



## Joseph M. Moniz

December 8, 1959 - February 8, 2010

Joe Moniz, age 50, of Barbeau, Michigan was called home by his Lord and Savior on Monday morning, February 8, 2010 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan following a massive heart attack. He was born in Kings Lynn, England on December 8, 1959 and became the son of Gilbert and Gladys Moniz at the age of six weeks. Joe, as a child of a military family, lived in many different places, but called Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan home. During his teen years, he helped his parents run their grade A dairy farm, where he gave all the cows strange names. He graduated from Sault High School in 1977 and entered the United States Coast Guard the following year. He served in the USCG for 20 years, eight years active duty and twelve years in the reserves. He was recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm / Shield and Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti, serving in Port Security Units 302 and 309. By the end of his military career he held the rank of Chief Machinery Technician (MKC). Joe entered the Michigan Dept. of Corrections after leaving active duty, and has worked many positions over the last 20 plus years. His last position was of Lieutenant of Transportation for Upper Michigan. Joe was a member of the First Church of Christ in Sault Ste. Marie, MI where he served as chairman of the board, and as a teacher. He was a member of the Sault Area School Board for nearly 17 years serving where ever needed. Joe was always a fan of the I-500, and served on it's board in 2002. He worked many positions as a volunteer, but enjoyed announcing, at the track during time trials and the race the most. He enjoyed Nascar, football,

fantasy football with his church group, history, model building, hockey, snowmobiles and reading. Joe is survived by his wife: Cindy (they would have celebrated 30 years of marriage in July); a daughter: Jessica (Nicholas) Flood of Irmo, SC; and a son: Jeremy Moniz of Barbeau, MI. Also surviving is his dear cousin: Gilbert (Ann Marie) Medeiros of Assonet, MA. Joe was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 9:00 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 12, 2010 at the funeral home with Pastor Hank Kott officiating. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to First Church of Christ in memory of Joe Moniz for Southeast Asian Christian Mission in Thailand.

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ I still remember him as a lovable child who would run around on his tippy toes. He was Joey then. One day, I think he was nine or ten, he announced to me he wasn't Joey anymore--he was "Joe." And Joe he has been ever since. Who could have ever imagined the noble warrior, responsible community leader, and loving father & husband he would become. Joe's memory will live on in all who loved him so.

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**Gilbert Medeiros** - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Heavenly father please hold Cindy and Family in your hands in this time of need, thank you Lord for opening your arms to our friend and brother Joe, a dear and very caring man, he will be greatly missed here but we know that he now walks with you and is watching over all of us. In Jesus name I pray amen.

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**Bruce LaPointe** - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Cindy: Please accept Barb's and my own deepest sympathy for the loss of Joe. I was hoping to be able to get up to the Soo for the funeral, but weather and obligations do not permit.*

*Some of my fondest memories of my time in the Coast Guard were of my service with Joe in Desert Shield/Storm. Throughout my 31 years of service, it is difficult for me to think of anyone I enjoyed serving with more than him. He was a great man, Christian, Coastie and friend. His service, companionship and friendship helped me get through our deployment. I have thought of him often over the years. And as usual time and distance always seem to interfere with the best plans to call, write or visit.*

*Your grief over Joe's loss must be a heavy burden, but can be offset by knowing he is with the Lord and the legacy of his life and his marriage with you can provide comfort.*

*If there is anything that Barb and I can do to help you in any way, please call h = 440-458-8819, cell 216-789-3914 or mail us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and I will be thinking of the both of you during the time of Joe's service this Friday.*

*God provide you with his love, strength and peace through this time. Joe was a great man and he will be missed by myself and everyone who ever knew him. God bless you.*

*Hank Lipian*

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**Henry Lipian** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Cindy,  
*I read of Joe's passing today. You are all in my prayers. God cover you with his mercy.*

*<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvrBQL8swLI>*

*Jillena*

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**Jillena Rose** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Cindy, Jessica & Jeremy,  
*You are in our thoughts and prayers! Joe was and always will be a wonderful man. We can't express enough how sad we are for your loss. We love you all.*

*Aunt Laurie, Uncle Bill Payment  
Brenda & Joel Wiggins*

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**Brenda** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *My prayers are with Joe's family.*

*I had the privlidge of knowing Joe for about twenty years !*

*Joe was a fantastic person with a great sense of humor and always had time to help anyone in anyway he could.*

*I definitely will miss you, Joe!!*

**GOD BLESS YOU, JOE AND YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY !!**

*Lew*

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**Lew LaCrosse** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Joe was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. Our loss, Heaven's gain.

