



# New Hampshire Veterans Home

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## Joseph "Joe" Buenviage *Resident Spotlight*

Joseph "Joe" Franklin Buenviage Jr. was born in Attleboro Massachusetts, in 1952. Joe is the oldest of the family's five children that includes twins, Jeannine and Robert. His younger sisters, Mary Lou and Georgeann, recall him always working at various jobs and - from time to time - enlisting them to help too, like with his paper route at 4:00 in the morning! They talk about how he would tease them 'terribly' and often enlisted them to help iron his clothes so that he would look sharp for the ladies in his light blue, Ford Falcon with the mag wheels and tinted windows. Joe was also lead singer and electric guitar player for his 60's

garage rock band.

Despite coming from a long line of Navy veterans, Joe was drafted, during the Vietnam era, into the U.S. Army on October 20, 1972. He served enthusiastically as a Culinary Specialist until he was honorably discharged on October 18, 1974. His various assignments started at the Military Processing Center Reserve Components Personnel & Administration Center (RCPAC) in St. Louis, Missouri, then included supporting the US Army Control Group (USARCONGP), Army Support Activity (ASA) located at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and his final posting at the Edgewood Arsenal, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Joe added to his many high diving metals and trophies from his youth in Miami, with the US Army National Defense Service Metal and Sharpshooter Rifle bar. He apparently was pretty handy with the M-16, as well.

After separating from the Army, and with a recommendation from the prestigious Miami restaurant, Rocky Graziano's, where he worked prior to being drafted, Joe resumed civilian work as a Saucier Chef and kitchen supervisor in Houston, Texas. After a few years he rejoined his family back east and worked at the late President Kennedy's favorite place when visiting Cape Cod: Mildred's Chowder House. Joe then lived with his mother Eva in Meredith, NH before joining us at the NH Veterans Home in August 2018. He enjoyed spending time with the fellas down at the Meredith American Legion.

Here at the NHVH, we have also seen, or perhaps have been the target of, Joe's good-humored pranks. When he is not watching westerns or listening to music, Joe has enjoyed playing cribbage, joining in floor games, and spending time with his close friends.

*It is a pleasure and honor to have Joe as a member of our NHVH family!*

