



Joseph William Brookhart

December 28, 1948 - November 7, 2020

On the evening of November 7, 2020, after enjoying visits with those closest to him over the course of the previous week, Joseph William Brookhart passed away at the age of 71, surrounded by family. Joe was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and Vietnam Veteran.

Joe grew up in Catonsville, MD, and attended Saint Williams of York, Mount Saint Joseph High School, and Catonsville High School. Throughout his career, Joe proudly served as an officer in law enforcement, which concluded when retiring from The United States Supreme Court. Joe was also an American hero who served in the 1st Calvary Division during the Vietnam War. Family time spent during holidays and vacations to Ocean City, Deep Creek Lake, New York, Florida, and the Bahamas were among his favorite family past times. He was known by his family, friends, and co-workers for his quick wit, sarcasm and love of Maryland crabs.

Joe is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marilyn Brookhart, who also cared for him, especially during the course of his illness. In addition, Joe is survived by his oldest daughter, Joanne Knopp; her husband Damian and son, Ian; his youngest daughter, Jackie Valcik; her wife Amanda; three daughtersm Bryce, Brynn, and Ellie; his oldest sister, Judith Lomp and her children John David, Katie, and Kevin and his wife Kristy; and youngest sister, Joyce Barnes and her husband Doug, and her children Dawn and Debbie. Joe's memory will live

on in his family's and friends' hearts forever.

A private celebration of life will be held to honor and remember Joe's legacy at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery on Friday, November 13, 2020, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Joseph's name to The Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) as a way of supporting military veterans, especially those battling the effects of PTSD.

Cemetery Details

Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

Previous Events

Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph William Brookhart*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph William Brookhart*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph William Brookhart*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Marilyn, So sorry for your loss.*

Dave James

David James - November 15, 2020 at 08:42 AM

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“ Joe and I hung together after he got back from Nam, bar hopping and cruising chicks in Catonsville and Howard county and Baltimore. He was an extremely humorous and witty person. I never once observed him angry or abusive toward another human being. In the Nam he liked to tell the story of another soldier who insisted he replace Joe at “point” bc Joe had partied a bit too much the previous night. Joe told me that soldier was killed by a sniper. He considered that this hero had saved his life that day.

One summer , Joe and I worked at MARYLAND HOUSING CORPORATION located off Southwestern Blvd. in Arbutus, Md. I worked in the SUNDECK dept and Joe worked in Windows. We often went out the night before and I would pick Joe up in the morning to ride over to work.

This one morning, Joe was really feeling hung over when I picked him up(me too) and he respectfully requested that I not agree to work overtime, which I frequently did to get money for tuition and beer, and I agreed, but com 4:00 and when asked I accepted the OT . Since Joe was riding with me, I asked the Supervisor if Joe could work the OT with me.

I can still hear the Supervisor on the loud speaker! He spoke in broken English: Josepp Broookhard report to de sundecks. About 10 minutes later I hear feet slapping in rainy growing louder until Joe spins around into the compound, both middle fingers flashing at me and a thunderous voice of invective disapproval: NO FKN WAY! We did have occasional spontaneous encounters as his little sister was a very significant member of my family.

I will miss my friend , but like us all the memories will be cherished.
Soon old friend ❤️

Frantz Duane - November 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM