

Joseph Daniel 'J.D.' Cannon, OFS

January 28, 1947 - February 11, 2021



Joseph D. "J.D." Cannon, OFS, age 74, a resident of Oceanside, California, passed away Thursday February 11, 2021 at Palomar Medical Center, Escondido, California.

Joe is survived by his wife Patricia A. Cannon, son Joey Cannon of San Diego, daughter Laurie (Boris) Ilic of Murrieta, son Matt (Meg) Cannon of San Diego, and daughter Marymelina (Josh) Schwarz of Murrieta; and five grandchildren, Mallaurie, Alissa, Annmarie, Joseph Thomas "J.T.", and Claire. He was preceded in death by his father Francis Cannon, mother Majorie Cannon, and brother John Cannon.

Joseph Daniel Cannon was born January 28, 1947 in Cookeville, Tennessee, the eldest of seven children, and grew up in Atlantic and Brooklyn Iowa. Joe enlisted in the Marine Corps and served honorably in Vietnam distinguishing himself with two Purple Hearts. Returning from Vietnam he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, where he met his wife of 51 years, Patricia A. Cannon. They were married on March 14, 1969 and settled in the Oceanside/Carlsbad area. After the Marine Corps, Joe worked in the food and beverage industry at La Costa Hotel and Spa, the Four Seasons, and Pechanga Resort and Casino.

Joe's real life began after his retirement. Joe and Pat spent time watching the grand kids and Joe became heavily involved in parish life at Mission San Luis Rey. At San Luis Rey he became the head of Eucharistic ministers and could be seen several mornings a week feeding the unhoused at Brother Beno's. The charities he supported were for the most marginalized in society; the homeless and the refugee. Most important to Joe was his involvement in the Fraternal life of the Secular Franciscan Order where he accepted the Secular Franciscan Rule of Life on May 6, 2018.

We have gained strength to accept the reality that we have lost a cornerstone of our family but rejoice in the knowledge his physical passing is just his movement to his eternal reward. He was strong, kind, generous, accepting, caring, fun, funny (although not always on purpose), persistent, resilient, brave, and a lover of life. Those who met and knew him could always find warmth and comfort in his presence. He was always the first to give help, to family and stranger, when needed. We have had the distinct privilege of calling him husband, dad, and grandpa and love him dearly. Although we mourn the loss of his physical presence in our lives, we take this time to celebrate the life he lived with us, and the life he now lives in peace with Christ.

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