



## Atilio José Paternoster

May 26, 1927 - October 29, 2021

On Friday, October 29, Atilio José (Joe) Paternoster, loving husband, father of five children, and three grandchildren passed away at the age of 94.

Joe was born on May 26, 1927, in Buenos Aires, Argentina to Atilio and Maria (Pozo) Paternoster.

He came to the United States of America as a bachelor to study glass architecture in 1948, first spending time with the Brockway Glass Company in Brockway, Pennsylvania, and then finally settling in Lapel, Indiana.

He worked and studied there for 2 ½ years.

He then returned to his country of origin in 1951 and eventually married his wife, Susana (Fitón) on August 10, 1953. Together they raised five children, two girls, and three boys.

In 1956, Joe came back to the United States together with his young family and ended up working 37 years for the Brockway Glass Company in Lapel until he retired in 1993.

While studying and living in America, Joe fell head-over-heels in love with his new country: its natural beauty, the boundless opportunities it offered, and most of all the freedoms it allowed - especially the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution.

One of his proudest moments took place in 1973 when he took the oath and became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

A friendly and outgoing individual, he doted on his grandchildren. He enjoyed helping others, freely offering to try and fix things that were broken (though - in all honesty - he was not very good at it!)

Apart from his family, his real passion was firearms. Primarily a hobby, he was a world-

class expert and collector.

His knowledge of firearms was extensive and even at his advanced age, fellow collectors from around the world would consult with him for advice and recommendations.

He also had a reputation as an able 'gunsmith,' both for his and other gun-owners weapons.

He was perhaps best acknowledged as a collector. At its peak, his collection ranged anywhere from intricately filigreed 19th-century European handguns to a baseball card-like collection of American military rocket launchers...

Joe had a strong belief in God. In spite of the fact that he was born in a foreign country, he was a classic American patriot. He loved God, his family, and his country - in that order.

He will be missed by all those who loved him.

Joe was preceded in death by his father Atilio, Sr., and his mother Maria. He is survived by his wife Susana and three of his five children: Eduardo, Maria Laura, and Andres along with his three grandchildren: Marcus, Andrea, and Maxwell.

An older daughter, Maria Susana, died as a young child and his fourth child, Father Alejandro Paternoster, passed away suddenly only 12 days after Joe's death.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church on Monday morning November 15 at 10:00 am. An urn viewing along with a family reception will begin at 9:00 am preceding the Mass.

The final placement of the urn will take place the following day, November 16, at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis at 12:30. The funeral ceremony will be conducted jointly with that of his recently deceased son, Father Alejandro.

Note: The family requests that all Covid restrictions including masking and social distancing be respected for both the reception line and the funeral Mass.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Our Lady of Peace**

Indianapolis, IN,

**NOV Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM**

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St. Ambrose Catholic Church

2801 Lincoln Street, Anderson, IN, US, 46016

**NOV Mass of Christian Burial 10:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Loose Funeral Home** - November 13, 2021 at 03:35 PM

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“ Un hombre muy inteligente, fuerte, firme en sus convicciones y recto en su conducta. Enérgico, trabajador incansable. Siempre tuvo objetivos claros, siempre supo lo que quería y concretó todas sus metas. Fue humilde de corazón, no se jactaba de sus logros, que fueron muchos. Con una fe en Dios incommovible. Fiel a su esposa, a su familia y a su palabra. Fiel a Dios, a la patria que eligió cuando emigró siendo muy joven, apenas 18 años. Un auténtico estadounidense de corazón. En realidad fue padre de 6 hijos, pues hubo una beba que vivió apenas una hora y falleció por fallas en el corazón, María Teresa. Él no hablaba de asuntos dolorosos, solo de temas alegres. A pesar de la distancia, se mantuvo presente entre su familia de origen y cuando podía viajaba para visitarla. Toda la familia se unía para recibirlo y era una gran fiesta su estadía. Tuvo dos hermanas y un hermano, y todos viven, pero siempre fue el favorito de su madre, y muy similar en todo a su padre, tanto en lo físico como en la personalidad. Sus padres permanecieron unidos toda la vida por mas de 70 años. Ambos fallecieron a los 94 años de edad igual que él, que se veía mucho mas joven por su gran vitalidad y energía. Me siento muy honrada de ser su sobrina y lo quiero mucho. Su partida me apena mucho, pero se que es un ángel más en el Cielo, y que está sonriendo con Dios, y desde allí nos cuida. Gloria a Dios.

**María Rogé** - November 15, 2021 at 11:01 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Atilio José Paternoster.



November 13, 2021 at 03:37 PM

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“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loose Funeral Home - November 13, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ I recently met Joe, when the passage of time had played havoc on his body, but his mind was still sharp. He Loved God, his family and guns. He was a pleasure to get to know and serve. Rest In Peace now with your beloved son and others that have gone before.

Linda Loker - November 13, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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“ My husband Mark and I and our two sons were deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. I have known Joe literally my entire life as we were next door neighbors with the Paternoster family for my entire childhood. You could not meet a kinder, friendlier human being than Joe Paternoster. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Godspeed Joe!

Rhonda Hill-Williams - November 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Father Paternoster, rest in peace. Being an 42 years old alter boy at Maria's wedding was great. Thank you for helping me remember how to serve.

Jeremy - November 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Atilio José Paternoster.



November 12, 2021 at 02:46 PM