



## Joseph F. Hedrich

May 3, 1948 - July 3, 2021

Joseph F. Hedrich on July 3, 2021 of Deptford Township. Age 73. Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of almost 52 years, Dawn L. Hedrich and daughter Kathleen Hedrich (Drew Blagojevic). Joseph was predeceased by his beloved son, Michael J. Hedrich.

Surviving family members include Joseph's grandchildren, Corinne and Evan Blagojevic and Aria Mazey Hedrich, daughter-in-law Christi Reilly, brothers William J. Hedrich (Diane) and Nicholas Collova (Kim) as well as niece and nephews. Joseph is also survived by mother-in-law Mickey Gear (93) and sisters-in-law Donna Schwartz (Andrew) and Melanie Scarcella (William).

Joe was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 3, 1948 and spent his childhood in the South Jersey area. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1965 and was stationed on Long Beach Island, NJ, where he met the love of his life, Dawn, at The Seagull in Ship Bottom, NJ. Joseph and Dawn married on September 6, 1969 at St. Michael's Church in Chester, PA.

During his tenure in the USCG, Joe was duty stationed in many locations: New Jersey (Gloucester, Cape May, Barnegat Light, and Ocean City), Delaware (Edgemoor), Michigan (Charlevoix), New York (Governors' Island), Connecticut (New Haven), and Louisiana (Grand Isle). Joe also served aboard several ships, including the USCG Cutter Dallas and the USCG Cutter

Gallatin. While aboard ship, Joe went to Spain, France, Ireland, Morocco, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the Coast Guard. Joe retired from the Coast Guard in 1988 as a Master Chief Boatswainmate and went on to hold many positions with various employers, including car sales, corporate security, bartender, and driver. He fully retired in 2006.

Joe was a long-time member of the American Legion. He was known to the members of the Woodbury, NJ Post as “Coast Guard Joe” and he would usually visit the Legion at noon for a beer on his days off. After purchasing his Honda Gold Wing in the 1990s, Joe also became an active member of the Blue Knights motorcycle club, an organization of active duty and veteran law enforcement and military. Joe and Dawn enjoyed many adventures with the Blue Knights, including road trips to Canada, New York, New Orleans, Washington DC, and various other places. In 2000, Joe began learning the Bob Ross painting technique and four years later, Joe earned the title of Certified Ross Instructor in landscape painting and began teaching classes.

Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 9am to 11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford, NJ 08096.

Funeral Service 11am in The Chapel at the funeral home.

Interment Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([givenow.lls.org](http://givenow.lls.org)).

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Joe’s Video Tribute visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

240 S. Tuckahoe Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
(856) 401-7660

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
staff@boucherfuneralhome.com  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph F. Hedrich*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - July 07, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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*I am a better person today because you were my CC in boot camp. Your confidence in me during that time shaped me into the man I am today. Thanks 'boats.*

**timothy meadows** - November 08, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Joseph F. Hedrich*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Joe was my company commander in boot camp (bravo-93 March 1975). He assigned me as recruit commander and rode my ass like a rented mule but in doing so made a man of me. You have no idea the impact you had on my life 'boats. May you RIP sir. Timothy Meadows USCG ret.*

**timothy meadows** - November 08, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Hedrich.* ”



July 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Hedrich.* ”



July 08, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *94 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - July 07, 2021 at 02:03 PM**



“ Dawn;  
*My condolences goes out to you & your family for the loss of your husband. Thoughts & prayers are with you. May he Rest In Peace.*



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**Mary Jean Muller Peruso** - July 06, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Hedrich.*



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July 06, 2021 at 11:53 AM