



Joseph A. Jaeger, Jr.

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Joseph A. Jaeger, Jr., best known as one of the region's most prolific entrepreneurs and real estate developers, died June 23, 2024 at the age of 77. Joe's life was a testament to the American Dream. Growing up in the Lower Ninth Ward, Joe graduated from Holy Cross and at age 16 began college at Southeastern. At age 19, he became a "plumber's helper." From these humble roots, this unflappable young plumber with a legendary work ethic became an owner of MCC Group by age 36. He was an innovator in his field, becoming an early adopter of the design-build construction delivery method. With the acquisition of a fabrication plant, MCC Group pioneered the use of custom-built, pre-fabricated building systems which are still used in many of the region's largest buildings. Even as it grew to over 1500 team members as the region's largest mechanical construction firm, Joe's work ethic and values never changed.

Following MCC Group's success, he built an expansive hotel and real estate portfolio. Among his favorite hotels that were part of the J Collection included the Bourbon Orleans, Dauphine Orleans, Hotel Mazarin, Maison Dupuy, and Audubon Cottages. Joe took pride in challenging development projects that seemed impossible. He returned the historic Jung Hotel back into commerce on Canal Street. He renovated the historic Holy Angels campus in the Bywater neighborhood. In Flowood, Mississippi, he developed a mixed-use 200 room urban resort with a 54,000 square foot conference center and lazy river adjacent to a renovated golf course.

The ultimate problem solver, Joe invested his time and resources to solve development and business challenges without seeking public acclaim. Using historic tax credits, Joe found a way for NOCCA to expand its campus and after developing it, transferred it to the school. Countless small and emerging businesses owe their start to Joe who provided financing, support, and mentorship.

Generously supporting the people and communities he lived and worked in was not just a virtue to Joe, but a way of life. He took great pride in the thousands of team members at his



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construction, real estate, and hospitality companies, and to Joe, these team members were part of his extended family and he loved them.

Joe was an active supporter and board chair of the Audubon Nature Institute, and he was a member of several groups and associations, including the YPO, WPO, Delgado Foundation, Associated General Contractors, Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Northshore Community Foundation, Northshore Business Council, and Business Council of New Orleans.

He is survived by his wife, Becky, and sons Joey (Missy) Jaeger, Ryan (Sandi) Jaeger, and Mike Stephens. He is predeceased by his son Todd. He leaves behind grandchildren Alexandra, Brandon, Hailey, Natalie, Samantha, Matthew, Victoria, and Camille. He also leaves behind grandchildren and great grandchildren Ashleigh, Tori, Desmond, Brianne, Brendon, Slade David, and Tommy. He leaves behind his sister Sharlene Macera. He is survived by John Bouey who is also like a son. His godchild is Angelle Esteves.

The family wishes to extend its gratitude to the wonderful doctors and nurses at LCMC's Lakeview Hospital and Joe's niece Elizabeth Mercier, an emergency room nurse, who provided outstanding care.

A memorial service will be held at Mardi Gras World at 1:00 p.m. on June 28. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Joe's honor to the Audubon Nature Institute or NOCCA.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The Jaeger family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.




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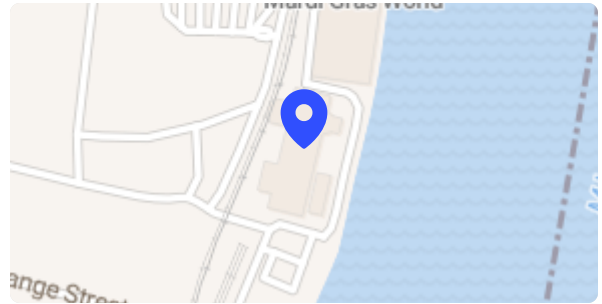
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Visitation


 **Friday**, June 28, 2024

 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT


 **Mardi Gras World - River City Venues Ballroom**
1400 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans LA
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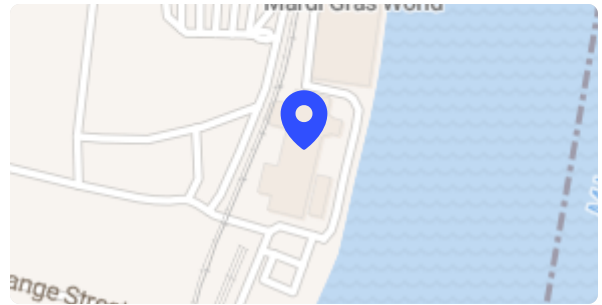


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AL

Angela Lamartina posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Angela and Joey LaMartina

June 28 at 7:18 AM

JS

Joe Schramm posted:

Sincere condolences to the Jaeger and extended family. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Joe & Patsy Schramm

June 28 at 4:23 AM

MM

Mollie M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 28 at 3:22 AM

PB

Patricia Bruno posted:

My condolences to the Jaeger family. My prayers are with you , may the Lord comfort you all in your grief.

June 27 at 12:20 PM

DE

Daffne Enclard lit a candle in honor of Joseph.



