



## Joseph "Joe" Byouk

September 26, 1959 - January 19, 2016

The family that we are given and the friends that we choose to be part of that family are knit together by shared memories. In the end, that is all that we have. Joseph Robert Byouk was a master at making wonderful life memories for the people he loved. Although he certainly left us earlier than he wanted to, Joe lived more fully and accomplished more than most people while he was here. Joe, a devoted husband, father and noted business leader, died unexpectedly at his home of a heart attack on Tuesday, January 19th.

Joe would be the first to say that his immediate family and friends were his joy and strength. He and his wife of 29 years, Robin, his son, Joseph Charles, 22, and his daughter, Elizabeth Kay, 20, shared exotic diving adventures, sunny days on the golf course and soccer pitch, and magical evenings in the theater. Joe was someone who would call from a far-flung airport just to say hello, or who would gather old friends for fun when he was in town. He was the "glue" that held groups of people together, he was the one who never forgot a friend, and his was the laughter that captured a room full of friends or a table full of family. He was his son's best friend, his daughter's first love and the center of Robin's life.

Born on September 26, 1959, in Whittier, CA, Joe spent his childhood in Bernardsville, NJ, and moved to his adopted hometown, Aiken, SC, in his early teens. Joe graduated from Aiken High School in 1977 and earned his

B.S. in Marketing and Finance at USC-Columbia in 1982. A talented negotiator and sales professional, Joe's career included 15 years with TE Connectivity in Harrisburg, PA, where he rose to Global Product Manager, followed by leadership positions with Tesa AG and Morgan Advanced Materials and Technology. Most recently, Joe served as President of CeramTec in Laurens, SC, and as Vice President of Sales and Marketing with Jarden Zinc. His career took him all over the world, and his energy, strategic talents and dedication to his work resulted in sales growth and market expansion for the companies he represented.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Martin Byouk. In addition to the immediate family, Joe is survived by his mother, Phyllis Kay, of Bernardsville, NJ, as well as by his sister and her husband, Nancy and Jim Marshall, and nephews, William and Jack Hammeke of Jenkintown, PA. Also bereaved are his mother-in-law, Barbara Hary, his sister-in-law Heather Hary Sharar, his brother-in-law and his wife, Tim and Dawn Hary, all of Harrisburg, PA, as well as his many beloved friends from Aiken, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the South Carolina Chapter of the March of Dimes. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 304 E. Camperdown Way, Greenville, SC, 29601, with a drop-in reception immediately following, kindly hosted by the Davenport at 230 Trade Street, Greer, SC, 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

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

St. Paul's Anglican Church  
304 E. Camperdown Way  
Greenville, SC 29604

## Visitation

JAN **22** (ET)

The Davenport  
230 Trade Street  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Holly Tree will greatly miss Joe's kindness and overall happiness he displayed. He devoted his time and talent to Holly Tree 's committees and his presence always brightened our days. Rest peacefully in God's presence Joe.*

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**Joe Jackson** - January 23, 2016 at 07:26 AM

SI

“ *Simone lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Byouk*



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**simone** - January 22, 2016 at 04:13 PM

PK

“ *Joe and his beautiful family"adopted" me on a recent dive trip in Bonaire. It was Christmas week and I was alone ,,but not for long. Joe insisted I join him and his family. They included me in everything, diving, dinning, exploring the island. The kindness and love Joe and his family showed me made a lasting impression of all that is good in life. Joe loved his family and loved life..... My prayers are with this fantastic family during this tough time. God Bless...*

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**PHIL KATZ** - January 22, 2016 at 07:17 AM

PK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**PHIL KATZ** - January 22, 2016 at 07:08 AM

BT

“ Robin,

*I am shocked to hear about Joe's passing. We had many good times while working together for seven years. Although we had not been in touch in recent years, I always could tell that he was a great family man with a wonderful love for you, Joey, and Beth. He had a great sense of humor and was good at getting everybody to laugh. I'll always remember our business trips to Brazil and Chile in which he helped educate me with regard to the culture in those countries. He loved Latin America!*

