



## Jody S. Joseph

June 8, 1967 - June 3, 2021

Jody Joseph, 53, of Southington, husband of Tammy (Tinkle) Joseph, passed away Thursday (June 3, 2021) at his home after a difficult struggle with cancer. A lifelong New Britain resident until moving to Southington in 2009, Jody was a graduate of New Britain High School, class of 1986, and earned an Associated Degree at Colorado School of Trades in 1988. Jody was owner and operator of Joseph Gun Dealers in New Britain before opening JoJo's Gun Works with his partner John Napierski in Southington for the past 15 years where he perfected the craft of Master gunsmith and was always willing to help his many clients.

Besides his wife Tammy, he is survived by a son, Logan Joseph and daughter Mekenzie Joseph of Southington; his loving God Parents, George and Lois White of Farmington; Their extra blessings Jean Carlos Matos and his wife Michelle, Johan Matos and his wife Yamny; Julio Matos , Geandhrelly ,Christian , and Shachelly De La Paz; extra special blessings Jayden, Mason, Madelynn, Johan, Jeremy, Julivid, Milagros, Kemdrick, Zyheir, Zakai, Elise and Ezequiel; and a sister Gloria Joseph of Biddeford Maine

A memorial mass will be celebrated Saturday (June 12) 10 AM directly at St. Joseph Church of the Divine Providence Parish 195 South Main Street New Britain. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will be Friday evening 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square New Britain. In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe page has been established to help Tammy and Jody's children, [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) (Support

the Joseph Family organized by Michelle Miner). Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JUN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

### Memorial Mass

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church  
195 South Main Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Tribute Wall

LI

“ Jody is a distant cousin who once visited us in California with his Uncle Sam. He was such a delightful young man with a sweet smile. I remember how excited he was about seeing mountains from our backyard. It made me appreciate something I took for granted. It saddens us so much to learn he has passed. Our condolences to his family. Larissa Isayo

Larissa Isayo - August 03, 2021 at 12:02 AM

JO

“ Condolences to Jody's beautiful family. I first met Jody as a teenager back when he worked for his Dad out in the garage behind the house in New Britain. I remember the photo of Jody hand feeding a deer by the side of the road was always on display. A true craftsman who loved his work and also his customers were all his friends. He was always available with a smile and great advice and he'd always bend over backward to help. A genuinely great guy who I always loved to see when I visited the shop. The world is now a lesser place because he's gone, but he won't be forgotten. Loved by his friends and missed by all.

Jim Olson - June 14, 2021 at 11:52 AM

AG

“ Amy Guerin lit a candle in memory of Jody S. Joseph



Amy Guerin - June 12, 2021 at 04:48 PM

JS

“ Jody always had a smile and nice things to say. Glad some of my pieces have his work on them. He had a real knowledge of his craft. "You want a coffee or a Slurpy?" Never forget that driveway in New Britain! Every time we saw Jody it was a pleasure, and often educational. One of the few.....John Shove, 'Watta-berry' guy.... Rest in Peace, Jody...

John Shove - June 11, 2021 at 05:20 AM

LP

*It was always a pleasure to talk to Jody he was a true craftsman and artist in his field .you will be missed my friend GOD bless you and your family*

LOUIS PEPICE - June 11, 2021 at 03:31 PM

TV

*I've know Jody since high school - growing up a couple blocks away. Jody was such a kind and caring guy - always helpful when I needed his expert gunsmithing or advice. He was an artist when it came to working on all types of firearms. I pray for strength and peace for his family during this very difficult time. God Bless  
Tom Vanty*

tom vanty - June 11, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BS

*My father was a regular at Jody's father's gun shop in New Britain. I remember as a young girl when Jody was born. My dad, Carl Ulatowski, thought the best of Dave and Jody.*

*Sincere condolences from my family.*

*Barbara Ulatowski Scully*

Barbara Scully - September 30, 2021 at 06:52 PM

SJ

“ Our condolences, thoughts and prayers to Tammy, Mekenzie, and Logan.

Also to John and the rest of the crew at the shop.

All too soon.

Knew Jody going back decades ago when the shop was in the converted 2 car garage behind the house in New Britain. The Bridgeport wedged in the corner.

Watch out pulling into the driveway not to turn tight and catch the wall, lol.

Jody did some custom work on a few of my firearms and the work done was second to none.

Also competed in some of the regional matches with his brother Jerry before his passing.

As the shop grew saw Jody's talent grow into a craft.

Along with the shop, a friendship grew between us.

Cordial, knowledgeable, always respectful, and a big heart.

Occasional busting of the chops, in both directions, lol.

Going be missed.

Jody was good people and I am glad I had the pleasure of his time, talent, and friendship.

