



Joseph Michael Rappa

October 14, 1943 - October 20, 2025

Joseph Michael Rappa was born on October 14, 1943, in Monterey, California, to Giuseppe and Sarafina Rappa. He was the last of four children and the only one born in a hospital. After his birth, his mother returned to work, and Joey was cared for by his 16-year-old sister, Frances, who often joked that Joey was her first child. From an early age, he showed resilience and independence—qualities that would define him throughout his life.

Growing up in Monterey, Joey was a typical kid—riding his bike and playing with neighborhood friends. He attended San Carlos Church and School, where he was a standout athlete, playing multiple sports. He especially shined on the football field, serving as quarterback during his high school's 1961 championship season.

On September 5, 1964, Joe married the love of his life, Penelope “Penny” Annand. Together, they began their life in a small rental home in New Monterey. They moved to San Luis Obispo and raised three daughters: Patricia, Chris, and Diana. Joe began his career at PG&E as an apprentice electrician, Moss Landing, and worked his way up to Lead Electrician at Diablo Canyon in San Luis Obispo.

Joe was a true craftsman and problem-solver. He remodeled a Victorian home, built four houses, rebuilt engines, and could fix just about anything. He

was always busy—whether it was playing softball, waterskiing, golfing, or working on a new project. He cherished his lifelong friendships, many of which were built around shared adventures and rounds of golf.

Joe was a man who embraced challenges, shared his talents generously, and lived with purpose and joy. His legacy lives on in the family he loved and the many lives he touched.

A funeral Mass will be held at San Carlos Church on November 14 at 10:00 AM, with a reception to follow.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

San Carlos Church