



## Joseph Cipriano Cordova

May 5, 1932 - July 29, 2020

Joseph Cipriano Cordova, a Wyomingite for over 70 years, took his last flight to join his Lord on July 29, 2020. He was surrounded at home by his family.

Joe, known as Joey to his friends, was born in Trinidad, CO, the son of a coal miner. Joe enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served till 1955. After his discharge in Rock Springs, Joe moved to Cheyenne to work for Land-Air as an airplane mechanic. He later joined the WYANG in 1956, where he helped the Guard transition to jet engine aircraft from propellers. Joe started in the engine shop as a mechanic and promoted to Flight Engineer where he served until his retirement in 1992, amassing over 12,000 flight hours. During the Gulf War, Joe was requested to come back to help in the fight against terrorism. If Joe was not working on airplanes, he was usually found under the hood of a car, both his own and others.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Ida Cordova, his daughter Debra Cordova of Cheyenne, sons Joseph (Rita) Cordova of Waunakee, WI, Andrew Medina (Pamela) of Phoenix, AZ, and John Cordova (Amanda) of Williston, ND, as well as siblings Dorothy Montoya, Salt Lake City, UT, Robert Cordova (Emma), Vallejo, CA, Richard Cordova, Salt Lake City, UT, and Benjamin (Ruby) of Columbus, OH. Joseph had 7 grandkids, several great-grandkids, nieces and nephews. Joseph is preceded in death by his parents John G. and Mary Chavez-Cordova, siblings Gloria, Elizabeth, James, Carlos, Nash, Frank and a son, Marc Cordova.

Vigil for the Deceased will be Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel.

Funeral Liturgy will be Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. P

# Events

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**AUG** **Vigil For The Deceased** 06:00PM

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Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes  
1900 East 19th Street, Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

**AUG** **Funeral Liturgy** 10:00AM

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
1808 Hot Springs Ave., Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Wiederspahn - Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes** - August 04 at 03:29 PM

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“ Ida, Deb, Joe and Andrew we can't say enough good things about Joe and your family, I only hope that some day I can live up to the Joyful and High standards that Joe lived by, he always treated myself and all of my family as though we were apart of his/yours.

We Love all of you and are praying for you today and always.

Father God please give Joe and his family your Love and Peace for evermore in Jesus name, Amen.

Eric & Sherye Seckman,  
Leroy Seckman



**Eric Seckman** - Yesterday at 04:46 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 04 at 04:52 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 04 at 10:34 AM

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“ Ida  
My deepest sympathy at the loss is Joey.  
Remember all our good times at the legion and air guard events over the years.  
Pease be with you and your family  
Bobby Born



**Robert Born** - August 03 at 10:36 PM

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“ Nicole, Kim, and Courtney Cordova purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



**Nicole, Kim, and Courtney Cordova** - August 03 at 09:02 PM

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“ Ida,  
I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing. Please know your and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Hernandez (Ebell)  
Old co-worker from Kmart.

**Jennifer Hernandez** - August 03 at 04:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 02 at 10:15 PM

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“ I was a young mechanic at the Air Guard in 1970 when I met Joe. He was always meticulous in everything he did, including working on the engines. I worked as a mechanic even after he became an engineer, and when I got on a plane that he was the engineer on, I never worried if we were going to get to our destination, even flying over the oceans. His attention to detail was an example for everyone of us at the Wyoming Air National Guard. After he retired, I was glad to see him at Guard functions including retiree dinners and other occasions. He called me Stevie, for the 20 years we spent together. I will miss his great smile, his dedication to his family and his country. He was truly a patriot. Steve Gissendanner (Colonel retired).

**Steve Gissendanner** - August 02 at 09:27 PM



“ Ida

I'm sorry for your loss and you have my thoughts and prayers always. Miss our dinners at the Legion and Air guard picnics but Joey is in a better place

Robert (Bobby)Born

**Robert** - August 03 at 10:38 PM

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“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 02 at 08:42 PM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 02 at 08:39 PM

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“ Ida, Joe and family,  
Sorry for your loss. So many great memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Chris & Brenda Cowley

Chris Cowley - August 02 at 12:37 PM

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“ My thoughts and condolences are with you Ida and family. I know how hard it is to lose your loved one.



Paula Qualls - August 01 at 05:43 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Cipriano Cordova.



August 01 at 03:35 PM

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“ Dawn Gay lit a candle in memory of Joseph Cipriano Cordova



Dawn Gay - July 31 at 03:23 PM

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“ Dear Ida and Family;  
Our hearts break learning of the passing of Joe. We loved having you all as neighbors and family for nearly 17 years. It's hard to believe shortly after we moved to our home James was born and he's now in college and will take the MCAT soon with a desire to be a pediatric trauma surgeon. Joe would love to know Dylan is now serving in the US Navy on his 2nd tour. He's an IC3 and looks to make the Navy a career. We have thought of you both often and of the fond memories. You were more than neighbors you were family. Ifa my heart is with you as you must now live without Joe. You were both Angels on this earth helping our family grow and succeed. We wish we could be there with you. With love Jim, Dawn, Dylan, and James Gay

Dawn Gay - July 31 at 03:21 PM



“ Dear Ida and Family,  
I am so sad to hear of Joes passing! Loosing a loved one is tough but I know you will all make it! He's no longer in pain but has left you with many fond memories! I wish I could be there for you! Remember God is your strength during these times!  
Love Jan Davis

Jan Davis - August 02 at 12:56 PM



“ The Officers,Members and employees of VFW Post 1881 offer our sympathy and condolences at this time of your loss and sorrow. Joe was a lifetime member of our VFW Post and his passing is also a loss to us. A veteran should always be remembered.

Henry S Miller, Post Adjutant - August 02 at 04:39 PM