



## Joseph Kenneth Zawasky

August 25, 1944 - June 14, 2024

Joseph Kenneth Zawasky (“Joe”), 79, peacefully passed away in Sarasota, Florida on June 14, 2024. He was born in Lorain, Ohio to the late Joseph and Helen Zawasky. He moved to Sarasota in 1991 and remained there as a resident until his passing.

Joe graduated from high school at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish and Education from Kent State University, Ohio in 1967. After college, Joe moved to Turlock, California where he taught high school Spanish. In 1971, he joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served for 20 years as a Supply Officer. During his career, he served multiple tours overseas in Okinawa, Japan, as well as in North and South Carolina. Joe relocated to Florida in 1991, following his retirement from the Marine Corps as a Major. After the Marine Corps, Joe was a Probation Officer for the State of Florida.

Joe loved being outdoors as well as exercising and he ran the Marine Corps Marathon twice. He was an avid runner, an accordion player and reader of Tom Clancy novels. When Joe could no longer run, he would walk almost every day. Joe enjoyed listening to polka music. Joe's warmth, enthusiasm, energy and love for his family will forever be missed.

Left to cherish his memory are his former wife, Tomiko Zawasky; children

Mary Handy and her husband David, Michelle Voelpel and her husband Jason, and Joseph Zawasky; sister Jeanette Holp and her husband Michael; grandchildren Jacob and Avery Handy; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Joseph is preceded in death by his sister Kathleen A. Holiday.

Visitation will be on Monday, July 22nd from 9:00-9:45 a.m. at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, Florida; followed by the funeral at Maloney Funeral Home (9:45 a.m.). Service and interment with Military Honors will take place immediately after (11:00 a.m.) at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at [www.michaeljfox.org/](http://www.michaeljfox.org/) ; or the Marine Corps League Foundation at <https://www.mclfoundation.org/>.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22.** 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattlemen Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 371-9711

## Service

JUL **22.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

# Tribute Wall



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky.



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July 20, 2024 at 08:55 AM



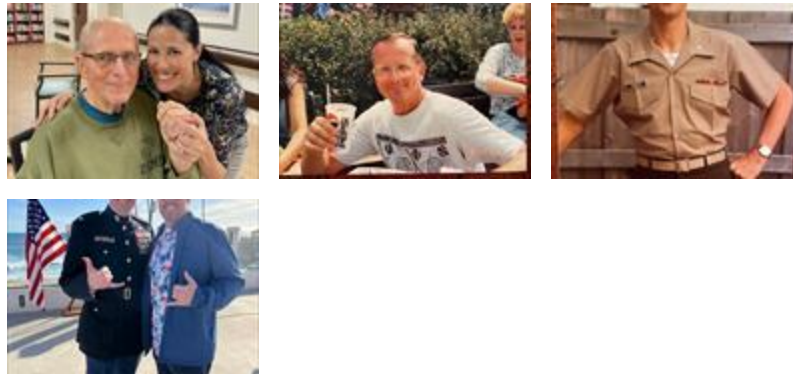
“ Aunt Judy, Uncle Roy and the family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky.

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Aunt Judy, Uncle Roy and the family - July 20, 2024 at 08:55 AM



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Maloney Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky.*



July 18, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Rick, Judy, Kathi and Mike Handy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky.*

**Rick, Judy, Kathi and Mike Handy** - July 18, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Mary Ann & Bryan Barber lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky*



**Mary Ann & Bryan Barber** - July 11, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Jason Voelpel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky*



**Jason Voelpel** - July 10, 2024 at 08:28 AM

RV

“ *Ray And Jan Voelpel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky*



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**Ray and Jan Voelpel** - July 02, 2024 at 08:55 PM

MV

“ *Michelle Voelpel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky*



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**Michelle Voelpel** - July 02, 2024 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ *Mary Handy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Kenneth Zawasky*



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**Mary Handy** - July 02, 2024 at 03:31 PM