



## Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Lekites

October 3, 1958 - August 21, 2022

Joseph "Joe" Paul Lekites passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 21, 2022 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Joe was born on October 3, 1958 in Lowell, Massachusetts to his parents Robert and Jan Lekites (Doherty). In addition to his parents, Bob and Jan, Joe is survived by his loving wife Donna Lekites (Morton), son Joel (aka Jose) and wife Jessie Lekites (Dowd) of Wylie, TX, son Jared and husband Wesley Lekites of Edmond, Oklahoma, and his four adoring grandchildren, (AKA the quadruplets- The J Crew) June "Junie Boonie", Jamison "Mae Mae", Joseph "Jose" and Jaclyn "Jac Jac Smack Smack". Joe is also survived by his brother, Robert L. Lekites Jr. and his wife Edie, sisters Nancy Boucher (Lekites) and husband Paul, Kerry Cregg (Lekites) and her husband Robert, Suzanne Ricoy (Lekites) and her husband Jim as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his youngest brother Timmy Lekites (2022) and his sister Amy Lekites (1986) and his father-in-law James C. Morton (2021). Joe grew up in the Centralville neighborhood of Lowell, Massachusetts where he was the fourth of seven children. He married his wife Donna of over 40 years on May 17, 1980. Joe worked in the construction industry in Massachusetts before transitioning to his most important role of being "Mister Mum" to his two sons and Caretaker to his elderly father-in-law, "Mr. Morton" until 2021. Over the years, the family relocated to Yorba Linda, California, Westfield, New Jersey, Missouri City, Texas, and settled in Edmond, Oklahoma. Joe loved living in his wide-open neighborhood (Orchard Hill)

where he was the unofficial

“ambassador” to everyone. Joe was loved by and connected with all people and was described by his neighbors as a wonderful character who was kind, helpful, and friendly. Joe treasured his deep family ties and kept in close contact with each of his siblings, his beloved parents, his sons, and their families no matter the distance. Joe loved mowing his yard on his John Deere tractor, working around the house, and keeping his home in meticulous order, as only Joe could do. Joe’s passing leaves a larger-than-life void that will be impossible to fill for his family and friends, especially his devoted wife Donna.

A Memorial Service and Gathering of Family and Friends will take place at The FAY MCCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STRRET LOWELL, on SATURDAY EVENING, AUG 27, 2022 from 6 until 9 PM, to which all are invited to attend. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Joe’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)

To read Joe’s complete obituary, please go to [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

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# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Lekites*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss*

**Sheryl Kliemisch** - August 28, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Sue and her family for their loss.. From Diana and Jay*

**Diana Doherty** - August 27, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *I was very fortunate to have grown up with Joe. All through grade school, elementary school and Jr high school. Always a smile and a story. And sports....he was a natural athlete. We both played for the Giants in little league. We didn't win a game for 2years, but we had a ball. He had a tremendous arm, could throw the ball through the backstop but couldn't throw a strike,lol. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Lekites family and all of Joe's many friends, and if you knew Joe, you were a friend 🙏🏻✝️*

**Mike Barros** - August 25, 2022 at 08:55 AM

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*Growing up and spending many summers and school vacations on 18th St. I have always regarded "The Lekites" as my 2nd family. Joey as another brother, Amy as my little sister, and of course, my "Cousin Sue". Love the way Joey would tell the most amusing stories. And he always smelled great. Heartfelt loss to all of us who knew him. R.I.P JOEY, Love you.*

Beth Laforge-Hayden - August 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM

DR

*“ We were lucky enough to get to live next to Joe for many years now. Joe was a great guy and neighbor who will truly be missed!*

Debbie Rogers - August 24, 2022 at 11:52 PM

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*“ 1 file added to the tribute wall*



Debbie Rogers - August 24, 2022 at 11:49 PM

LJ

*“ Joe was such a wonderful and engaging person to be around. I am so blessed to have known him in even such a small way as the sister of his son-in-law. Thinking of you, Donna. -Lisa*

Lisa J - August 24, 2022 at 10:39 PM

AW

“ We are going to miss Joe very much. We have many happy memories of spending time and going to various events with him and my dear dear cousin Donna. Until we meet again 🙏 Love and prayers to each family member,



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**Alterra Morton Woodard** - August 24, 2022 at 06:41 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Lekites



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - August 24, 2022 at 04:13 PM