



Joseph W. Lorek

September 5, 1984 - January 6, 2008

Joseph was a 2002 graduate of Mentor High School. He received the principal's award for most improved student of 2002. He attended Lakeland Community College & graduated from Hondros Real estate Academy in 2007. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps & served 3 tours of duty in Iraq. Sgt. Lorek was a member of the Marine Corps League, VFW Fairport Harbor, Leathernecks Motorcycle Club, and a long time volunteer for Toys for Tots. He was a member of Mentor Baptist Church and did missionary work in Mexico for 2 summers. He loved fishing, boating, & playing his guitar. He was an avid gardner. He was loved & will be missed dearly by family & friends.

His Survivors are PARENTS: Barbara A. Middleton & Joseph M.; SIBLINGS: Elizabeth A. & John Paul.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *The entire family of Emily and Arthur Asp send our deep-felt sympathy to your family over the tragic loss of you son/brother.*

Debbie DosztalLang - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Mr and Mrs Lorek and family,
Our family wishes to offer you our condolences on the loss of your son, and also our thanks for his service to his country, and the sacrifice and service your whole family has made on behalf of our country. I am an Army combat vet, and my son is a Marine Corps wounded warrior who suffered a traumatic brain injury due to sniper fire in Iraq. Our loss is different than yours, but our pride in our sons accomplishments is the same as yours for your son. I hope that all of you find the strength to focus on the good that so many have felt because of your son's life, rather than the sense of loss brought about by his passing. We will pray for all of you, and for Joe...may regrets never impede or replace love...God Bless you all with the strength you need to deal with this difficult time.*

*Love The Smith Family,
Bob Smith, and LCpl Colin Smith*

Bob Smith - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to Joe and his family.
Semper Fi, Brother
Cpl.Mills 2d Recon Bn
88\'-92\'*

Jamie Mills - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to your family and friends. Although unable to stand in a flag line for Joe, i will be there in spirit for him. He will be remembered as an American Hero.*

Skip Halliwell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Semper Fi, My brother Leatherneck. There are no words that can possibly express our heartfelt sympathy in this time of enormous sorrow. Please know that we are praying for you all--- members of the family and friends and Leathernecks brothers and sisters of Joe. Our prayers will continue as the days that lay ahead are faced. We pray that God will embrace you in this time of need and continue to hold you up as time passes.*

Fred & Marilyn Powell Hogdaddy & Maw - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *I am sad of knowing that my '\Brother-in-arms\' just left us. To '\Joseph\' parents and siblings my deepest sympathy. Take care.*

Sid/Corpsman

Sid Dacquel - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Lorek family and friends. Joe and I met back in high school, he was a very nice guy. I'm glad I had the chance to meet him and become friends with him. Thank you for all you've done Joe. I MISS YOU!! God Bless You I'll NEVER forget you! RIP Joe.*

Andrea - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I too went to high school with Joe, and he was one of the nicest people I knew. He was always there with a shoulder to lean on. My deepest, heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

Stacey Sokalski - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Rest in peace Joe you served your country well, we will meet you on the other side.
Semper Fi

Sgt Ski

Robert Grocholski - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ May you rest in peace Marine. My prayers are with your family during this hard time they face. God Bless you, your family and our Corps. Semper Fi

Dan Smith MSGT Retired - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My condolences to Joe Lorek's family and friends.
Peace be with you all during this difficult time.
RIP Brother Marine.
Semper Fidelis,
Cassandra Dawn Bieber
USMC 1998-2001

Cassandra Bieber - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Joseph's family in the loss of their son. He is now guarding the gates of Heaven. Rest In Peace, Marine.*
Semper Fidelis

LtCol Tom McCabe USMC Ret - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Respects*

Chewy - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My prayers are for Jospheh, his family, and friends.*
Semper Fidelis

Jeff Hargraves - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *May god bring comfort to the family friends and loved ones of Sgt Lorek during your time of grief.*

Semper Fi Joe, Brothers forever.

Sgt Jonathan E Lujan USMC Ret - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *RIP Marine you have served your time on earth and your Heavenly Father is waiting for you to guard the streets of Gold for Him. Semper Fi Marine SGT Harris Mathis USMC 1969-1975*

Harris Mathis - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I knew Joe from High School. We had Algebra 2 together he sat behind me. We had such Great times in High School. We kept in touch over the years, and had many more memories to add to high school. I can\`t believe this has happened. I just talked to Joe about a week and half ago. He was on his way home from work, and was going to head to his parents house to see his family, and brother who was home from visiting from the Marines. He was telling me about how he was planning on moving to Purto Rico, and just sitting on the beach playing his guitar. I invited him out to come celebrate my birthday with me on Sat. Jan. 5th, with a bunch of people we both knew from high school. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Joe was a GREAT FRIEND of mine and was always there when I needed an ear to listen to my problems. Joe I LOVE YOU BUDDY. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY!!! XOXOXO
Your friend,
Danielle Hamill Kos

Danielle Hamill Kos - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ RIP my brother!! You have served your time in hell!!! I did not know you, but I know you were a Marine, therefore, you are my brother. May God Bless you and RIP Marine! To the Lorek family, I send you my sincere condolences and will say a prayer for you and Joe. Semper Fi.