June 27 at 9:25 AM

DE

Daffne Enclard posted:

Sending Prayers and Sympathy to Mr. Jaeger's Family! It was a pleasure working with and knowing you, Mr. Jaeger. I will never forget all the learning experiences and opportunities you gave me. God has taken a truly good man, and you will be remembered for years to come. My deepest condolences go out to Mr. Jaeger's family during this difficult time. Daffne Enclard

June 27 at 9:25 AM



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SF

Sister Alicia Costa, S.S.F. lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans, I want to extend our condolences for your loss. Both Joseph and his wife Becky served as Honorary Chairpersons for our 2018 Gala. We are forever grateful for their generosity and kindness to us and to our ministries. Know that Joseph and you are in our prayers.

June 27 at 7:33 AM



MF

Markoy And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jaeger family.

June 27 at 6:03 AM



MF

Markoy And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

June 27 at 6:03 AM



FF

From : Frank & Derrick Fassy sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Jaeger family.

June 27 at 5:48 AM



MM

Monica Moore posted:

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June 27 at 2:08 AM



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Gladyz posted:

I greatly enjoyed getting to know Mr. Jaeger during my company's joint meetings with him regarding the Naval Base. He was a man of principle and I valued the time I had in his presence. He didn't want New Orleans to be a "cheap date" city, one in which tourists only visit for Bourbon Street. He believed hope for New Orleans' future rested with the young people. Getting to hear these words and catch a glimpse into how such a titan made his judgement calls was a treat.

June 26 at 12:45 PM



Advanced Equipment Solutions sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jaeger family.



June 26 at 11:20 AM



Advanced Equipment Solutions planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 26 at 11:20 AM



Carleen Millon posted:

Sending Prayer, Love and Condolences to the Jaeger Family 🙏🙏 Mr. Jaeger was truly one of kind. Always looking to better his employees with varies classes, getting their finances in order / opening bank accounts etc. Bringing us together as a family. You have fought many battles. You have ran many races. you have touched many lives. now it's time for you to take your rest. You will be missed but your memory will last forever rest in peace Mr. Jaeger. Carleen (Hotel Mazarin)

June 26 at 10:57 AM



Mike Stewart June 26 at 11:40 AM

Might be the best man I ever knew. He was all things good in life that we all look for. Looked after literally everyone. Joe intimidated me with his generosity. He would never allow himself to owe anyone by doing for all, all the time. Words cannot adequately embody how special he was. A loss that cannot be replaced. I'm so sorry to Becky and all the family. I wish there were words to express how sorry I am.



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Theresa Leger posted:

I was saddened to hear of Joe's death. He was very thoughtful. I taught Joey CCD (religious education) and he called me to tell me thank you. He said Joey didn't want to skip which amazed him. When I was a Vice President at Landis he gave me a trip to Cancun in the company condominium. It was a wonderful vacation. May God be with you all and may Joe rest in the arms of Jesus.

June 26 at 10:32 AM



Morgan Elmslie posted:

YPO GOLD Louisiana sends our condolences to a beloved member and life long friend. We planted 5 trees in honor of Joseph A Jaeger, Jr. May his memory be a blessing.

June 26 at 10:23 AM



Nicole G. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Joseph.



June 26 at 10:17 AM



Norman Bishop And The Boys sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jaeger family.



June 26 at 5:55 AM



Norman Bishop And The Boys planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 26 at 5:55 AM



The Sonny Miller Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jaeger family.



June 26 at 5:54 AM



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Dr. Marija Lasalle posted:

Joe was an incredible man. I feel very blessed to have witnessed his giving heart to others. I know there are countless stories that will be shared ... I called Joe thinking he would know if there was some sort of assistance program for an elderly lady in Covington who had some plumbing issues one of my employees met at the hospital ... he was out of town when he answered the phone and he said he would handle it and he THANKED me !!! He said that is what it all about to give to others who truly are in need. That phone call will always be "Joe" to me a stranger in need and the heart of a great man giving unsolicited without any reason but because he could but more importantly because he wanted to as it was JoeMy heart aches for Becky, family, friends everyone that was blessed by having him in our livesMy family will be forever grateful for his friendshipMarija LaSalle

June 26 at 3:32 AM



Stephanie Jaeger sent a Divine Light to the Jaeger family.



June 25 at 3:20 PM



Stephanie Jaeger planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 25 at 3:20 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Jaeger family.

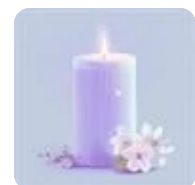


June 25 at 3:09 PM



Deborah L Hopkins lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

This is the picture I captured at the Sheraton Christmas party we had such a great time. Mr Joe and Mrs Becky and their family was our family. Such great people to know. We will miss that smile you always greeted us with.



June 25 at 3:03 PM



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Robert J. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



June 25 at 2:53 PM



Lee And Debra Starrick sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Jaeger family.



June 25 at 2:50 PM



Henry Dauterive posted:

to the Jaeger Family - I worked for Joe At MCC for 10 years as the controller and can say it was the most rewarding job as Joe was a great leader. To Joey and Ryan I am very sorry for your lost and hope you both strive to be as Joe was a giving manHenry Dauterive

June 25 at 11:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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