



Joseph C. Frilot

December 2, 1947 - March 15, 2021

Joseph C. Frilot, age 73, son of a proud New Orleans Creole family who's great, great-grandparents were born into slavery and were children at manumission died on March 15. He was a loving companion and husband of 43 years to his wife, Joy, whom he leaves behind to mourn him along with twin sisters, Aundre and Andrea, and brother Roland (Terri) and many nieces, nephews and cousins in the extended family. He was predeceased by sister, Stephanie and parents, Eloise and Calvin Frilot. He had been in ill health since he suffered a brain bleed in early January. Joseph Frilot was a uniquely gentle man, so loved by almost everyone who met and made his acquaintance. His interests were many, beginning with his joining in to protest the Viet Nam War when he was a student at California State University Los Angeles where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history. The New Orleans that Joe was born into was of course the segregated South and all that means – he had to walk to the back of the bus, drink from separate public faucets and vacate the sidewalk to avoid a racial conflict. That is why he actively pursued the telling of the Black experience in America and the relevance of the civil rights movement to that lifelong effort. His work was that of a budget analyst in the Water Division at the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. In retirement he moved to Tucson and followed new interests in imparting to others, his great love of jazz. In this way, through the UA Osher program (OLLI), Joe found the opportunity to teach his knowledge and understanding of the history of jazz, saxophone jazz and piano jazz. When the Pandemic struck, Joseph was teaching a class in silent film -- a class that now will forever go unfinished.

Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery on Tuesday, March 23 at 2 pm. Please wear a mask.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

3015 North Oracle Road

Tucson, AZ, 85705

Events

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Graveside Service

02:00PM

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Comments



“ This message is from Aileen Joy . my heart goes out to you in your time of loss.

Joseph was such a delightful man and his life has enriched all who knew him. He will be sorely missed and I hope that his beautiful life will give you some comfort. We will all continue to be there for you as he would have wished.

Elizabeth patton - April 08 at 06:27 PM



“ I Love You UncLe Joe and Aunt Joy...

Tracee Jackson - March 23 at 05:16 PM



“ My brother Joseph was a gentle soul. I LOVE YOU and will MISS YOU DEARLY

Andrea Miles - March 22 at 10:15 PM



“ I enjoyed family time with Joseph and Joy in Arizona. He will be missed very much.

Love You Always Aundre



Aundre Smith - March 21 at 10:36 PM



“ look at my cousin joey
is this my cousin andrea!!!!??

larry webster - March 24 at 03:44 PM



“ Joseph was a great classmate at the OLLI News& Views class. He always had something relevant to say in class. And he would share his life experiences in such a way that made one understand the challenges he faced. I really enjoyed talking with him in class. He is going to be missed by many of us.

My condolences to the family

Frank Flasch

Frank Flasch - March 19 at 01:32 PM



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Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory - March 19 at 12:10 PM



“ How sad to say goodbye to Joseph so soon. As an OLLI member and a jazz fan, I took all of his music courses and feel enriched by the experiences. Joy, you and Joseph were a great team. My heart goes out to you in your loss. I'll treasure my memories of great learning and good times with this wise and gentle guy.
Lynn Ratener

Lynn Ratener - March 19 at 09:43 AM



“ I am stunned. I'll always remember Joe as someone I really cared about. Our conversations, the dinners we had together, the gatherings we attended together, the Latkes, the wine we drank together, the prep for courses, the jazz, his soft spoken ways all I will miss greatly.

bill bucci - March 18 at 09:50 PM