



## Joseph "Skip" Singleton

May 28, 1959 - December 16, 2016

Joseph "Skip" Singleton - passed on December 16, 2016. Beloved son of Mary Lou and the late Joseph F., loving father of Laura Grace, cherished brother of Jeff, James, Tim, Chris, and the late John. He is also survived by his former wife and best friend, Ann.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

45 Huntington Road  
Huntington, NY 11743

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Visitation

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Closing Prayer

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DEC 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial of Ashes

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DEC 21. 11:15 AM (ET)

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Huntington, NY 11743

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Skip" Singleton*

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November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *I had no idea Skip had passed away. He came to my memory today and I found this tribute page - My best wishes to Skip's family and friends. He had so many friends!*

*Memory: Skip found me walking around penniless on the streets of Albany in late 1982 and offered me a job on the spot as a bartender in his new business (The Griffin Tavern on Delaware Ave), despite the fact that I had no previous bartending experience! I worked there on and off for 4 years and had a ball working with Skip and all the Griffin crazies (mostly the former regulars of Frank's Living Room). What a time we had....*

*If anyone sees this, please add some memories of Skip from those days. He was a great guy who was game for almost anything, anytime. He is certainly missed by all who knew him.*

*Bill O'Brien*

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**Bill O'Brien** - August 24, 2022 at 04:30 PM

KL

“ I feel like there is a hole in my world. I cannot imagine the world without him in it. He was my boss for over 8 years and was a great person to work for. While full of bluster sometimes.....he really was a gentleman with a soft heart. What he loved, he protected fiercely.

Joe treated me with respect and his counsel and trust in me was integral in me finding satisfaction in my career. While I hated seeing him retire from DEP, I took solace in his obvious anticipation for his new career/direction. I will always consider him one of the greatest bosses and nicest person I have ever known.

He changed my life and will always be in my prayers. Wherever he is, he's making the best whiskey anyone has ever tasted..

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**Karen Leclaire** - January 10, 2017 at 04:23 PM

KL

“ 2 files added to the album From all of your friends at NYC DEP, we will miss you Joe. You were a terrific leader and friend.



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**Karen Leclaire** - January 10, 2017 at 04:05 PM

DV

“ *The news of Joseph Singleton’s passing struck me with heartfelt sadness. I thoroughly liked and respected Joe. He was so utterly fair, decent, professional, personable and helpful. He always made himself available to deal with the concerns of others, and he dealt with every issue brought to his attention seriously and sincerely. Always. When Joe wished you well, you knew he meant it. He was taken much too soon and will be sorely missed.*

*Dov Jacob Vinar  
Ashokan Services, Inc.*

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**Dov Jacob Vinar** - January 05, 2017 at 12:01 PM

LA

“ *Though it has been too many years since I have seen Skip, he lives large in my memories from a long ago precious time. Even back in those days of youth seeking mayhem and mischief, Skipper stood out as a leader even back then.*

*Most notably for engineering, organizing and leading an expedition of 20 plus twenty year olds in 2 RV’s half way across the country to experience Mardi Gras and -most amazingly in retrospect - SAFELY home again.*

*And oh that infectious smile that always held a bit of mischief.  
So happy that Skip got to retire and “get back to the land” for a time.  
My greatest sympathies to his family and to Laura and Ann.*

*Lainie (DeLorenzo) Christensen  
SUNYA house mate.*

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**lainie** - December 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PS

“ Thank you Joseph F. Singleton for giving me the opportunity to share my DEP career with you. You were a great boss to work with, you helped me through life experiences. Joe you will truly be missed.

*Condolences to your family, I am sure they are truly proud of you as I am.*

*Patricia Staten & Family*

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**Patricia Staten** - December 21, 2016 at 09:15 AM

KA

“ Most people do not meet a person that have touched so many lives in a positive manner in so little time. Joe's sense of humor, his professionalism and his ability to see all the angles of a situation made him a remarkable person.

