



## Joseph E. Vriale

January 27, 1963 - February 25, 2026

With heavy hearts and deep love, we announce the passing of Joseph E. Vriale on February 25, 2026, at St. Peter's Hospital, surrounded by the family he loved so much.

Joe was born on January 27, 1963, in Hudson, NY to Patricia M. Briggs (William Lamb) and Carmine J. "Sonny" Vriale.

Joe was a loving son, devoted husband, proud father, caring brother, fun-loving uncle, and a loyal friend. He was the kind of person who never hesitated to lend a hand; whether you needed help fixing your car, moving something heavy, or just needed someone to make you laugh when you needed it most. Joe had a natural gift for humor and could brighten any room with his quick wit, warm smile, and unforgettable personality. He never met a stranger only friends he had not yet met. If you knew Joe, you loved him. Joe had a multitude of friends he considered family.

Joe is survived by his mother Patricia M. Briggs of East Greenbush, NY and Newport Richey, FL. Barbara DuVal-Vriale, his wife and best friend of twenty-eight wonderful years; a bond built on love, laughter, friendship, and true partnership. Joe and Barb celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a vow renewal and took a cross country second honeymoon this past year. He was the cherished Dad of Craig Jeffrey Gottenberg (PattiAnn). He was a

loving brother to Lawrence Vriale (Melissa Drabek) and a proud uncle to his many nieces and nephews, all of whom he adored. Also survived by his aunts, uncles and many cousins who meant so much to him.

Joe was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Ernest, and Emily (O'Brien) Briggs, paternal grandparents Lawrence J. and Antoinette Vriale, his father Carmine J. "Sonny" Vriale, his sister, Lisa Marie Corratti, and his favorite uncle Edward M. "Uncle" Briggs.

Joe was the proud owner of North East Auto Sales in Cairo, NY, where he built more than a business; he built friendships and trust within his community. He was also a dedicated member of the Elks Lodge in Cairo, NY and eventually transferred membership to Elks Lodge, Catskill, NY. Joe was an active member of the Catskill Yacht Club where he served as Assistant Dockmaster, Gas Chairman, Bar Chairman and in 2019 was elected Commodore.

Joe was known by many and loved by all, and his absence will be deeply felt by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. More than anything else, Joe's greatest joy was his family and friends. He leaves behind a lifetime of memories filled with laughter, kindness, and love. His stories, jokes, shenanigans, and generous spirit will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind. Joe will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. His legacy of kindness, humor, and generosity will live on in all of us.

In true Joe fashion, Joe never wanted anyone to be hungry. That being said, in lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting donations to the local food pantry.

Calling hours will be held on March 5, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Richard's Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street in Cairo. A funeral Mass will be held on March 6, 2026, at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Cairo, NY.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Richards Funeral Home in Cairo.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

37-36 North Jefferson Heights  
Catskill , NY 12414

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo  
P.O. Box # 383  
29 Bross Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
(518) 622-9503  
info@richardsbradysfh.com

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo  
35 Church Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Hey Joe! Remember the time when I jumped in Chris Kovacs's truck to move it. You didn't believe I could figure it out because it had a "3 on the tree". When I did, you told at least I was good for something! You were always a cool dude and you always said it like it was supposed to be said. God bless and keep your family in this difficult time. I already know you're in good with the Big Guy upstairs!

Mark Abramajtis - March 23 at 10:08 AM



“ Crystal Monteverd lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



Crystal Monteverd - March 10 at 07:24 PM

BA

“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



Barbara - March 06 at 12:39 PM

MB

“ Mary Louise Liberto and Michael Benjamin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph E. Vriale.

Mary Louise Liberto and Michael Benjamin - March 05 at 05:57 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale*



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**Sheila Gallagher** - March 05 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ *Barbara, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending love and light to you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Joy Connolly** - March 05 at 02:50 PM

NA

“ *sending lots of love to Joe's family, Joe was a great man!*



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**Nati** - March 04 at 02:36 PM



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

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March 03 at 04:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph E. Vriale.



