



Honoring the Life of

Gerry Joseph C. Dando

April 10, 1976 — August 12, 2024

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Paul's Catholic Church

11:00 - 12:00 noon

1330 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

Inurnment will be held privately at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens, Punta Gorda, FL at a later date.

In lieu of a repast or a reception after the service, the family wishes to hand out Joe's favorite snacks as a memorial favor.

Cards and letters may be sent to: 3979 River Bank Way, Punta Gorda, FL 33980.

Memorials may be directed to Arc DeSoto Inc., <https://arcdesoto.org/ways-to-help.html>.

Biography

Gerry Joseph "Joe" C. Danao was born in Manila, Philippines. Fondly called "Joey", "Oey" or "Nonoy" by his family, he settled into a quiet life in Arcadia, FL in 1992. Being a nonverbal, autistic person did not hinder Joe from becoming an active citizen of the community through The Arc DeSoto, Inc. - serving as a member of its flag team and competing in swimming and bowling at local and regional Special Olympics Florida events. Joe enjoyed spending quality time with his family, playing games, cooking and baking. He is survived by his mother, Ellen, and siblings Grace and Noel (Marj).

With gratitude

The Danao family thank you for attending mass with them and offering your kind words. Special thanks to The Arc DeSoto, Inc. and Millennium Physician Group in Arcadia for caring for Joe for over 20 years. The family also thank the nurses and staff at Tidewell Hospice, Port Charlotte, FL.



1st birthday



Ring bearer at age 2



Christmas, age 3
(with Grace)



Visiting the Bonagua Ranch,
age 5



Christmas play, Cupertino
Center for Special Children, age 10



Family gathering, age 15
(with Mama)



Luau, Charlotte Harbor School,
age 19



At Grace's Ph.D. graduation,
age 30



Just hanging out,
age 42



In 2024, Joey was diagnosed with advanced chronic kidney disease. He focused on spending quality time with his family and doing the things he loved - playing games, baking, and hanging out with his mom and siblings.

Brothers are playmates in the beginning and best friends for life.

- Anonymous