“It's on the bench”

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**Sterling Jones** - June 10, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BM

“ My condolences to Tammy, MeKensie, Logan and John, plus the other armorers at the gun shop. Carl, a competitive shooter, and Jody had a long history of talking firearms, along with being first cousins. When I had considered shooting PPC, Jody built me the perfect firearm. We loved Jody and always enjoyed visiting with him at the shop on our trips north. It broke my heart knowing the suffering he and his family were going through. I wish your planned visit here could've happened. Hugs and love.



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**Bunny Michaud** - June 09, 2021 at 12:59 PM

WB

“ Growing up as friends and cousins we had so many good times as kids... Hanging out at your pool or playing games in your cellar. Also trying to play that dumb piano...lol Or when we were teenagers playing our old school rap music on our ridicules huge boomboxes. Also going to Teresa pizza across from your Dads gun shop. God I miss that pizza!! Last time I think we saw each other is when I got my gun permit with your brother. I heard you moved the gun shop to Southington and I never followed through to stop by. I feel horrible over that, I'm so sad pretty much its been 30 plus years since we last spoke and living just 15 minutes away from each other. I don't even think I have a picture with you and if i did all my childhood stuff is long gone. Truly sorry for the loss for your family and I will always cherish our time and and I'm proud to still call you my cousin cuz!!!  
RIP Jody..

**Wayne Babin**

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**Wayne Babin** - June 08, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JS

“ I grew up across the street from Jody on South Main...from running over to his house to swim in the pool or running away from his house from the dog, we had many good laughs and great memories. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family, Rest In Peace Jody.

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**Janet Scalise** - June 08, 2021 at 06:14 PM

KK

“ We have known Jody since back in the day working out of the garage in New Britain he was always a pleasure to talk to and just a all around nice guy you will be missed by many thanks for always helping us out God bless..Kyle Kasparian

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**Kyle Kasparian** - June 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ I met Jody about 20 years or so ago! He always had a smile on his face and was happy to help you no matter what the problem was. He loved being a Gunsmith and was proud he graduated into the Top of his trade! Very few people I have met in my 73 years on this earth had his qualities and work ethic. I was blessed to have him in my life. I will always remember his infectious smile and demeanor. Truly a great human being and will forever have a spot in my heart. May God Bless him and his wonderful Family during this challenging time. In Deepest Sympathy and Regrets. Jim Meuse

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**Jim Meuse** - June 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CO

“Wow, this is a shock and heartbreaking. Jody was such a huge part of our family's lives growing up and living on South Main St. His parents were awesome people too, and Jody was the light of their lives. Too young, that's for sure. I great man, with a huge heart. I love him like he was my brother, always had a smile and a hug when we'd see each other. Though years have passed and we lost touch he remains in my heart. Our condolences to the family.

*Carol & Bob Ott*

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**Carol Ott** - June 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JO

“I've known and done business with Jody since he worked for his dad in the basement of the New Britain house. One of the most genuine and nicest guys ever. Always willing to help and was a true craftsman. Our world is a lesser place now that he is gone, well before his time. Condolences to his beautiful family and John and his people at the shop. I know his legacy will live on through his friendships and his work. I will miss his friendly nature and positive attitude. I always looked forward to seeing him when I visited the shop. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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**Jim Olson** - June 07, 2021 at 09:20 AM

MF

“ Tammy, Mekenzie , and Logan my condolences to your family I was close friends with Jody and I was doing business with Jody and his dad since I was 18 years old your father and Husband is younger than I am and I've done business with the family Gun Shop for 35 years so I watched Jody progress into one of the best gunsmiths I've had the pleasure of knowing for all these years. Life is so unfair when we lose a true friend and a talented tradesmen. I'm going to miss him as a friend and a brother at heart. He was taken from us at such a young age and I will always have him in my heart. Jody was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back and we built a relationship over the past 35 years and I remember when he was running the business on South Main Street in New Britain and if I was in a jam he was always there to help me out. I'm so proud to have had him in my life as a friend and knowledgeable business man. He will never be forgotten and he will always be with me every day I open one of my gun safes because he did a lot of custom work for me and he got me into my own business. Tammy, Mekensie and Logan if there's anything we can do for you we're right around the corner from you. Our hearts and prayers go out to you all. We're very sorry for your loss.  
Michael Pepe and family

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**Michael Pepe & Family** - June 05, 2021 at 07:35 PM

KD

I knew Jody from the Gun Shop. We rented an apartment from his Dad and I babysat him for years. He was such a great kid and like a son to me. His Mom would give him a hamburger patty every day and i would make it for him for lunch. My son adored him and looked up to Jody. They were really good friends until we moved. Chris would visit the Southington store and they would chat. Jody would give him advice and help him with a gun choice. I am so very sorry he suffered and is gone so soon. My deepest sympathies to his family.

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**karen digalbo** - June 09, 2021 at 04:00 PM