

Joseph Patrick Twining of Carlsbad, California, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Laguna Estates Memory Care from complications of Lewy Body Dementia. Joe endured his condition with honor, dignity, bravery and without complaint. His loving partner and caregiver, Susan Long, was at his side as he finally found peace from a long and valiant struggle with his illness.

Joe was born on March 19, 1953, in Springfield, Ma., the fourth child of Joseph Raymond Twining and Elizabeth Harty Twining.

Joe was a stellar student and athlete. He graduated with a degree in English literature from Williams College in Williamstown, Ma., where he was a member of the varsity football team. He then earned a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston, followed by a Master of Laws degree in taxation at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C.

His first career was with the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps where he rose to the rank of Captain. While in the Navy, Joe had the chance to live abroad and travel the world. Joe's second career was as a corporate tax lawyer in Southern California, his home for the second half of his life.

Joe was a quiet, humble individual with steadfast friends and trusted associates on both the East Coast and West Coast. Some of Joe's friendships date back to elementary school, and his poker buddies from high school have vowed to continue to "deal him in."

In addition to Susan and her family of Carlsbad, Joe leaves behind his sister Mary Grocott of Wilbraham, Ma., and brothers Timothy (Roberta) of East Longmeadow, Ma., Kenneth (Linda) of Princeton., N.J., and Nathan (Camille) of East Longmeadow. He was predeceased in 2007 by his brother Edward (partner Beverly) of Springfield.

He was "Uncle Joe" to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. And he was a loving and doting "Grandpa Joe" to Susan's young granddaughters.

As was Joe's wish for the final disposition of his remains, an official Burial at Sea committal ceremony will be performed by the U.S. Navy that he loved and served so well for 30 years.

Joe's remaining ashes will be buried at St. Charles Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt., alongside his parents and brother Ed.

Contributions in Joe's name may be made to Alzheimer's San Diego, which helped provide invaluable support to Susan, at <https://www.alzsd.org/get-involved/donate/> or to Voices for Children at <https://www.speakupnow.org/giving/> where Joe volunteered in his retirement.