



Joseph James Huntington

September 30, 1955 - June 12, 2023

JOSEPH (JOE) HUNTINGTON September 30, 1965 ~ June 12, 2023

Joseph "Joe" Huntington, 57, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 12, 2023.

Joe was born to Ed and Judy Huntington on Sept. 30, 1965 in Seattle, WA. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School, Central Catholic High School and graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in Vancouver, WA.

Joe married his best friend and high school sweetheart, Michelle Mercil, in 1992. Together they were blessed with three children which he was so proud of; Victoria, Kathrine, and Thomas. Joe's military career brought many adventures for him and his family, moving to Illinois and Texas. He always enjoyed sharing his childhood stories with his kids while sitting around the table playing card games. Joe enjoyed many trips to the beach, hiking and camping. He was always there to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or share a cup of coffee with a friend.

Joe joined the US Air Force in 1987 and later served in the Air Force Reserve, where he served as both Reservist and Air Reserve Technician. While in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve, Joe served in a technical aircraft maintenance position as a Crew Chief on the F-4 Phantom, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the HH-60 Pave Hawk, and the KC-135 aircraft, and made multiple combat deployments to Incirlik, Turkey as well as providing support to the Olympic Games, Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002. Joe retired after 21 years of honorable service as a Master Sergeant from the Air Force in 2010.

Upon completion of his time in service, Joe became both a Quality Assurance and Contracts Specialist for the Defense Contracting Management Agency (DCMA). His positions at DCMA took him to Amarillo, TX, Yakima WA, and Portland, OR, with a combat deployment to Iraq in 2011. In 2018, Joe left DCMA to become a Public Utilities Specialist for Bonneville Power Administration.

Joe will be greatly missed by his wife of thirty years, Michelle; his daughters, Victoria and Kathrine; son, Thomas; Mother Judy; sisters, Suzanne (Michael) and Jennifer; and brother, Tony (Stacie). He was preceded in death by his father, Ed.

A Funeral Mass will be held for Joe at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Vancouver, WA, on June 28th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following. A private family burial will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR, on June 29th.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to www.thatothersmaylive.org

Tribute Wall

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Joseph James Huntington - June 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM