



## Joel L. Vittori

April 2, 2020

Joel L. Vittori, Sr., 83, of Salem, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Joel was born on May 6, 1936, the son of John P. and Marie Furci Vittori. He attended Salem City schools through the ninth grade. He was recruited to play football and completed high school at Pennsylvania Military Prep School in Chester, PA. After graduation, Joel attended Kings College in Wilkes Barre, PA, graduating with a degree in Sociology in 1958. In June 1960, Joel married Faith Clemente of Carneys Point.

In 1959, Joel was employed by Pan American World Airways in outside sales and lived in Arlington, VA. As Pan Am's representative, Joel escorted the initial group of the Peace Corps volunteers to Lagos, Nigeria.

In 1963, Joel returned to Salem to join his father in owning and operating Vittori Motor Company (a Chrysler/Dodge dealership). In the late 1960's, Joel worked for Olympic Airways as head of Sales for North America, returning to Vittori Motor Company in 1970. He owned the dealership until 1989 when he sold the business. Joel's love of the travel industry led him to owning or partnering in four travel agencies throughout the years.

After returning to Salem, Joel became active in community service organizations which included the Salem Jaycees, the Penns Grove Exchange Club and the John B. Campbell Community Center. Joel was also active in the Stand Up for Salem initiative and a longtime member of St. Joseph's RC Church in Woodstown.

In 1974, Joel became a member of the AAA South Jersey Board of Directors, eventually becoming the club's CEO. He retired from AAA in 2009, continuing to serve on the Board of Directors. During his tenure as CEO, Joel became involved with the Ronald McDonald House of South Jersey and the Adam Taliaferro Foundation.

Joel was predeceased by his father in 1981 and his mother in 2009 as well as his sister-in-law, Judith D. Clemente. He is survived by his wife, Faith Clemente Vittori, and his three

children Joel Vittori, Jr. (Amy F.), John Vittori (Elizabeth) and Amy Vittori as well as five grandchildren John Patrick, Seth, Michael, Emma and Ann. He is also survived by his brother-in-law John Clemente as well as sister-in-law and brother-in-law Louise and Joseph Lucchesi, his aunt Corinne Malson as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will hold a private burial service with a celebration of Joel's life scheduled at a later date. In Lieu of flowers the family has suggested that donations be sent to the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, PO Box 8232, Turnersville, NJ 08012 and, or the Ronald McDonald House of South Jersey, 550 Mickle Blvd., Camden, NJ 08103 in Joel's memory.

[www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery

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## Private Interment

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# Comments

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“ Today, I called Joel for my annual Birthday call to be told by Faith that Joel had passed on April 02, 2020. For about 30 years Joel and I have been active friends. From his time at AAA to his retiring and beyond we always held fast to each other whether it was for pleasure, fun, helping each other and when we felt like it, business. We always poked fun at each other in a kind way, and no matter when we went out to dinner he always said to me, “I paid last time, you pay today”, which started our ritual argument of who paid last time. Joel is and remains someone in my heart. We were friends, confided in each other, sought out each other’s advice and enjoyed our friendship together. He will be missed by me. John Yaschur III

**John Yaschur III** - May 08 at 05:02 PM

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“ Faith you and Joel were a great couple and I always enjoyed being with you both. I'm glad we were all together in January on the AAA reunion cruise. Joel was such a delightful person and I always consider him my friend. AAA gatherings will not be the same without him. I know what it's like to lose a spouse but put your faith in the lord and he will get you through this difficult time. I know God will be embracing Joel and be by your side. All my sympathy Len Sempier

**Leonard Sempier** - April 07 at 02:29 PM

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“ Dear Faith,

We are so sorry for your loss. Joel was a very special man and we were fortunate to have worked with him at AAA. We have fond memories of the last few AAA/CAA Retiree Reunions which you both attended. Joel made us all feel so welcome last year in Maine and we will always remember this January's Reunion cruise. The week we spent with you and Joel will always remind us of what a warm and wonderful person he was, and how he always made every person he spoke with feel special. Bob and Mary Ann Darbelnet