Freddy Mercado - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ *The Proud Few MC wishes to express its sincere condolences to the Lorek family and to the Leathernecks MC. We will keep you and Joe in our prayers.*

*Semper Fidelis
Proud Few MC*

Hickory - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *I will miss you for life, wish we could have seen more of each other, thank you for serving our country Joe! You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace!*

Leah - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Semper Fi Brother. You were a true hero who served his country in a time of need. You will be missed. Rest in peace.*

To the Lorek family. I will pray that you may receive God's blessings and that he will comfort you in this time of need.

Cecil Miller, Leathernecks, Gold Star Chapter

Cecil Miller Sarge - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Semper Fidelis Brother. May God continue watching over you and your family.*

GySgt Terry Womack - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *I never knew Joseph, but as a Marine he was a brother. Semper fi. Rest in peace, you have earned it.*

My condolences go out to his family. May god watch out over you and comfort you.

Elizabeth Davis - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *Joe,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You were a great person and I'm happy to have known you. I hadn't seen you much since high school, but you will definitely be missed! God bless you.*

Vicki Romano - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *You have our deapest sympathies and our hearts and prayers go with you all.
Cousin David, Kathy, Kurt and Ryan.*

David Lorek - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Dear Lorek Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am dealing with grief from the loss of my husband. I also have a son who is serving his 2nd tour of duty in Iraq at this time. I feel for all of you, and I know you have a long road ahead. Seek comfort in the Lord, he will see you through this until you meet your beloved Joe again. My heart aches for you all. My sincerest sympathies.*

Teri Drake - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ No words I can say will ever take the pain that you are feeling away but I hope your pain is eased and your memories strong. Now there is another Marine gaurding the gates and a Brother riding the streets of Heaven

Broke Dog - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Joey... cousin, friend, and hero...

You will always been remembered as a sweet, kind, and compassionate man. You protected our country and brought pride to the family in doing so... "may god hold you in the palm of his hand." and may you find peace and comfort! I will forever love and miss you!!

Laura Middleton - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May God Bless your family in your time of bereavement! I have a 19 year old son in the military and I know how hard this must be ! If you ever need to talk feel free to email me !!! God Bless You all ,The Fox Family

Jocelyn Fox - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ May Joseph have eternal rest with his God and all his glory and receive eternal peace. Semper Fi Warrior.....

GySgt Kent I. Dicus - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Deepest sympathies to the Lorek family. Your son and brother was a hero and a great guy. My fondest memories are growing up down the street from Joey and his family. Playing basketball in the Lorek's drive or baseball on the Island. That is how I will always remember Joey. Our family hopes he has found peace and comfort. Our thoughts are with Mr. and Mrs. Lorek, Lizzie and John Paul. Sincerely, Patti, Greg, Elizabeth, Alayna and Christina

Elizabeth Hecker - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Although I never had a chance to get to know you very well, I feel a great loss in your passing. You were a brother Marine and Leatherneck and will be missed by many.

Ray - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Lorek Family,
May God bring you comfort during this most trying time. Your Son was a Great Marine, a Great Man, and a Great Friend. He will be deeply missed by his brothers-in-arms. Joe served his country without any reserve. May God watch over him now and forever.

Joe

I will always remember the PT sessions at the Recruiting Station in Mentor. Those laps around the parking lot. Good times. Though you are gone, you will never be forgotten. Once a Marine, Always a Marine, stand at ease brother, your post has been relieved. May God continue to watch over your family. Semper Fidelis my friend, I will never forget.

Sgt Thomas Manges - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *Joseph My Brother, I'm so sorry that You had witnessed Man's worst trait. My spirit cries for all that have made the final sacrifice. Joe may I meet You when my soul has passed. Bless You for all that You have suffered. Semper Fidelis Marine*

Lawrence F Oakes - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *For the Lorek Family: None of us could provide the words or deeds that could bring you comfort at this time. That would be a feeble attempt by man that can not possibly phantom plans and time that is not ours. It is our hope that in the smallest of ways, you know we are here*”*with you in our hearts and prayers.*

For the Ohio Leathernecks: Members of Leathernecks Motorcycle Club International around the world are mourning the loss of Sgt Joseph W. Lorek #150; United States Marine Corps. While the sound of his name will echo past us for one last roll call, his memory will remain. Thank you for being there for your Brother.

