



Joseph Andrew Maga

December 25, 1940 - September 15, 2016

Joseph Andrew Natalino Maga, 75, of Fort Collins, CO passed away September 15, 2016 after a battle with frontotemporal dementia.

Joe was born in New Kensington, PA on December 25, 1940 to John P. and Rose M. Maga. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Dairy Manufacturing from Pennsylvania State University. After several years in industry, he received his Ph.D. in Food Science from Kansas State University in 1970, when he joined the faculty at Colorado State University in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Joe prided himself on being a scientist. He was an internationally known flavor chemist and served as the Director of the Food Research and Development Center at CSU from 1990-1998 and as Head of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition from 1995-1997. Joe authored over 200 publications and three books, including one written with his colleague Jean-Louis Puech, on the Armagnac region of France. Joe loved to travel with his wife of 52 years, Andrea. He also loved gardening, wine and spending time with his family, especially his grandsons.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea of Fort Collins, CO; daughter, Elizabeth of Sacramento, CA; son, John, daughter-in-law, Pisamai and grandsons, Poh and Tak of Novato, CA; sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Large of New Kensington, PA; and nephew, Scott Large of York, PA.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at The Hamlet Condominium Clubhouse, 5151 Boardwalk Drive, Fort Collins, CO.

Memorial donations can be made in the 'Memory of Joseph Maga' to: Elderhaus of Fort Collins - 6813 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80525; The UCSF Memory and Aging Center - MAC Fund B1871 University of California San Fransisco Foundation, Lockbox 45339, San Francisco, CA 94145-0339; or, Pathways Hospice - Memorial Donations, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Andrew Maga*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I come late to find Joe has passed on to that great winery in the sky. My deepest condolences to this great viticulturist's family. I worked with Joe for 11 years as a PR Specialist to CSU Extension and Experiment Station he was an absolute delight and oh so very knowledgeable.*

My favorite memory is our time together reviewing various wine restaurants and wines fr my freelance gigs.

We spent an absolutely blissful afternoon sharing and learning about wines at the then-new Ciao Vino in Fort Collins.

When I moved to France to travel write, Joe gave me an excellent prep course in the wines of many countries.

Again, my heart goes out to your family with my thanks for your sharing this unique and delightful man.

kate Caldwell Forgach - October 22, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing, Andrea, John and Liz. I will always remember him as the man who (along with John) taught me the pizza recipe that I have carried with me for many years and which never fails to please.*

Thinking of all of you.

Chris Murphy

Chris Murphy - September 29, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SM

“ *Your wit and generosity will always be a wonderful memory. The tomatoes, basil and other goodies from your big garden were always enjoyed, Joe. Your fellow Italian, Susan, and Irishman, Bruce, miss you m'friend.*



Susan McGill - September 27, 2016 at 11:47 PM

JV

“ *Dear Andy and family, I send my sincere condolences. I am so sorry that I have not seen you in so many years, nor ever had the pleasure of meeting your sweet Joe. With love and sympathy from your PSU classmate, Jill Venezian*

Jill Venezian - September 26, 2016 at 07:39 PM

MD

“ *Joe will always be remembered for the kindness he showed our family during the year we spent in Fort Collins. His brunch will never be surpassed nor "Joe's pizza".*
In the years that followed, every time we visited, the welcome from Joe and Andrea was second to none. Gareth loved the micro brewery tours, Bethan loved the "smores" and I loved Joe's "whatever" attitude and the native fauna in the front yard.
I feel privileged that I knew Joe and the Maga family.
Remember all the good times.
Love Mererid xx

Mererid Dark - September 26, 2016 at 12:06 PM

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Andrea - September 22, 2016 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Andrew Maga*



Chrissy - September 22, 2016 at 03:08 PM