



## Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr.

April 22, 1950 - December 5, 2021

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at a 1:30 PM Mass of Christian Burial in Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lafayette, for Joseph Roussel Streva, Jr., 71, who passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at his daughter's residence in Youngsville.

Visitation will be at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on December 11, from 12:30 until the funeral Mass.

Inurnment will be in St. John Cemetery.

The Very Reverend Chester Arceneaux, VF, Rector of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette LA, will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include his daughters, Kelly D. Streva, and Traci A. Streva; his granddaughter, Bree Voisine; his siblings, Kathy Streva Bergeron and her husband, Terry, Carl J. Streva, and Jerry J. Streva and his wife, Rosalie; his nieces, Carla Gala and her husband, Manny, Devita Copley and her husband, Chris, Lisa Perry and her husband, David, Maria Milazzo and her husband, Shane, Becky Bergeron, and Yvette Smith and her husband, Bill; his nephews, John Streva and his wife, Nicole, Philip Streva and his wife, Teresa, and Mike Bergeron and his wife, Kay; and numerous cousins, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph "Chief" R. Streva, Sr. and Katherine Filardo Streva; a sister-in-law, Glenda W. Streva; two nephews, Stephen Bergeron, and J.J. Streva.

Joey was a native of Morgan City and a longtime resident of Downtown Lafayette. He was a 1968 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Morgan City and continued his education at the University of Southwestern Louisiana where he completed his Undergraduate Degree, and obtained his Juris Doctorate at Loyola Law School. Upon graduating law school, Joey began his career as an attorney where he became a partner

of a private firm in Morgan City. Later, in 1994 the opportunity arose to join the U.S. Court System in the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana where he became an Assistant Federal Public Defender. This gave him the opportunity to fulfill his dream of helping others. He was a proud member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, a Kappa Alpha Order Alumni member, and many other organizations as well. Mr. Streva was on the Board of Directors of his family's owned and operated businesses in Morgan City and New Iberia, Streva Distributing.

Joey enjoyed all things Downtown Lafayette, especially with his family and friends. He loved to create memories with the simpler things in life, family, food, fun, charity, and Church. Most of all he loved to spend time with his granddaughter Bree. She was #1 in his life. His big smile, his infectious laugh, and his giving heart will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Joseph R. Streva, Jr.'s name to your favorite charity.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Streva family to Ochsner Cancer Center of Acadiana, Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center, Cardiovascular Institute of the South, First Option Home Health, Hospice of Acadiana, Food with Love, Kelly Morvant Photography, and Fusion Photography. A special thank you to all of his family and friends, near and far, who were a part of his amazing journey of life.

View the obituary and guestbook online at [www.mourning.com](http://www.mourning.com)

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# Cemetery Details

## St. John Cemetery

914 St. John St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
515 Cathedral St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501

## Memorial Mass

DEC 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
515 Cathedral St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Dear Streva Family,

*We are very sorry that you lost Joey. Joey was always kind, and he was a man of principles and uncompromising integrity. Heaven got a great one with Joey!*

*Respectfully,*

*The Nathan Levy Family!*

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**Stephen Levy** - December 13, 2021 at 12:41 PM

SL

“ Stephen Levy lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr.



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**Stephen Levy** - December 13, 2021 at 12:30 PM

KS

“Wow! I would like to thank everyone who attended our Dad’s funeral and those of you who were there in spirit. I am so very appreciative, truly. Although it was excruciating, it was also so beautiful. Traci and I definitely felt the love. It was priceless to hear all the wonderful stories about him from family, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, Judges and even a homeless man that he met while volunteering at St. Michael Center for Veterans that he took great care of and who became part of our family years ago; many in tears while expressing how much our Dad changed their lives and/or how much he meant to them. As the saying goes, if I had a dollar for every man and woman that told us how much our Dad changed their lives and how much he was loved by them. The receiving line was at least three people wide and I was told that the line was wrapped around the Church. Although our Dad was an Asst. Public Defender for the Federal Government, even Federal Prosecutors that he often had to go against in court drove in to attend and sang his praises as an attorney and friend, some in tears. One shared that he knew that when he was up against our Dad in court, he knew he better bring his “A game”. After the funeral, Magistrate Judge Whitehurst presented Traci and me the Resolution below signed by Federal Judges. So appreciative and so proud! We are also so humbled. We are also so humbled, proud, and forever grateful for all who loved and adored our Dad.



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**Kelly Streva** - December 12, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KS

“We love, honor, and celebrate you Pops! And, miss you so very much! ❤️



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**Kelly Streva** - December 12, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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Kelly Streva - December 12, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..