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**Tony Wizauer** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I was honoured to have Joe on my Administrative team when we opened the "Newberry Correctional Facility".

*I was new to management in the MDOC and Joe provided me with keen insight into operations, custody, and personnel within our operations through the Wardens office.*

*I could always count on Joe to get the job done right, with integrity, honour, and always with a smile on his face.*

*His stories of the USCG coupled with the experiences that life had placed in his path, always made me feel fortunate to have Joe as a key member of my management team!*

*After I left the MDOC we would e-mail each other on occasion, and I'm glad we somewhat stayed in touch.*

*Cindy, the community, and the State of Michigan have lost a truly good man!*

*Calm seas my friend;  
Semper Paratus*

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**Brian McCafferty** - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Joe came with us to Thailand 3 years ago. One memory in particular that I have of him is he was my fearless partner in riding an elephant! He was so much fun and I thank God for that special time. He also assisted in baptizing 13 students at the Huay Niam Christian Children's Hostel! Our world is a much better because of Joe! May God soar him on angels wings right to the throne of Jesus! My heart goes out to Cindy and his family and friends, I know he will be missed very much.

*Sincerely, Ann Johnson SEACM/GutenbergMinistries*

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**Ann Johnson** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My deepest condolences go out to you Cindy and family. May God bless each and everyone of you. It has been many years since we have spoken, but I felt like the Lord was leading me to express my love and sympathy to the family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Melissa Green** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Cindy and kids:*  
I was a Resident Unit Manager at Newberry and was on the selection team that picked Joe for a position when the prison opened. I really enjoyed working with him while he was there, and thought we had lost a good man when he transferred back to the East End. Please accept my condolences during your time of sorrow. I will keep Joe, and all of you, in my prayers.

*Sincerely,  
Paul Baker  
MDOC (Retired)*

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**Paul Baker** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I smile through my tears as I think of all the fun we had with Joe and the youth group. I cherish those memories. Joe was just the best and a very large crown he must now have.

We love you Cindy, Jess & Jeremy and we hold all of you in our prayers.

Love, Marie, Bob, Amanda, Jesse & Sarah

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**Marie Smith** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I did not know Joe personally, I knew him at work and all I can say is he always had a smile and a kind word. He will be sadly missed. My condolences to his family. God Bless You.

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**Vicki Manfrin** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I am deeply sorry about Joe passing away. I've known Joe for a long time, both in the USCG and the MDOC. Please accept my deepest condolences.

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**Robert E. Hazlett, USCG Ret.** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Jessica, My thoughts are with you, Nicholas and your mother and brother. mere words can not make it feel better, but having lost my father at an early age, i can feel your pain. love you Grandma Yoder.

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**Judith Yoder** - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeannie Goeschel - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Cindy & family, I worked with Joe and knew him well from the I-500 track. He was a great guy and was always fun to be around. I am very sorry for your loss. He will not be replaced here on earth. I will be out of town during the services, but your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Mark Meehan - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Please accept my heart felt sympathy at Joe's passing. I renewed our acquaintance while Joe's dad was at Tendercare where my husband resides. Joe definitely was a Christian and at his sudden death, this is the hope that we cling to, that he is in heaven waiting for us to arrive.

Nancy Berkompas - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Joe's family and friends. We were blessed to have known him and he will be remembered always.

Kim and Tracey Miller - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Cindy and family; Sara & I wish to convey our deepest condolences. I found Joe to be a really good man and Christ was there to welcome his good and faithful servant home. Sara and are unfortunately going to be out of town during the services. You are in our prayers.

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**Mike Zimmerman** - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss, it is still so hard to believe. Please accept my condolences.

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**Linda Gregg** - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Cindy and family,

*I was saddened to hear of your loss. I am currently in Georgia helping out with my Niece and her family. I heard about Joe though Facebook and a posting by Jan Bailey. I called home to find out what happened. Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers each day. Sorry that I cannot express my sympathies to you and yours in person. Please accept a big hug from me!*

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**Lori Clarke** - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Joe Moniz was one of my former students, and I recall well Joe in Grade 9. It was a privilege to see him reach adulthood and become a community leader. He will indeed be missed by his family and many friends throughout our area. I convey my sincere sympathy to his family.

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**Al Beamish** - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM