



**Joseph Kosek, Jr.**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**1954 - 1957**

Joseph Kosek, Jr. was a graduate of St. Michael's School, Christian Brothers Academy, and Siena/Russell Sage Colleges. He also served as Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp Band playing clarinet and piano.

Joe's love of music began in elementary school, where he formed his first Polka band. Joe later was a band leader for The Five Rascals and most notably the Kosek Brothers New Yorkers Orchestra for over 40 years. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church in Cohoes where he served as church organist and choir director for 15 years. Joe's main occupation was the IBM Data Base Administrator for NYS B.O.C.E.S. regional schools for 33 years until his retirement. Joseph was a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1954 through 1957.

Joe married Emily Ann Mendel of Cohoes, New York in 1959. They have four children; Deborah (Joe), Joseph III (Michele), Natalie (Skip), and Eric. They also have five grandchildren; Amanda, Kyle, Nicole, Allie and Jerad. Joseph entered into eternal life on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.