December 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM

CG

“1 file added to the tribute wall



Cristie Gibbens - December 10, 2021 at 08:53 AM

MC

“ I shared an apartment with, at this Joe, for a couple of semesters while attending USL. Joe was much brighter than I was so I spent many late nights studying while having to listen to him till me how much he loved his bed 😊. All though we haven't kept in touch over the years I still have fond memories of times we shared and am greatly saddened to hear of his passing!  
Michael Cluchey

Michael Cluchey - December 09, 2021 at 10:46 PM

JF

Met Mr Joey back in 96. Very kind hearted ☐ I know he will be missed by many , God let us borrow him to learn from Mr Joey done all his work well especially The Great Commission. He wanted me to go to work for him at his business but at the time my car was broken but it was a joy talking to h cause he was very intelligent which is hard to find , it is for me anyway cause I am also very smart we could be ourselves and talk and enjoy ourselves cause we were on same level

John Fairchild - December 11, 2021 at 09:35 AM

VM

“ It is so hard for me to believe that Joey isn't going to just come walking in my office wearing his Hawaiian shirt asking me, “How's it going?” I walk by his office now and think of the many talks and laughter that went on in there. Seriousness only lasted for a very short time with Joey. Life was meant to be enjoyed. Joey always had the right combination to make life enjoyable for those around him. Let us eat cake and drink lots of champagne was always his choice for me and Joey and I did exactly that. Joey was my co-worker but more importantly, Joey was my friend and I miss him dearly. I am so blessed to have known him. Rest in peace my dear friend until we meet again.

Vicky Meeks

Vicky Meeks - December 09, 2021 at 04:29 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Randy McCann - December 09, 2021 at 04:02 PM

RM

*I met Joey in 1992 when we had a piece of litigation together. Then in 1994 after he began working for the FPD, we saw each other much more often; in fed court in Lake Charles, Alexandria or just hanging out in around downtown Lafayette. This is one of those photos from downtown Lafayette at the "Filling Station." As most can tell, we enjoyed several adult beverages that night. April 2015. I always enjoyed running into him whenever or wherever it occurred. RIP Joey Streva.*

**Randy McCann** - December 09, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..*



December 09, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..*



December 09, 2021 at 11:02 AM

AS

“ *Annette Searcy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..*



**Annette Searcy** - December 08, 2021 at 11:27 PM

GH

“ *Joey's love of life and his huge heart spread all the way here to California, where his friends in the defender program are mourning his death and sending their prayers to his family. We first met Joey many years ago when Rebecca asked some of us to come to Lafayette to teach, and he became a life-long friend. I will always cherish the weekend we all spent at the Big Yellow House in Napa Valley with the Louisiana office, where we screamed down the back roads in convertibles and Joey closed down the party every night with a toast, a hug, and laugh that was as genuine and infectious as the day is long. God bless you Joey for the happiness you brought to so many.*

**Geoff Hansen** - December 08, 2021 at 10:35 PM

PP

“ How do you describe your feelings about a man who meant so much to so many. Joey made a difference in so many lives, he was everyone’s “best friend,” that’s the way he made so many of us feel...but to him, I was “Sister P.”

*I met this extraordinary man 27 ½ years ago when we started working together at our office. I was humbled by his kindness and compassion he had not only with our clients, but our co-workers and the entire judicial family. He use to tell our clients, “now the last thing I want, is my investigator having to go around chasing rabbits.” We were a “great team” as Joey use to say. I respected him....not just about his brilliant mind, but the way he carried himself each and every day. Joey was my confidant, my big brother who loved me unconditionally and was ALWAYS there for me. My life has been blessed with his friendship and love forever.*

*To Kelly, Traci, Bree and extended family: Joey loved his family and always talked about how blessed he was to have you all in his life. Thank you for sharing Joey with us, we will be forever grateful.*

*"Sister P"*

*Patricia Cumbo Pitchford*

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**Patricia Cumbo Pitchford** - December 08, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BG

“ This morning when, I turned the page of the newspaper and saw at the top middle of the page Joey’s enduring smile and signature beach shirt and realized that it was his obituary, I was jolted to the depth of my soul by a burning sadness that consumed my mind. I had no idea that Joey was sick, much less that he had gone to his reward in Heaven. Joey was one of the finest people ever to walk the face of this Earth and there just are not enough superlatives to describe his personal and professional life of pure excellence in every way. Our world has lost a great person, but Joey taught all of us how life should be lived, and he will be missed by all.

*My deepest sympathies go to his dear family and friends.*

*Bill Goode*

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**Bill Goode** - December 08, 2021 at 04:59 PM

WB

“ I met Joey about 35 years ago when we were both young criminal defense attorneys, and I've had the pleasure of working with him full time for over 27 years. He was a great friend, attorney, and person, and a REALLY GREAT character. When he wasn't dressed for court he would have on a Hawaiian shirt. Just take a look at the photo I took of him for his Louisiana Bar ID. My son once went to an LSU fraternity costume party as "Joey from my dad's office" - a suit, Hawaiian shirt, hair combed back, and wire rimmed glasses.

*The fact that two fine, smart, young, attorneys/men referred to him in these posts as best friend tells anyone who didn't know him all they need to know about him.*

*He loved Kelly, Traci, & Bree so much.*

*I'll have my Hawaiian shirt & suit on Saturday. The shirt isn't Tommy Bahama, so Joey will probably consider it heresy.*

*I'll always miss him.*



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**Wayne Blanchard** - December 08, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..*



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December 08, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..*



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December 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM

PF

“ I will dearly miss our Saturday morning “discussions”, i.e. “BS” with my “brother”. He and I have been friends since our USL days and it’s going to be difficult without his jovial comments and insights. We were many times on different sides of a topic but respected each other’s opinion. He had two daughters and I have three and he and I compared notes many times. It’s going to be so difficult to continue without him and his friendship.

Pat Fontenot - December 08, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" R. Streva, Jr..



December 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM

ZB

“ Joey was larger than life. Jimmy Buffet may have gotten famous by writing and singing about pirates, beaches, and daiquiris, but Joey lived those songs better than anyone I've known. He was an incurable raconteur, but his generosity and colorful personality endeared him to everyone he met. I am especially grateful for how welcome he made me feel when I relocated to Lafayette in 2014 with my family. He even invited my son to several of his infamous "steak nights" at his home on Carlin Street. When we talk about Joey, my son always brings up steak night and how much fun he had "shagging beers for" and hanging out with the boys. Joey was a guy's guy with a heart of gold, and our office won't be the same without his laughter, sharp wit, and wealth of experience. I am lucky to have been able to work with him, even if was for a comparatively short while. May his memory be a blessing.

Zach Brevis

Zach Brevis - December 08, 2021 at 11:24 AM

DT

“Lord god Jesus help me.” This is one of the many sayings I utter each day that I picked up from Joey Streva. A man thirty years older than me that nearly instantly became my best friend when I moved to Lafayette after law school. He taught me how to practice law—literally. For years I never appeared in court alone; Joey was always at my side. I would not have achieved the success I have in my career without learning from Joe and for that I am forever grateful.

But Joe was so much more than a legal mentor. He became one of my best friends. He was in my wedding. He became a fixture in my own friend group. It was not uncommon for a group of 30 year old guys to all meet at Joe’s house for drinks and steaks.

He taught me the right way to grill a steak and drink a Guinness. His guidance and wisdom helped me through the loss of my brother and then my mom. For more than a decade I’ve stopped by his house for coffee several mornings a week. He gave advice when I needed it and just listened when I needed that instead. Usually I would end up stopping back by for a beer in the afternoon. Nothing significant has happened in my life or career where he was not one the first people I told.

Im really not sure what happens next. Such a large part of my life and career involved Joe. A future without his guidance and companionship seems unfathomable.

*Dustin Talbot*



Dustin Talbot - December 08, 2021 at 05:50 AM

JK

“It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences to the Streva family. Joey was very much loved by many but especially by my father, Chick Cheramie. My Dad thought of him as a son. They started out as “track” buddies and ended as best buddies. He will be sorely missed. Joey had one of the best laughs around. May he Rest In Peace and May you all find joy in your memories. Sincerely, Jan Cheramie King

Jan C King - December 07, 2021 at 08:18 PM

WO

“ Joey Streva always had a smile on his face. He was an honorable and fair lawyer. I have the utmost respect for him and his dedication to his clients. I will miss his smile and laughs. Our community loss a great person.  
Woody

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**Woody** - December 07, 2021 at 08:16 PM

MA

“ Joey, my friend and old neighbor, didn't think this day would come so soon. You were the most kind and generous person and neighbor. We shared many laughs in our years of living next to each other. You definitely left your mark on society! We have not lost a friend but gained a guardian angel! Love you and thank you for being my friend!!

Marius.

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**Marius** - December 07, 2021 at 06:40 PM

PS

“ My Uncle Joey was also my Godfather. He never had to preach about God to me. The way he lived his life was enough. He had compassion and love for all people. You can't find a better guy. I'll miss him greatly! ❤️

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**philip streva** - December 07, 2021 at 06:31 PM

