

Joseph “Joe” Bedard was born in Foxboro Massachusetts on February 18, 1931. Joe joined the United States Air Force in 1951 at the age of 20 and served in the Korean War earning the Korean Service Medal.

Joe returned home to Foxboro in 1956 to marry Barbara, where the two had met prior to his enlistment. After a 2-year hiatus, Joe re-enlisted in the Air Force in 1958, taking him and his family all over the United States and Europe. During his military career, Joe earned several commendation medals, including the National Defense Medal-twice, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Joe developed and loved to play softball and played on the United States Air Force Fast Pitch softball team, he also loved to garden and bowl.

Joe and his wife Barbara were married for 57 years, together they had 7 children, 14 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

In 1980, Joe and Barbara retired to Colorado Springs and remained there until 2005, when they chose to move east to Mt Holly Springs. Joe passed away on April 25, 2014 at the age of 83.