From Leathernecks Motorcycle Club International: It's a time to reflect, to again feel the pain that we as Warriors have felt before. Let us pray that it never becomes familiar. We are here for our Ohio Brothers & Sisters and we are here for the Lorek family.

From Eastern North Carolina Leathernecks: It's been too soon since we have come together this way. We grieve for our Brother Joe and for our Ohio Leathernecks. Please know that we are here for you, in whatever way possible.

Bill Sanford Fireball - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Though we have never met, you are a brother Marine and I mourn your passing with a heavy heart. Peace be with you.*

To Joel's family, my deepest condolences on your great loss.

Semper Fidelis

Kevin Sadaj - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Rest In Peace young Brother. May God take you in His loving arms and give you Peace.*

For Joel's family, friends and fellow Marines, may God bless, comfort, strengthen and protect you.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever

*Chris Spencer
USMC 1972-1976*

Chris Spencer - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *To The Lorek Family, Please know that our thoughts and Prayers are with you in this time of grief. Joe is now with his heavenly father and at peace. He was a Son , A brother and A firend to all and he will always be a Marine!*

Semper Fi Joe you will be missed but not forgotten.

Eric King - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Semper Fi, my brother Leatherneck. You made a difference in this world. Where others would not go, you went. When your country called, you went. When your troops called to you, you went. You are a Hero.*

Rest in Peace Joe, Michelle and I will miss you.

Eric & Michelle Ridgley - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Joe you are my brother and i am going to miss you greatly. we have been though a lot together. i really looked up to you and was so proud to that you were a Marine, so proud that you would put other people before yourself in the service of this country. i am really going to miss you. my prayers are with your family in this difficult time. God bless you and watch over your family*

Dave Rancourt - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Semper Fi My Brother, My Friend. Rest in peace. The battle is over and now you are free. I will deeply miss you Lil' brother. You are a hero.*

To the Lorek family, may God comfort you in this difficult time. You are in my prayers. Find comfort in knowing that Joe touched people in a special way and made a difference in my life. He always made me smile.

Debbie West Dziak - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Joe was such a great guy who always managed to put a smile on my face.... I'll never forget him. My heart goes out to his family in this rough time. You'll be in my prayers.

Sarah Crombie - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ A True Soldier is tough indeed
standing tall and strong when there is a need.
A Soldier also feels sadness, pain, and sorrow,
Sometimes not looking forward to the trials of tomorrow.
A wounded Soldier feels inadequate at best,
stopping him from much needed healing rest.
A wounded Soldiers wonders will he ever be alright,
trusting in God that he'll make it through the night.
The Cost of a Soldier is set so very high ~ our support for them we
should never deny.

*May you find comfort in the arms of your brothers, standing guard at
the golden gate ~ rest in peace, Joe, and as always ~ semper fi....*

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends at this
time....I am so sorry.*

Kelley Skizenta - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Semper Fi, And Rest in Peace Joe. I First met you this past summer
at Pickle Bills Grand River for the Toys for Tots Christmas in July
Campaign, and Was glad to have met you. Thank you for giving
your all in pursuit of freedom. YOU WILL BE MISSED! May God
Bless and hold your family in his arms during this time of loss.*

L/cpl John Rice - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We can not say thanks enough to this young gentleman for the service & sacrifice that he has made for our country. What a load many of our troops carry when they return home. May God be with Joe in his heavenly home. A brother biker, "THANKS" JOE

Jerry Canterbury - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Rest in peach my brother. Marines you have never met are mourning your passing. Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation and to our beloved Corps. To the family all I can say is you are in my prayers during this trying time.

Gerry Haas - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Rest In Peace Joseph. Thank you for your service. You are a hero. To the Lorek Family: You are in my prayers. May the love and support you receive from friends all over the country bring you comfort.

Christine Birhanzi - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Joe "Lorek" was a fine man. Another Marine to guard the streets of Heaven. Peace be with you.
-Drawhorn
Delta Company

Sgt. Zeke Drawhorn - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Joe, You are at peace now, and among several of your friends and brothers you have served with over the years. You are truly loved and missed. I am forever thankful for the relationship that we have had over the years. You are a true American hero. Until we meet again... You will not be forgotten.

Cpl Krystin Hurloc Cunningham/Zidek - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of a friend and neighbor. My thoughts will be with the Lorek family. Know that your son was a brave and honorable man. Know that he will be missed by many and the memory of him will not be forgotten.

Melissa Salamon - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I stand proud to to say that Joe aka "Ghostrider" was my friend and brother Marine.

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Mick

Leathernecks MC

Gold Star Chapter

Mick Lipscomb - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM