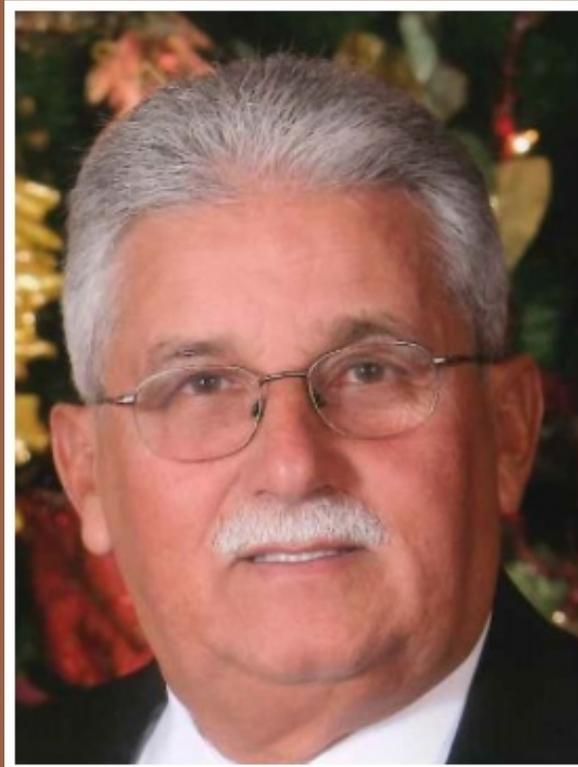




## Joseph Delgado

*1945-2019*

Businessman and Family Man



Greetings!

It is with regret that I share the passing of a truly nice fellow, Joseph Delgado "Joe." My interactions with Joe were typically at an annual Labor Day Event and at the occasional fundraiser. My husband spoke of him often as a guy he trusted in business. His hand shake was as good as any written document - "Joe was a man of his word." He was a very well-respected and well-liked business man. A community supporter, he frequently attended events that raised funds for local non-profits, so we would see him at these affairs.

In speaking to those who knew him well there were some real consensus items. One was that Joe was a story teller and very detailed in his accounts. His favorite tales were about fishing and hunting.

Joe used to tell me that we needed to sit down and discuss the way he knew every bend in the local rivers. He recognized that the river was a giving and living entity. He supported CU Maurice River and believed in our mission. We were all grateful for his steadfast support.

On one memorable occasion about 20 years ago we were preparing a snapping turtle for soup. At some point during the preparation the event became less than delectable. In fact, the entire kitchen cleared out; all the men bailed on me - but Joe. I remember his kindly manner as he hung in there until we were done. Afterwards we would always say when we saw each other, "Remember when we made snapper soup?" The soup was amazing, but both of us said it would be the last time we would attempt it.

You know, it is odd, but I got the feeling from that one encounter that Joe always did things amazingly well.

During the last few days the conversations that I have had about him seem to confirm that. Remarks such as "Joe liked things right. He was a detail guy and explained steps with precision in business. You knew it would be done right. He was a go to guy." were common. We were out the evening of the day Joe passed and we delivered the news to our friend. He said, "Boy, that explains a lot. I called him today and he didn't call back." This was not meant as a quip; in fact he was genuinely upset. It was intended to convey that Joe above all else was reliable, and letting a phone call go unreturned was not at all his style.

As stated in his obituary, our members relate that he was a family guy; the love of his life was clearly Jean, and he and she were very proud grandparents.

One thing that his customers mentioned was that Joe's son Joseph is cut from the same cloth, reliable and competent. Joe started his business himself, and it must have been gratifying to know that someday it would be in the primary leadership of his son. No one knew it would be so soon.

We offer our condolences to the family and thank them for sharing a great gentleman with us all.



Jane Morton Galetto  
CU Maurice River Board President

## Obituary of Joseph Delgado

Joseph R. Delgado, 74, of Vineland passed away suddenly at home on Friday, November 22, 2019. He was born and raised in Vineland to the late Anthony and Alice (Garcia) Delgado. Joe graduated from Vineland High School in 1963 where he was the captain of the 1962 Group IV Championship Cross Country team.

On May 21, 1966 he married the love of his life, Jean, and together they raised a son and daughter. Joe served in the US Army during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970 and rose to the rank of Sergeant. Upon his discharge he began his career as an apprentice electrician and went on to own and operate Joseph R. Delgado, Inc. Electrical Contractor for the past 41 years. He was an active member and past president of the Board of Directors for the

National Electrical Contractors Association of NJ and past president of the Buena Vista Exchange Club. He was also a member of the Vineland Chamber of Commerce and the Cumberland Riflemen Shooting Club.

Joe was an avid reader with a love of American history. He was an adventurous outdoorsman with a passion for hunting and fishing on his beloved boat in Cape May. He never missed a day without completing the Sudoku in the daily paper.

Joe will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Jean (Dandrea); son Joseph Delgado (Lauren) of Vineland; daughter Kelli Ridgway (John) of Elmer; grandchildren Jenna and Anthony Delgado, and Nicholas and Daniel Ridgway; his brother Anthony and twin brother Charles; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Rocco and Lorraine Dandrea; mother-in-law Concetta Dandrea and a niece, several nephews and cousins.

Joe's greatest joy in life was being together with his family and friends and telling everyone about his boyhood antics and his hunting and fishing adventures. He lived life to the fullest and will be forever remembered as a loving family man and great friend.

A church visitation will be held on Friday from 9:15am to 11:45am followed by a funeral mass at 12pm from Christ The Good Shepherd Parish - Church Of Saint Isidore The Farmer, 1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Joe's memory be made to the Rotary Club, PO Box 7, Vineland, NJ 08360. (Please note "The Challenger League" in the memo section of your check) or to the charity of one's choice.

ARRANGEMENTS are under the supervision of Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360

To send online condolences please visit our website at [www.RONEFUNERALSERVICE.com](http://www.RONEFUNERALSERVICE.com)

## Visitation at Main Service

9:15 am - 11:45 am

Friday, November 29, 2019

Christ The Good Shepherd Parish - Church Of Saint Isidore The Farmer

1655 Magnolia Road

Vineland, New Jersey, United States

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