



Joseph "Joe" Schofield

July 19, 1952 - March 22, 2026

Joe Schofield, 73, beloved and loving husband, father and soon-to-be grandfather, passed away on March 22, 2026. Joe was the son of the late A. Clayton Schofield and Mary Lawrence Schofield. Joe was the devoted husband of Betsy (Barto) Schofield for 46 years and father to sons Bill (Leah) Schofield of Warminster, PA and Chris (Kristy) Schofield of Maui, Hawaii. On March 28, 2026, Chris and Kristy became proud parents of a baby girl (Rosemary Jo). Joe was immensely proud of his sons and was deeply invested in their success and devoted to ensuring their happiness.

Joe was a 1970 graduate of Bowie High School. After graduation from high school, Joe served in the Air Force from 1970-1974. He graduated from University of Maryland and went on to receive a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration from George Washington University. His career spanned 33 years in various capacities in hospital administration including the Veterans Administration Hospital, Washington, D.C.; Columbia Hospital for Women, Washington, D.C.; University of Maryland Medical System, Baltimore; Upper Chesapeake Health, Bel Air, MD; Jeanes Hospital, Philadelphia; Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Fort Bragg, CA; and Prime Healthcare System Hospitals, Philadelphia.

Joe was a man of sharp wit and generosity. He had eclectic musical tastes and was a connoisseur of many bands. He loved to play sports, especially golf, softball and basketball and was a die-hard and avid Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies and 76ers fan. Joe had the opportunity of being a Marshal at the U.S.

Open and other golf events. He coached both his sons in basketball and baseball. He was the organizer of the high school basketball program at South Bowie Boys and Girls Club, Bowie, MD. To know Joe was to love him and to be loved by him.

Surviving in addition to his wife and sons are a sister, Virginia Connelly and brothers: Clay, Steve, Jamie, and Pete. He was predeceased by one brother, Mark.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 625 Union School Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before Mass from 10 AM to 11 AM. Burial with full military honors will be held at Mount Joy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mount Joy Area Historical Society, 120 Fairview St., Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary Mother of the Church
625 Union School Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ Just two days before I heard about Joe's passing, I thought to myself it had been too long and I owed him a phone call. It's sad that I missed out on just one more conversation before he left, but I have tons of memories from our years together at Jeanes Hospital and Lower Bucks Hospital. Our offices were side-by-side, so we'd have entire conversations through the wall. I laughed every time I watched his woeful typing skills, trying to reply to a simple email, and he'd sneer and give me the side-eye. We became fast friends, and I'm grateful that our paths crossed. My thoughts are with you, Betsy and family. He was a good man.

Rich Leonowitz - April 13 at 02:45 PM

SA

“ Back in the Schofield Bowie days I had the pleasure of playing softball, golfing, talking about our kids accomplishments and partying with Joe and the Pointer Ridge pool crew. Always fun, super competitive, passionate and proud of his family...that was Joe! Being in the healthcare field Joe and I consulted one another on surviving in that ever-changing world which he and I could have fixed if they'd only listen to us. 😞 Thinking of you Betsy and the family at this difficult time. Cherish those wonderful memories of Joe and find joy in the growing Schofield family as Joe would want.
Steve Allen

Stephen Allen - April 07 at 08:23 AM

TK

“ I never met your husband Joe Betsy, but I know you loved him and you talked about him all the time. However, I do remember you telling me how your Joe knew my dad Frank Kurz because he saw him at the hospital. I tried to tell my mom the other day, but she did not really remember she's 91 now and has been very sick and my dad died at 89 this year. It'll be six years.

I loved working with you when we were at Abington's school district and I'm so sorry for your loss of Joe. Congratulations on your new grandbaby

Despite your loss of Joe, hopefully this new people will bring you much joy and happiness and know that he is watching over you guys always



Terry Krebs - April 02 at 10:16 AM

CB

Betsy, I was saddened to hear of your husband's passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family. Congratulations on the birth of your grandchild. Hopefully this new addition to your family will help bring some comfort to you during this very painful time.

Sending healing thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Barkley

Cheryl Barkley - May 08 at 04:29 PM



“ I met Joe when we both worked at the VA Medical Center in Washington, DC back in the 70's. We became friends with him and his wonderful wife Betsy. I can remember only good times and fabulous memories. We laughed a lot and enjoyed life as we all should. We stayed friends even though we are in Phoenix and Joe was in PA. I was surprised and saddened to hear of Joe's passing, and have been thinking about hi Betsy, and the family daily. I'm sure that Joe will be watching over them from above.

MaryAnn Guerra - March 31 at 01:36 PM

DB

“ Joe was not only my boss at Upper Chesapeake, he was a long time friend during and after our time working together. I am truly saddened by his loss to his family and friends.

Dan Berardi - March 31 at 08:07 AM

TH

So sorry for your loss. Been a friend for a few years and stayed in touch even after he left Bowie. As known he was w staunch Philadelphia sports fan especially the Eagles. One thing I will miss will be the eagles game live discussion with family and friends. Always enlightening. My condolences to the entire family . I hope to make the June gathering.

Tom Holland - April 03 at 06:10 PM

LF

I worked for Joe at both Upper Chesapeake Health and Jeanes Hospital. He gave me the opportunity for professional development which enhanced my healthcare career. He was an extremely supportive leader who became a good friend. Helen and I extend our thoughts and prayers to Betsy, Bill, Chris and the family and congratulations on the new grand daughter, Rosemary Jo.

Larry Farmer - April 06 at 04:40 PM

MR

God Bless Joe and the entire Schofield family at this time of loss. We knew Joe from PRSR swimming pool, kids playing sports together (baseball, basketball, and soccer), and I played BBall with Joe weekly pickup and in BBall leagues. Joe always had a good attitude and seemed easy going. We are Redskins fans so it was always fun to discuss each teams chances each year. God called Joe home way to early to leave this planet and be welcomed into the eternal land of heaven. The Schofield family will be in our prayers.

Mike and Cathy and Michael and Rose

Mike, Cathy, Michael, and Rose - April 13 at 02:04 PM

PM

Betsy,

I felt a profound sense of loss when I learned of Joe's passing. It didn't just sadden me — it stunned me. It has taken some time to gather my thoughts and find the right moment to reflect on a friend who meant so much.

First, I want you to know how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Losing someone you love is one of life's hardest experiences, and words never feel big enough to hold the weight of that grief.

In my life, it has been rare to meet people who become truly extraordinary friends. Joe was one of them. I was lucky — really lucky — to have him in my life. I know he touched countless people, but he'll always stay vivid and alive in my memory because of the moments we shared.

I think back to the simple times: hanging out, watching the Orioles, or those crab boils where you two patiently taught me how to eat Maryland crab the right way. Yes, Joe and I became professional colleagues, but you know how many rounds of golf we played over the years. He was an exceptional athlete in anything he tried. We played on the same teams, we even competed against each other, and we spent long weekends at softball tournaments.

I still laugh remembering the year we patched together a ball team — including one of our psych patients — and took everyone to Perry Point. We won the tournament, celebrated far too much, and then tried to hide all the empty beer cans when we got back to the hospital. And then there was the time we won the lottery for World Series tickets at the old Memorial Stadium. Joe and I decided we'd be scalpers for a day, dressed the part, hats with tickets on the brim. We had a blast and barely broke even, but it was one of those adventures that stays with you forever.

I know you will always remember Joe as a devoted husband. What I remember is how certain he was that you were "the one" long before you believed it yourself. I remember how persistent — and persuasive — he had to be just to get you to go out with him, and how proud and grounded he felt when the two of you were together.

I can only imagine the pain and grief you're carrying now. I know how hard this must be for you and your family. What I do know for certain is that the world is a lesser place without Joe in it. My thoughts are with you, and I'm holding you close in my heart.

*With deepest sympathy,
Paul*

Paul Magalian - April 27 at 02:17 PM