



## Joseph Gerard Dolce

March 21, 1947 - March 2, 2021

Joseph Gerard Dolce of Kapolei, Hawaii, 73, passed away on March 2, 2021 at home. Joseph was born in Queens, New York and spent his early years there with his parents and three siblings. He settled in Flushing Meadows, NY and retired from Queens General Hospital in 1986. He and his wife, Dorothy, packed up their apartment and moved to Oahu, Hawaii, where he vowed never to leave the Island which he loved. He worked for the United States Postal Service in Honolulu as a Journeyman Electrician retiring in 2016 after 20 years of service.

He is survived by his loving dog Dexter, brother John (Sherry) and his sister Joyce (Richard).

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Madeleine Dolce, his loving wife Dorothy, and his brother Eugene.

Joseph's ashes will be scattered in a private ceremony.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Donna (Dee) Clewell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gerard Dolce



Donna (Dee) Clewell - August 03, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DC

RIP, Joe

Donna (Dee) Clewell - August 03, 2023 at 10:42 PM

JW

“ Joyce Wilson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gerard Dolce



Joyce Wilson - March 21, 2022 at 09:40 PM

JW

“ Happy 75 Joey, ... gone too soon...  
Sis



Joyce Wilson - March 21, 2022 at 09:39 PM

J(

“ 1 month...



Joyce (Sister) - April 02, 2021 at 08:52 PM

J(

“ *Sweet Dexter!*



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**Joyce (Sister)** - March 28, 2021 at 10:21 PM

JD

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**John Dolce** - March 24, 2021 at 09:00 AM

ED

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**Eileen Dolce** - March 22, 2021 at 09:35 AM

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“ I am Joey Dolce's sister-in-law, Eileen Dolce. I married his brother Eugene in 1976. We all saw each other fairly regularly during the late 70's/early 80's before he moved to Hawaii. For those of you old enough to remember, those were some pretty crazy times. Joey fit in pretty well - He was always a smooth talker and quite the flirt with his dark hair and light blue eyes. He was also one of the most unique people I ever met.

We would often play a game called *Scruples* - basically a card game with various scenarios and you would have to decide how you would handle those situations. Boy did this lead to some spirited discussions! I don't remember any of us judging each other - It was more like a fascination with all the gray areas of morality. Joey made it clear that the world was not black and white. He was a man filled with contradictions - like many of us.

I also remember Joey as a great cook - a real *Dolce*! The importance of food is one thing the whole family can agree on. The first time I ever had hummus was when Joey made it for us - Delicious!

Perhaps one of my best memories is Joey showing up at Gene's college graduation - a several hours long event that Joey would not usually run to attend, but he showed up! Gene was forever grateful, and so was I. (I will try to upload a photo of this event with Joey wearing a sorta John Travolta Saturday Night Fever white suit!)

Dear Joey, Hope the afterlife brings you closer to whatever you were searching for and that we meet again!

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Eileen Dolce - March 22, 2021 at 09:08 AM

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“ Joey, Dolfe, and our parents in Hawaii 💕💕



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Joyce (Sister) - March 21, 2021 at 07:30 PM

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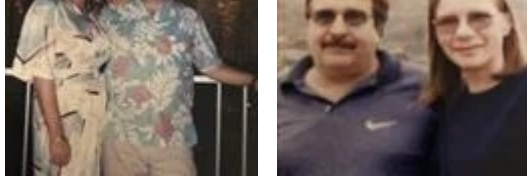
“ Photo of Joey and me in Hawaii 1997 🌺



Joyce (Sister) - March 21, 2021 at 07:28 PM

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“ Joey and Dolfe 💕



Joyce (Sister) - March 21, 2021 at 07:26 PM

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Joyce (Sister) - March 21, 2021 at 07:25 PM

CD

“ Chloe Dolce lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gerard Dolce



Chloe Dolce - March 21, 2021 at 06:49 PM

“ Joseph Gerard was my first cousin, and we grew up together in Astoria, LIC Queens in the 50's into the 60's. My birth day is also the 21st...but of May...2 months and a year later. JG's Father...my Uncle Joey...was my mother Lucy's, younger brother, so we all ate together at our house for every holiday for many years.

*Joseph G and I were very different kids, so we never really "hung out" together a lot, but we saw each other often, liked each other and never fought at all. My house was always pretty quiet, so I snuck over to my Aunt Maddy and Uncle Joey's house often. There was usually some kind of intense and crazy commotion going on and it was always fun.*

*I have many many memories of those years and I especially loved going away with their family for weekends at their vacation home in Riverhead Long Island. It was a joyful luxury for this city kid.*

*I have lots and lots of stories about my cousin. One of my favorites was when Joseph G had a BIG fish tank for his flesh eating pirana, and also kept lots of goldfish in a smaller tank next to them. He would call and invite me over for feeding time and I was always horrified but mesmerized at the same time.*

*As we grew, and our hair got long, we went on to different schools. I was studying Art and Architecture and Joseph went to the McAllister School of Funarary Art to study embalming (I kid you not). His major textbook had pictures of people who were in horrible accidents, sometimes with parts of their faces torn off and then an "after" picture where the rest of their face was recreated out of wax. It was like roadkill...I gasped but couldn't look away. He also worked in the Queens General Hospital Morgue during that time. (Still not kidding!)*

*I tell you these crazy stories because he was always quite odd in the extreme... (!)...but always sweet, warm and friendly to me and everyone in my family. Yes, I thought he was a touch weird now and then but I always remained fascinated by his strange view of the world, and we always liked and enjoyed each other. I say this here/now because I know that no other family member alive will remember any of this. (Well...maybe our beloved good guy, Uncle Gene will remember a bit). These events were most often shared only with me, and I never ever thought of sharing them with any one else.*

*Time moved on as it does and our paths never really crossed much again, especially after he moved to Florida and then to exotic Hawaii. BUT he tracked me down recently and we talked about all those wild and wonderful times and laughed about both being survivors and now old men. These contacts meant a lot to me, but stopped short recently just a few weeks before he died.*

*So...RIP dearest cousin Joseph Gerard...there was and never will be...anyone who could hold a candle to all that you were. I know that there are many friends, family and loved ones who will continue to learn from, and be amazed by you,*

*with eyes and mouths hanging open in charming disbelief, amazement and love.*

*BIGXOX from your Cousin Robert John.*

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**Robert Rindler** - March 21, 2021 at 05:19 PM

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“ *Happy 74th Birthday Joey...*



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**Joyce (Sister)** - March 21, 2021 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Joyce (sis) lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gerard Dolce*



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**Joyce (sis)** - March 20, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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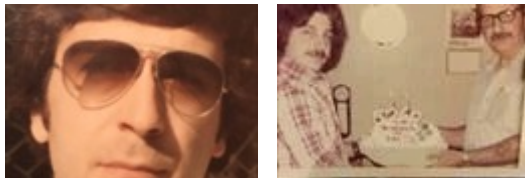
“ *35 years ago today, you and Dolfe were married in the backyard of our family home in Florida. You both had made your plans for your move to Hawaii and it was the last time we were all together as a family. I remember making your wedding cake and all of us working together to cook the food.*

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**Joyce (sis)** - March 20, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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**Joyce (Sister)** - March 19, 2021 at 12:49 PM

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John Dolce - March 19, 2021 at 08:54 AM

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Joey on left with his brother Eugene

John Dolce - March 19, 2021 at 08:50 AM

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**John Dolce** - March 19, 2021 at 08:45 AM

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**John Dolce** - March 19, 2021 at 08:42 AM

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**John Dolce** - March 19, 2021 at 08:40 AM