*My prayers and deepest sympathies are with you, Joey and Beth. May the Lord give you the strength to persevere and endure at this time of sadness and loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Bob Tracy and Family*

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**Bob Tracy** - January 21, 2016 at 09:10 PM

CP

“ Dear Byouk family,

*Joe and I became friends at the YMCA. We both were regulars there, and had lots in common. We struck up a nice friendship. I enjoyed his sense of humor and wit very much.*

*I invited him to join the YMCA board of advisors, and he did. I was impressed by his willingness to serve others and use his talents to make the world a better place.*

*I know he loved all of you very much. He was very family oriented. I hope you, Joe, get into the medical school you want. My son is in his first year of med school now, and so Joe and I've talked about the application process, etc. Your dad very much wanted to see you succeed.*

*You all are in my prayers. I know this is a very tough time.*

*Chip Palmer*

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**Chip Palmer** - January 21, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Byouk.



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January 21, 2016 at 12:12 PM

LH

“ I went to Aiken High School with "joey" (as I called him). The thing I remember the most was his smile and how he treated everyone with kindness and respect. It has been years since I have seen him but have wonderful memories of him and always will. I am praying for his family and his friends. I considered myself very lucky to have know him.



*Lisa J. Hall  
Vaucluse, SC*

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**Lisa J. Hall** - January 21, 2016 at 11:43 AM

SM

“ The Staff and Management of the Courtyard by Marriott Johnson City TN is showering the family with prayers, as Joe was like family for nearly 4 years. We will miss his jokes and bright smile each morning while eating his breakfast. Rest well Joe, we will miss you!

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**Steven Bales, General Manager** - January 21, 2016 at 08:58 AM

CF

“ Chari, Micky and Leah Fogel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Joe" Byouk.



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**Chari, Micky and Leah Fogel** - January 21, 2016 at 08:11 AM

SH

“ *Robin and Family,  
We are deeply sorry for your loss. May the love of family and friends give you all comfort and peace in the coming days. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Jim and Susan Hawkins  
(Neel Patrick's grandparents)*

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**Susan Hawkins** - January 20, 2016 at 10:22 PM

TC

“ *My fondest memories:*

*Joe had an infectious wit that could always bring levity to even the most stressful moments in a work day.*



*I could always depend on Joe's daily afternoon drop-in to satisfy his sweet tooth with Hershey's Nuggets and to engage in good conversation.*

*Joe and I often shared the latest updates on our families and loved to rib each other about the upcoming challenges USC and UT faced on football Saturdays. I was working hard to get Joe interested in basketball especially given the current USC Men's Basketball streak. He told me he just might have to do that.*

*Joe was not only a co-worker but a great friend.*

*Teresa Carter*

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**Teresa Carter** - January 20, 2016 at 08:32 PM

NP

“ Robin, Joe and Beth: We are so stunned and deeply saddened to hear the news of Joe's passing. We have such fond memories of our times together on the soccer field with Joe and David. Our whole family wishes we could attend the services on Friday. Unfortunately, Jamie and I will be in Hilton Head for another funeral. Please know that we are thinking about you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts are truly broken for your whole family.

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**Nancy Pattison** - January 20, 2016 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ Hello Robin,

*I am so sorry. I am Joe's newest employee and have only known him for about 7 months. There is one thing that I have learned about Joe and that is that he loved you and his kids so much. The last long talk we had was on a Wednesday, two weeks ago. He was trying to get out of the office so that he could get home. His words were "I miss my wife and want to go home to see her". It moved me then and even more so now. He will always be with you in your heart. He was a really good boss and checked on me regularly. I am praying for you and the family. God has a happy angel up there.*



*Sincerely,  
Stephanie Hurt*

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**Stephanie Hurt** - January 20, 2016 at 03:11 PM

RG

“ Joe was a tough taskmaster, but he was a good and decent man who I respected during our time at National Carbo.

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**Ron Gensemer** - January 20, 2016 at 01:30 PM