**Bob and Mary Ann** - April 07 at 01:57 PM

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“ Faith, We are so sorry for your loss. As the days pass, we know you will find peace, solace and joy in the wonderful memories you and Joel accumulated during your lifetime together. Roz and I always looked forward to sharing time with both of you at AAA functions. Thank you both for helping us build our own lifetime of wonderful experiences that sustain us all as we age. God bless you and your family. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Gerry and Roz Terwilliger

**GERALD TERWILLIGER** - April 07 at 12:04 PM

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“ Mrs. Vittori,

Karen and I are very saddened about Mr. Vittori's passing. We were very fond of him, you, and your family, and blessed that we share the same church. It was always an added blessing to converse with both of you after 9 am mass. Mr. V was the true leader by example in all facets of life starting with his family. Our admiration for him will always live on in each of us. You, Joel, John and Amy, and family are in our prayers.

Love, John and Karen Cuzzupe, Kelsey, John, and Chloe

**john cuzzupe** - April 06 at 09:12 PM

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“ RIP FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT OLD PAN AM  
ROSIE ROSENSTEIN SPRINGHILL FL



**ROSIE** - April 06 at 05:36 PM

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“ Dear Faith, We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find peace in all the happiest memories of Joel, over your lifetime together. RIP Joel. Georgiana & Nick Ide

**Georgiana Ide** - April 06 at 04:42 PM



“ Faith, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your beautiful family. I am thankful for the many good times we shared with the AAA/CAA retirees reunion and even our flight to Brussels together. Love and condolences. Frances and Autry Smith.

**Frances M Smith** - April 06 at 07:37 PM

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“ Bob, Linda, Dylan & Lizzie Lario, Sean & Chelsea purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joel L. Vittori.



Bob, Linda, Dylan & Lizzie Lario, Sean & Chelsea - April 06 at 10:26 AM

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“ Joel would always ask me how my career was going, had a impact only my career aspirations

Anthony J Merendino - April 06 at 10:25 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Remember all the times that Joel and Faith would come into the Salem City Cafe. He was such a dynamic person with so much life. He always made me feel good when he came into the restaurant. Many happy memories. He patronized us during difficult times and will always be remembered fondly.

Debra Foglietta  
Past owner of Salem City Cafe



Debra J Foglietta - April 06 at 09:01 AM

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“ Joel was a very caring special person. He was CEO when I began working at AAA. Will always remember him coming into our office on Saturday mornings with his coffee and paper to check emails. RIP Joel you are missed!

Carol Symington - April 05 at 06:58 PM

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“ It was a pleasure to have known Joel and always enjoyed talking to him, he was so knowable and informative, God Bless and R I P,

**Melvin Humphreys** - April 05 at 01:47 PM

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“ Very sad to hear of Joel's passing. He was always very kind to me during the years I worked at AAA. A true gentleman.

**Sue Lopresti** - April 05 at 09:13 AM

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“ Faith- I am so sorry to learn of Joel's passing. He was so a wonderful man and I will pray for you and the family.

**Bob Bender** - April 05 at 09:09 AM

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“ Sending my sympathy to Faith Clemente Vittorio an old dear friend. Even though our paths have not crossed in many years I feel our friendship was forever. Prayers to the family for strength and peace if mind.  
Theresa Fire Bragg

**Theresa Fire Bragg** - April 04 at 10:45 PM

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“ Mr. Vittori was instrumental in our affiliation with AAA South Jersey. He helped ease the way for us to complete the application process for our shop. We will be eternally grateful to him for his guidance, friendship and support. RIP, Sir!

Linda and Alan Gerace  
The Auto Body Shop  
Carneys Point

**Linda Gerace** - April 04 at 09:30 PM

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“ Just a special man always so friendly , sold be one of my first cars.

**John F Hall** - April 04 at 11:03 AM