



Joseph J. Finnell

October 26, 1928 - May 14, 2011

Passed away May 14, 2011, following a lengthy battle with heart and kidney disease. A fifty year resident of Brighton, Joe was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1928. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Helen, and a brother, William. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan; sons, James of Mendon and Jack (Megan) of Pittsford. He enjoyed playing with his two grandchildren, Ryan and Kiernyn.

He may be best known as the neighborhood Gingerbread House Architect. He was employed at the Case-Hoyt Corporation for over 25 years as a Lithographer. Joe was an avid model airplane enthusiast and was a member of the Rochester Aero Modeling Society. He was 60 year member of the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge 776, Long Island.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, 5-8 PM at the funeral Chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). Funeral Services will be held Thursday, 10 AM at All Seasons Chapel at White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Rd., Pittsford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the American Heart Assoc. or the National Kidney Foundation. To share a memory or photo of Joe visit www.anthonychapels.com.

Cemetery

All Season Chapel, White Haven Memorial Park
210 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY, 14534

Events

MAY 18 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM
Anthony Funeral Chapels, Brighton
2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US,
14618

MAY 19 Service 10:00AM
All Season Chapel, White Haven Memorial Park
210 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY, US,
14534

Comments



“ Joan and Family,

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Joe's passing. As an old resident of Warren Avenue, my girls and I spent many Decembers mornings making "Gingerbread Houses". Your family taught a Jewish family how to participate in the Christmas holiday season. Thanks to Joan and Joe my daughter Lisa Cahn Miller continued the Gingerbread tradition with her two boys.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Gail Cahn Rockburne, May 24, 2011 at 6:40 pm

Gail Rockburne - May 24, 2011 at 05:41 PM



“ Joan & Family

We were so sadden to hear about Joe. May the joy of knowing how many lives he touched and how many people share such wonderful memories of him help you at this difficult time.

Willie & Gail Scheuneman
Huntersville NC

Gail Scheuneman - May 20, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ Dear Joan, Jim, Jack & Megan,

As saddened as we are by Joe's death, we are so grateful for his life.

What a challenge to pick a favorite memory when there are so many from forty years of a truly special friendship with such a dear man. There is one especially unforgettable one from the days of our line dancing classes with Joan and the Heinles. It was watching Joe dancing to the song Elvira while snapping his red suspenders, hee-hawing and grinning ear to ear. None of us will ever forget Joe's enjoyment (and ours) of those nights at Brighton High. Joe always kept us laughing.

Joe was a wonderful friend and he will be missed, but remembered, always.

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Audrey & Bill Stein

Audrey & Bill Stein - May 18, 2011 at 11:55 AM



“ Joan, Jim and Jack,
I'm so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I'd have to say that he was the most fun Dad in the neighborhood when we were growing up, from the planes to the gingerbread houses, to his jokes and easy smile. Jim and Jack, thank you for sharing your Dad with me those years. I know that he leaves all of you as well as Megan and the grandchildren beautiful memories, and I hope that those sustain you during this time. You're all in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Love,
Cathy Stein Bramlett

Cathy Bramlett - May 18, 2011 at 03:28 AM



“ i know it has been a very difficult few years with both joe's and your medical issues. have thought of you often and you have my love as this sad time.
I am now in rehab with a broken ankle and have had a series of medical issues this past year so you will know why I am not able to attend the funeral.
hugs and love to you and your boys.
louise spivack

louise spivack - May 17, 2011 at 11:47 AM



“ Joan, I am so saddened to learn of Joe's passing. He was a true gentleman in every way. My sincere thoughts are with you, Jim, Jack and family as you live with wonderful memories.
Cindy West Gilman

Cynthia H Gilman - May 17, 2011 at 10:27 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. What a beautiful and courageous man, with a genuine sparkle in his eye.
Joanie, my thoughts are with you and your boys.
Much love,
Irene (Hopp)

Irene Hopp - May 17, 2011 at 08:26 AM



“ Joe and Joan have been such wonderful neighbors for over 35 years. We send our condolences in the passing of Joe. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.
Lynn and Glenn Miller

Lynn and Glenn Miller - May 16, 2011 at 11:07 AM



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Lynn and Glenn Miller - May 16, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Barb, Jay, Connor, Trevor, Harper and Audrey Nelson

Barb Nelson - May 16, 2011 at 10:30 AM