KS

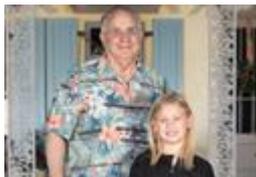
“ Sunday, I not only lost the best father a woman could have, but I also lost my best friend. There are no words to describe the depths of my love and appreciation for my Dad and how much he will be greatly missed. Although he is in a better place and not suffering any more, the pain and void are so unbearable, and it's only been a couple of days and there is a lifetime to go. So painful to know that he is gone forever. The day he asked my sister and me to adopt us and our adoption day are the most monumental and life changing moments of our lives. He literally changed our entire beings and the whole trajectory of our lives, to say the least. Once again, there are no words to describe how much he changed my sister and me, which in turn changed who Bree has grown to be. My sister and I would thank him for saving us, and his reply was always thanking us for saving him. Being adopted makes our relationship that much more special to me, even more so than being a biological father/daughter. And, we are proof that blood does not make one a family. We were thick as thieves as the saying goes, and we love hard. He was such an amazing father, grandfather, friend, brother, uncle, cousin, and attorney. He was an extraordinary and giving person. Even on his bad days, he was worried about sending out donations to all the charities he donates to each month. Even during his multiple stays in the hospital and days at home when he was very sick, he kept strong and had so much grace. He thanked everyone who did anything for him, little and big, and no matter if he could barely speak. He literally was one-of-a-kind with a HUGE and giving heart. Bree was his #1 and she greatly loves her PawPaw. And, PawPaw greatly loved Bree. When he got sick many weeks back, he moved in with me. Traci and I are so grateful that we were able to give him the utmost care at my house. And, he was so grateful as well. We wouldn't have had it any other way.

*In short: My Dad was the most amazing, kind, smart, intelligent, funny, loving, giving, and incredible man; ask anyone how knows him. I am forever grateful and appreciative that I have the honor and privilege of having him as my Father-Pops. He will be so greatly missed by me and many, as he already is.*

*I so greatly love and miss you more than any words can express, Pops!*

*Kelly*

*A.K.A. Your Kelluma*



**Kelly Streva** - December 07, 2021 at 04:43 PM

GT

*My deepest condolences to u all ❤️ Gwen S. Tate*

**Gwen Tate** - December 07, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ Joey was the kind of guy that everyone wanted to be around. If you'd have told me that at 29 years old I'd become best friends with a 61 year old man I'd have hit the floor laughing, but anyone who knows Joey can see how that would easily be the case. Most of my friends were jealous of our relationship and strangers just thought I was his son or grandson. We loved it and got the best laughs out of it. It was priceless to have someone so cool and full of raw unedited advice as a friend and mentor. As he would often say “Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional.” I will forever cherish our days of watching *Two and A Half Men* while eating the equivalent of adult lunchables and sipping beers after work, giving him the stink eye when he'd give every panhandler within arms reach a \$20 bill, answering his calls on Sundays asking if I wanted him to get me a daiquiris when he made his Sunday daiquiris pick up and repeating the same complaints to each other about the Filling Station closing, until the bitter end. Everyone deserves a friend like Joey but not everyone is lucky enough to find one. I am so blessed to have been able to call Streva my friend.



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**Jason Matt** - December 07, 2021 at 11:34 AM

MS

“ I loved my lil' cousin Joey, but then everyone loved Joey. Joey had the type of personality that he never meet a stranger and you only grew closer.

*During my 30 years of bachelorhood, we were inseparable. Although I have many memories I chose to remember his laughter, kindness, willingness to help everyone especially the less fortunate, and his love for his friends, and especially his siblings, daughters, and granddaughter.*

*Rest in peace my favorite lil' cousin in all the world and now Heaven.*

*Love you,  
Mark Streva*

*P.S. When you see Aunt Melva, y'all team up and see if y'all can cut a deal for me and Jerry.*

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**Mark Streva** - December 06, 2021 at 06:10 PM

GP

“ As a member of the "Baton Rouge contingent" of federal soldiers, hearing this news put a damper on my day. Obviously, we didn't see or interact with Joey as much as our brethren "over there," but that made it even more of a kick when we saw each other and reconnected as we always did. There was always a sure bet when you commiserated with Joey....a laugh would ALWAYS be part and parcel of the conversation, something that we need. And I don't mean that to suggest that there was not a serious side to this man. There was. But, he combined both with ease. I'm bummed, but I'm smiling also....  
Glen Petersen

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**Glen Petersen** - December 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

WG

“ Joey was a great lawyer and a better man.

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**Walt Green** - December 06, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RG

“ Joey and I graduated from La School together. After all most 50 years I still have fond memories of him. Always jovial, friendly and a pleasure to talk to. One of my favorite people. And definitely my favorite handlebar moustache.

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**Richard Gorley** - December 06, 2021 at 03:54 PM

KK

“ Joey Streva was absolutely one of my favorite people on this planet. I never had the pleasure of meeting with anyone from his family and know him only through his profession. We have lost a really good lawyer and a great man. So very sorry for your loss.

*Kathy Kay*

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**Kathy Kay** - December 06, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MB

“ I've known Joey for over 25 years and feel that I have lost a member of my own family. I loved Joey from the moment I met him, but through the years he taught me that there is a "fine line" between love and hate. I'll never forget him. Marjorie Brooks (Margie-T-Lou to Joey)

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**Marjorie Brooks** - December 06, 2021 at 11:08 AM