

Birth: Dec. 28, 1938
Death: Oct. 25, 2014

Joseph (JoJo) Ciconte
Dr. Joseph A. Ciconte, D.D.S., Lt. Colonel Retired US Army

Mount Holly, NJ

Dr. Joseph (JoJo) Ciconte passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 25 while attending his 50th Dental School reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was born December 28, 1938 in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Josephine (Abbie) and Joseph J. Ciconte. He attended the Sacred Heart School, Salesianum High School (class of 1956) and the then LaSalle College. Later he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School in 1964. Thereafter, he began a long and distinguished military career. His first assignment was in Panama where he met the love of his life Edilma (Edy) Blaitry. They were married in 1966 and were seldom apart other than his tour of duty in Vietnam. As a result of his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in a Viet Cong attack on the 6th Convalescent Center at Cam Ranh Bay in August, 1969.

Upon his return to the US Joe was stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he completed a 2 year residency in his chosen specialty, Prosthodontics. Joe and Edy spent 25 years in the Army which became their second family. They were stationed at many posts throughout the US and Germany. Until his death Joe remained close to numerous members of his Army "family". They enjoyed worldwide traveling and the many adventures that came with it. He once entered an arena in front of thousands in Central America to engage in a bullfight. Lt. Colonel Ciconte retired from the Army as Dental Clinic Chief at Ft. Dix, NJ and was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit, a military decoration that is awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. Following his Army retirement in 1989, Lt. Colonel Ciconte practiced his specialty in New Jersey and for a time as a contract dentist to the Delaware prison system. He retired from private practice 8 years ago.

Every family has a favorite uncle and "uncle JoJo" was clearly that individual to his numerous nieces, nephews and their children. Everyone looked forward to his visits especially during the holidays. He had a mischievous smile that lit up the room whenever he entered. He will be greatly missed by his family and childhood friends from 8th and Rodney Streets in Wilmington.

In addition to Edy, his loving wife of 48 years, Joe is survived by his sister Anita Dauphin (Charles), his brother Edward (Diane) and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday November 7th at 11AM at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mt. Holly. Interment will follow the mass with full military honors in Brig. General William C. Doyle's Veterans Memorial Home, Arneytown. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of Joe to Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 or the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th St. and Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Arrangements were made with Ed Kaelin III at the Lee Funeral Home, Mt. Holly.

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Burial:
[Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery](#)
Wrightstown
Burlington County
New Jersey, USA
Plot: P 2536