*It's with a sadden heart that I say R.I.P. Mr. Singleton. You will be truly missed.*

*K.T.*

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**Kaye** - December 20, 2016 at 01:49 PM

MS

“ When i first heard the news i figured it must be another person with the same name. He always spoke about going upstate to make beer, but only after the AMR system was perfected. Joe was by far the best Deputy Commissioner i have ever worked with, as many of the people in my industry will agree. His dedication to the job, the mission, the people and the product is truly the work of a special person. Clearly there is a water bill CRISIS in heaven that he was called up to work on asap.

*RIP Joe*

*Mark J Schwartz  
New York Water Management*

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**mark schwartz** - December 20, 2016 at 12:33 PM

AD

“ My Condolences goes out to his family, R.I.P Mr. Singleton, I will always remember your smile, he was always smiling and always said hello to everyone!

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**adrienne** - December 20, 2016 at 11:41 AM

IS

“ I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Joe Singleton. I first met Joe S in 1999, when I joined the Capital Budget team. Joe S was smart, humorous, supportive and very approachable. Despite the many stressful days in the office, he appreciated his staff. Joe and I often chat about random things often about his daughter Laura. He loved her very much and wanted the best for her.

*News of Joe S passing was unexpected and I'm saddened by his lost. I'm forever grateful I was given the opportunity to work with him. you will be missed.*

*I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.*

*Indira Seepersaud  
DEP - Capital Budget*



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**Indira Seepersaud** - December 20, 2016 at 11:15 AM

IS

“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.



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December 20, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.



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December 20, 2016 at 06:09 AM

EM

“ I got to meet Joe when he moved up to Claverack on our road after retirement. I was straight off drawn to his acceptance and sense of humor as well as purpose. He invited me to work on the distillery detritus like staining doors and maintaining the building. Joe tricked me into being the main water man of his large garden by offering me a small spot for my potatoes. A very clever chap! When I read about his amazing accomplishments down in the city, wearing a suit, I am struck by the homeboy lifestyle he maintained up here in his boots and Carhartts, digging ditches and bringing the Triform cows into the barn down the road. Joe and I walked backward for a quarter mile on that cattle drive, leading the heard, like in Lonesome Dove.

Joe allowed me to park my man cave camper on his land, occasionally smoking cigars and hoisting a few. He insisted on buying lunch, sharing jokes and chatted about how good it was to have Laura come and visit, and his dream of having her live on her part of the land.

Thank you, Joe, for allowing me to know you for a short time. I'm honored to have been your friend.

Erik Molbach



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Erik Molbach - December 19, 2016 at 11:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.*



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December 19, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Will miss you Skip : your SUNY Albany crew*



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**STACY NUNBERG** - December 19, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Joe saw more in me than I saw in myself, and for that I will be forever grateful.*

*He touched so many lives. For many like me, profoundly so.*

*-Albert Kramer*

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**Albert Kramer** - December 19, 2016 at 08:25 PM

PW

“ *JFS was a most insightful person. He actually cared for people and their day to day lives.*

*It was a pleasure to have known him and he was wonderful to work with.*

*He spoke with great pride of his daughter, held his parents and brothers in high regard.*

*He placed himself in every man's shoes and worked backward to his official responsibility. He cared deeply of the outcomes of his decisions; suffering introspection to every facet before he would announce it in a glib and humorous fashion , as if it was an off the cuff deliberation. He tackled what seemed as insurmountable odds projects and improved final outcomes. He found ways to benefit the greatest number of people in every effort he undertook. Opposition to his vision or direction would cause him to redouble his energy until erosion left only his idea. He boldly faced any remaining critic, often winning them too with his logic or backed by his plentiful force of personality.*

*We, his friends and former co-workers will miss him;  
We thank God for sharing Joe with us for this short time.  
But he knew Singleton made every moment matter.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patrick W. Giagnacova  
DEP BCS Ombudsman (Retired)*

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**Patrick W.Giagnacova** - December 19, 2016 at 08:11 PM

SL

“ I met Joe nearly 24 years ago, when he was at OMB overseeing DSNY's budget. I was happy to be reunited with Joe thirteen years later at DEP when Joe had just been promoted to Deputy Commissioner of Customer Services. Joe turned Customer Services' performance around through his ability to keep focused on the goal and communicate with his team, his analytical talents and his insistence that any systems changes be thoroughly tested, or as Joe liked to say, "Let's try to break it."

*In his first months, he was assigned the unenviable (and seemingly impossible) task of overseeing the design, procurement, testing and roll-out of the \$250 million Automated Meter Reading (AMR) program, the largest such program in the country. And, even though that program was in its infancy, Joe kept insisting that we needed to pair accurate billing with strong enforcement in the form of legislation that would authorize DEP to sell liens on the property of seriously delinquent homeowners. "We gotta have the Lien Sale" became Joe's mantra. Joe not only got the Lien Sale authorization he had been championing for over a year, but he also directed his team to complete the AMR program in a way that was different from almost all other major City technology projects: He finished it on time, within budget and, (small additional detail) it worked as intended from the very beginning and is now the envy of other water systems throughout the world. Joe's insistence on coupling the AMR technology with Lien Sale enforcement turned the \$100 million annual deficit that he inherited into a nearly \$100 million SURPLUS by the time he retired eight years later.*

*One of my fondest memories of Joe is that, on especially stressful days (and there were many), he would compensate for the stress by answering the phone in a very sing-song voice, "Customer SER-vice."*

*--Steve Lawitts*

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**Steven Lawitts** - December 19, 2016 at 04:09 PM

RW

“ I met Joe through our joint service on the Triform Camphill Community Board of Directors (residential community for disabled young adults). Joe took a strong interest in Triform, and he gave generously of his time and talents. The Triform community is very saddened by Joe's sudden passing, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed.

*Reed Wilson*

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**Reed Wilson** - December 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM

FC

“ Joe was as close a friend as I had both inside and outside of DEP. What sticks with me now are those last 3 months here at DEP before he retired. He was excited about this new adventure. His favorite saying was "Unicorns and Butterflies" and every day he would repeat that mantra with the biggest smile on his face. The only time I ever saw Joe happier was when he would speak about Laura. Joe's smile was very uplifting to all those around him. It will certainly stay with me forever.

*I wish you many Unicorns and Butterflies my friend as you transition to this next adventure.*

*Frankie Camardella*



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**Frank Camardella** - December 19, 2016 at 01:57 PM

ND

“ 9 files added to the album From all of your friends at NYC DEP, we will miss you Joe. You were a terrific leader and friend.



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NYC DEP - December 19, 2016 at 01:39 PM

EL

“ Joe was my idea of an ideal public servant -- smart, knowledgeable, skilled and with great integrity. When I asked Joe to become Deputy Commissioner of BCS he said he wanted to think it over to be sure he thought he could accomplish what we both saw as a big and critical undertaking. I was grateful that he said yes, and he did a spectacular job of working with the dedicated staff to remake the Bureau into a model of reliable data and excellent customer service.

Joe was a wonderful colleague in many other ways -- honest, blunt and very funny. When he decided to retire, I tried very hard to talk him into staying a bit longer, but he was very clear that he wanted to spend the next part of life developing and operating a craft distillery. When we spoke after his retirement, he seemed to be fully enjoying maneuvering through the set-up and getting to actual production.

We didn't talk much about our personal lives, but the one thing that was very clear was his great love for and pride in Laura.

I am saddened by Joe's untimely death, and send deepest condolences to his family.

Emily Lloyd

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**Emily Lloyd** - December 19, 2016 at 11:22 AM

AR

“ I had an opportunity to work with Joe Singleton for many years and especially at DEP in the Call Center and Correspondence Units. He was never too busy to listen to issues that you have. I will miss him very much. Peace and blessing to his family.

Annette R. Reid, Manhattan Borough Office

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**Annette R. Reid** - December 19, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.*



December 19, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.*

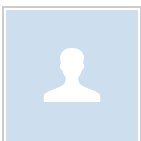


December 19, 2016 at 08:08 AM



“ *Joe was like a rock star sometimes. When we were getting our employee of the month plaque and the photographer just finished getting us arranged, Joe walks over , Takes the Plaque out of Rocky Grazianos hands, stands right in middle of the group and smiled for the picture. He said " great job fella's " and walked out of the room. we were like " who was that masked man. Joe had Great sense of humor*

**ROBERT MORRISON** - December 19, 2016 at 06:57 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.*



December 18, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.



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December 18, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.



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December 17, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Skip" Singleton.



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December 17, 2016 at 06:02 PM