A man of God. A great provider. He lived a fulfilling life. A man who has worn many hats and succeeded at all. We love you dad...we will miss you ..Its not good bye Dad its see you soon ..Blowing kisses to Heaven ... Your 1st born Joyce*



Joyce - July 18, 2025 at 10:38 PM

JC

*Very nice post Joyce*

Janice Caminiti - July 19, 2025 at 01:17 AM

SI



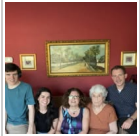
Stephanie Ilardi - July 19, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SI

“ Thank you Dad for my feather today! I have it in a special box 🕊️ 😊



Stephanie Ilardi - July 18, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ Yvonne Carallo lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti



Yvonne Carallo - July 18, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JC

Thank you Yvonne

Janice Caminiti - July 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

LW

One of the kindest men I've ever known. Good memories of our friendship. You will never be forgotten and forever loved.

Lane Warzybok - July 19, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JC

Thank you Lane

Janice Caminiti - July 19, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SI

*Thank you Lane!!! ❤️*

**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 20, 2025 at 11:43 PM

SI

“ *Stephanie Ilardi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 18, 2025 at 07:52 AM

JC

“ *Janice Caminiti sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Janice Caminiti** - July 18, 2025 at 01:12 AM

JO

“ *Joyce lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



**Joyce** - July 17, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JC

*Thank you Joyce*

**Janice Caminiti** - July 18, 2025 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ I hope you know how much you are loved and how much you are missed. We sit on the porch and watch for Cardinals everyday. It's very comforting to know you are in God's hands and with so many friends that pass before.

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**Janice Caminiti** - July 17, 2025 at 06:22 PM

SI

*Yes you are and we watch everyday.*

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**Stephanie Ilardi** - July 18, 2025 at 04:46 PM

JC

*I remember Emmaus and all the service he gave. Also remember The Godfather movie at Christmas. He is with our Lord now enjoying time with Ken also*

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**Julie Collier** - July 18, 2025 at 07:49 PM

JC

“ *Janice Caminiti lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



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**Janice Caminiti** - July 17, 2025 at 06:18 PM

SI

“Dad, you have no idea just how much I miss you and how you are missed. I know in time my heart will start to heal. You always said we are the same and you are exactly right. I wanted you here forever and God was calling you home. I still don't understand the timing and I wanted nothing more than to see you through to the very end. That is exactly what I did. I wished I could have shared my dream with you because it played out just like it did right down to you making a decision you know I would have never been able to make nor would mom. As painful as it is I now see it was your gift to me. One we both/all fought so hard to not have to make. Dad, thank you for allowing me the privilege to take care of you as best you would allow without taking your choices and dignity away. Thank you for allowing Andy to be there for you when mom and I couldn't and for gaining not just a son-in-law but another son. I know you counted on him a lot and he loved being here for you. The best gift you gave me is the ability to carry on what I know you wanted most and that was your love for God and to share with others and most importantly to put Christ first in our marriage. I know you are now with God and in heaven and are now my guardian angel who will never leave our sides. Thank you for being my father forever and always. Know that I will always drink our special Blueberry iced coffee and have one just for you. In the beginning it is child to parent, In the end it is parent to child. I will never ever forget that and will hold it close to my heart each day. I love you dad ❤️

Love your Little Monkey  
Stephie



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Stephanie Ilardi - July 17, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JC

*Beautifully said Stephanie*

Janice Caminiti - July 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM

SI

*I love you mom* ❤️

Stephanie Ilardi - July 18, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JC

“*Janice Caminiti lit a candle in memory of Joseph Anthony Caminiti*



Janice Caminiti - July 17, 2025 at 05:13 PM