



Joseph "Joe" George Salhab

January 20, 1953 - August 9, 2022

Celebrating the Life of
Joseph “Joe” George Salhab

Saturday, August 13, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Broussard’s Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Deacon Frank Maida

“Ol’ 55”

by Tom Waits

Opening Prayer

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 NRSV

Matthew Sykes

Second Reading

Matthew 25:31-40 NRSV

William Sykes

“Let it Be”

by the Beatles

Gospel

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

Homily

Intercessory Prayers

Reflections of Family and Friends

“Peaceful Easy Feeling”

by The Eagles

Closing Prayer and Announcements

“I’ll Fly Away”

by Allison Krause

**The songs we chose are Joe’s favorite songs and artists
that he would play on the piano.*



Joseph “Joe” George Salhab, of Houston, died August 9, 2022, in Beaumont, Texas at the age of 69. He was born on January 20, 1953, the eldest child, and only son, of George and Najla Salhab.

Joe grew up in Beaumont, graduating Salutatorian from Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School in 1971, and went on to attend several universities. Joe first attended Notre Dame, where he made lifelong friends, but the cold weather was too much for a Southeast Texas boy,

so he made his way back south and enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin. Joe’s penchant for live music and the social scene caused his dad to call him back home his senior year, where Joe earned his degree from Lamar University. He then attended South Texas School of Law where he earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1984.

Upon completing law school, Joe joined the DA’s office for the City of Houston, which he had grown to love during his time at South Texas. He served as an Assistant D.A. for four years before turning to private practice, where he was a board certified criminal defense lawyer. For 30 years, he represented clients before juries in State and Federal Court, until suffering a hemorrhagic stroke in 2016.

Joe was a true lover of life. He loved his city and could tell you the best places to eat, drink, or hear music in any part of town. He loved his beloved Astros and could always score some of the best seats in the stadium. He loved good food and good drink. He loved to laugh. And anyone who knew Joe, knows he loved to talk. He was incredibly funny and told immensely entertaining stories that would have you in stitches. Most of all, he loved his family and his friends, and more often than not, his friends became his family.

Joe was also an exceptional piano player, capable of teaching himself almost any song he heard. He often served as his family's entertainment at holiday gatherings. Joe was an avid runner and health enthusiast, a fact that helped him battle and beat colon cancer at age 51. He could often be found running the Buffalo Bayou Trail, one of his favorite Houston secret gems, with his dog by his side. Joe's dogs were his children and his constant companions.

Joe was the oldest of 4 siblings and the only son. He was very close to his sisters and found great entertainment during childhood in pulling any prank on them he could think of. He was also very proud of his Lebanese heritage and loved making trips to Lebanon to visit family. Joe was a proud uncle who took his role in that capacity very seriously. He relished in his nickname, "The Godfather", given to him by his eldest niece.

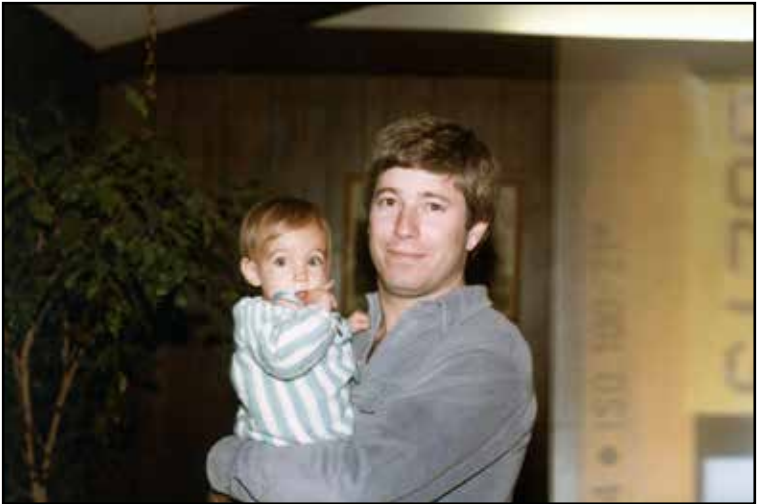
Joe is survived by his three sisters, Marie McClelland and husband Ewert of Beaumont, Celeste Salhab and partner John "Sunny" White of Beaumont, and Melissa Sykes and husband Richard of Austin. Uncle Joe will also be missed by his 7 nieces and nephews, Shaun Hillin, Meghan Bevill, Emily Moore, William and Matthew Sykes, Jared McClelland, Amanda Hollis; and 9 great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Najla Salhab, and by his beloved dogs, Luger, Annie, and Boomer.

Our family would like to send our love and gratitude to all of Joe's friends who visited him and lifted him (and us) up after his stroke. Those visits with you gave him strength and joy, and ultimately kept him going. We'd like to especially thank Joe's childhood friend, Michael Ross, who was a constant by Joe's side in his final months. We would also like to thank the staff at Summer Place Nursing and Rehabilitation for the care you gave Joe throughout these last years and the staff at Altus Hospice for the comfort you gave him in his last days.





























Some of Joe's Favorite Songs and Artists

"Beaumont"
by Hayes Carll

"From a Table Away"
by Sunny Sweeny

"Ol' 55"
by Tom Waits

"The Long Day Is Over"
by Norah Jones

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
by Vince Gill

"In My Life"
by The Beatles

"When I Get to Heaven"
by John Prine

"Heaven Bound"
by Kelly Willis

"Angel From Montgomery"
by John Prine

"Colour My World"
by Chicago

"Hallelujah"
by Jeff Buckley

"Just Breathe"
by Willie Nelson (feat. Lukas Nelson)

"Imagine"
by John Lennon

Pallbearers

Shaun Hillin
William Sykes
Matthew Sykes
Jared McClelland
Michael Ross
Stan Jones

Honorary Pallbearers

Joe Freeman
Brandale “Shug” Griffin

Interment

Magnolia Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Houston Humane Society
houstonhumane.org

~

American Stroke Foundation
americanstroke.org



Broussards
Established 1889

Please sign Mr. Salhab’s guest book and share your memories at
broussards1889.com