March 03 at 04:21 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Words can't even describe how much we truly appreciated Joe. We bought cars from Joe since 1999. He was the only one we truly trusted with our vehicle repairs. Joe was always smiling and very kind and making me laugh when I was so nervous about my car because of my anxiety. Our sincerest condolences and thoughts and prayers 🙏 go to his wife and family.

**Beth-Anne and Chris Holland** - March 03 at 12:21 PM



“ Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



**Linda Lawrence** - March 03 at 12:07 PM



“ Pamela Brent lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



**Pamela Brent** - March 03 at 11:05 AM

NY

“ I’m so sorry Barbara for your loss, our thoughts are with you and your family and we’ll hold all of you in the light during this difficult time.

Nora Yates - March 02 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ So very sorry Barbara for the very sad loss of your Love. Have so many loving thoughts and memories of Joe over many years. He was always kind, fun, caring, generous, compassionate, and liked by all who knew him.  
May love of family and many friends embrace you at this difficult time. Gods Blessings Love Donna and Michael

Donna and Michael Schlosser - March 01 at 07:03 PM

SB

“ Deepest condolences to Barbara and the family which I’ve never had the pleasure of meeting however when visiting Joe to make payment on autos over the past six years we’d always strike up a conversation and you would see the spark in his eye when he spoke of his other half the piece to his puzzle Barb .  
I will forever remember Joe for his honesty his loyalty to customers like myself . RIP Joe

Sherry Bruno - February 28 at 06:33 PM

SB

“ Sherry Bruno lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



Sherry Bruno - February 28 at 06:24 PM

DD

“ *Dana Davanzo lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale*



Dana Davanzo - February 28 at 11:58 AM

DD

“ *Barbara, Graig and pattyann, and family. I am truly sorry for your loss. Joe was loved by many. Prayer prayers are with you.*

Dana Davanzo - February 28 at 11:58 AM

JP

“ *From Joe P (Carswell) I am so sorry for you loss Barbara, I have known Joe for over 30 years, we had a great friendship on a business level but more important on a personal level. When I moved to Florida almost 3 years ago we still kept in touch and speak often , I was so happy when he came to see a couple years ago. I will miss him very much as so many others will. He will be your guardian ANGEL. RIP BUDDY!!*

Joe P(Carswell) - February 28 at 10:27 AM

MF

“ *Metzler Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale*



Metzler family - February 27 at 03:23 PM

MF

“ Marie Metzler & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



Marie Metzler & family - February 27 at 03:22 PM

TA

“ The Abel's lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale



The Abel's - February 27 at 02:29 PM

WH

“ With Love, Tammy, Charlene & Heather purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph E. Vriale.



With Love, Tammy, Charlene & Heather - February 27 at 02:06 PM

MM

“ Dear Barb,  
I am sending so much love and support to you. There are no words to comfort at a time of such loss, but you are not alone. Know that you are being held in the hearts of so many and I am here for anything you need. A love and friendship like you and Joe had is rare. You and your son made him so happy and his life complete.  
Love, Melanie

Melanie McCulley - February 27 at 02:05 PM

KP

“ *Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Grief is so hard and I am thinking of you and wishing you peace.*  
*Kathleen Pickel*

Kathleen Pickel - February 27 at 02:00 PM

JL

“ *Barb - I'm so sorry for your loss. Love Jill & Tim*

Jill Laquidara - February 27 at 01:42 PM

AC

“ *Barbara~ I am so very sorry for the loss of Joe! He was a very spirited and loving man and I'm so happy that you found him and got to know true love! You and Craig are in my thoughts and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask. Caden and I love you!*

Aimee Cluever - February 27 at 01:34 PM

AC

“ *Aimee Cluever lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. Vriale*



Aimee Cluever - February 27 at 01:32 PM