



Joseph Edmund Knepper Jr.

May 24, 1931 - March 26, 2019

Joseph E. Knepper, Jr. went to be with the Lord on March 26, 2019, at his home in Brooklyn, MD. He was 87.

Born May 24, 1931 in Altoona, PA, to Adae Mae Knepper (nee Brown) and his father, the late Joseph E. Knepper, Sr.

Joe graduated from Altoona High School in 1949 and was still in contact with his remaining friends from his high school days. He continued his education at Penn State, taking two years off to join the Navy. He returned to Penn State receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1956.

In November 1959, he married Patricia Ann Sherrad, in San Diego, CA, and they had four children together. The family had numerous moves until reaching Maryland in 1965. Throughout his life his profession was predominantly in architectural landscaping, and it remained one of his passions.

In 2005, his wife Pat went to be with the Lord.

The last decade of his life he was blessed to share with his partner and beloved friend, Ingrid Kleinsorg. The two made and shared many wonderful memories, had many mutual interests, especially sharing their German

heritage. This included several German clubs, Baltimore Kickers, Edelweiß of which he was president at one time, The German Society and Fidelitas. Also, significant in their relationship was Zion Church of Baltimore, having served on their council, as regular attendees and participants for years.

Joe loved his life to the fullest, enjoyed and loved his family and friends. He loved to joke and smile, enjoying a beer here and there. Joe will be missed by all whom had the privilege of knowing him, some dating back 60+ years.

He was predeceased by his beloved son, Mark Knepper, whom he deeply missed, and his sister, Lucinda A. Shellenberger. Joe and Pat had four children including, Kristy Matonara and her late husband Steve, Joe E. Knepper III and his wife Colleen, and Nancy A. Knepper. His six grandchildren were, Joshua Knepper and wife Christina, Bridget Knepper, Peter Knepper, Nick and Heather Doherty, and Matthew Knepper.

His loving partner and friend for the last 10 years, Ingrid Kleinsorg, was by his side for the last several critical months, in whose home he went to meet the Lord. Joe loved her family, Kornelia Gracia and Jeffery Jones, his buddy.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 2 PM—at Zion Church of the City of Baltimore, 400 East Lexington Street. A reception for family and friends will follow at the church hall. In lieu of flowers or other considerations, please send your kind donation to the church.

Internment to be private at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Chester, MD, at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zion Church
400 East LExington Street
Baltimore, MD 21292-3556

Tribute Wall



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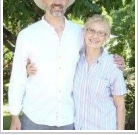
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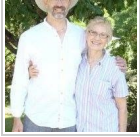


“ Joe was the first Knepper Grandchild and I was the second, Cindy followed right behind. So, there were the first three Knepper etc'ers. We visited fairly often, almost every year as New York was just a train ride away. Always enjoyed the ride and seeing the Family Home in Altoona, so different from what I was used to, in a very good way. How times have evolved / changed. Unfortunately those changes left me isolated from much, if any, contact especially with Joe. We travelled in different directions, he to the eastern cities and I have found my life taking me to my 30 acres here in very Northern California on the Oregon Border. I think that Joe would relate to what I have here backing up on 60 miles of forrest reserve that extends to the coast. Wonderful solitude and yet easily accessible to the amenities of civilization on I-5 which is just three miles from my front door.

Joe passed the day after my birthday in March and for some reason he was on my mind and I had asked Carol if she had heard from him of late. Then the news came. Interesting awareness and being pulled back into a reality I never spend much time contemplating. I would liked to have had some contact in the later years and that was just not convenient for both of us. "What would we have talked about ? Would we have differences or similarities ? " The open ended questions that remain what they are. Ces't la Vie !

Fondly, John Connors

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“ So very sorry to read of Joe's passing. My condolences to his family including sister, Cindy and dear friend Ingrid. Joe and I met about 60 years ago in El Paso, Texas where he and my sister, Maxine, were working as city planners. Later the three of us lived at the beach in San Diego. When Joe's parents, Ada and Joe Sr. came to San Diego to live they were some of my best friends. I was married to Joe's cousin, John Connors. John's mother, Jean, was a sister of Joe Sr. I will miss his cards with notes and all the vintage stamps he put on the envelope. I will miss you Joe!!!!!!!
Love to you and family,
Carol Harper Connors

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