



Joseph Eugene Small, Jr.

May 31, 1947 - March 30, 2018

Joseph E. Small, Jr. of Goldsboro, MD, passed away on Friday, March 30, 2018, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 70.

He was born on May 31, 1947, in Tulsa, OK, to the late Joseph Eugene Small, Sr. and Virginia Johnston Small. Joe resided in Goldsboro with his wife, Carole Ann Small.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree and until retirement, he was an Electronics Technician for the U.S. Postal Service. His previous occupations included; Social Worker; Assistant Clerk for the Stovall National History Museum; Executive Director of Cleveland County, OK, Comprehensive Employment Training Act Program; and a technical writer for the U.S. Postal Service.

Joe was a true lover of the great outdoors; hiking, cycling, camping and kayaking. He enjoyed ping-pong, spider solitaire, and was an avid reader. He loved dogs, mowing the lawn, a glass of whiskey in the evenings, and naps. Joe and Carole enjoyed traveling together, going to the movies, and thrift store shopping.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Ann Small; daughters, Hannah Elizabeth Small, Maggie Ariel (Ian) Small- Ferguson and Laura Aileen Small; step-children, Jonathan Kyle Quimby, and Julie Elizabeth Hanes; grandchildren, Emelia Ferguson, Nathaniel and Gabriel Quimby and Keely and Nicholas Hanes; two sisters Nancy Cowden of Las Vegas, NV, and Susan Small of Oklahoma City, OK; and a niece, Anna Emily Parsons.

Along with his parents, Joe was predeceased by a nephew, Erik Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Goodwill Industries International, 15810 Indianola Drive, Rockville, MD 20855 and Talbot Humane, PO Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601.

A Celebration of Joseph's Life will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 4pm, at Third Haven Meeting House, 406 S. Washington St, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

celebration of life

APR 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

Third Haven Friends Meeting
406 S. Washington St.
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Eugene Small, Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Eugene Small, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Eugene Small, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ Joe and I got to know each other, when we worked together at the former Stovall Museum at the Univ. of Oklahoma in the mid-1970s. He was a patient and deliberate man, and he certainly had a few rituals (i.e. the cigarette and coffee to start the day). He attempted to induce me into table tennis, but it didn't stick. When we both graduated from OU in the summer of 1976, he persuaded me that we should buy motorcycles and see the USA during the summer of the Bicentennial. It was a great trip, but I think we saw a bit more of the road than the road-side attractions. We got all the way to Boston (seeing the Tall Ships for the second time), when both of our motorcycles were stolen outside of the home of a friend we were staying with. We flew back to Oklahoma and bought new ones with the insurance and headed north and then to west coast before returning home. We saw a lot of country, connecting with friends and family, and worked a few temp jobs to help pay the way. That period in Norman was a good time with Joe and other good friends from the Stovall Museum. I even got a dog "Claude" out of the friendship. I wish Carole, Joe's daughters & sisters Susan & Nancy all the best,
Tom Young, Tulsa, OK


Thomas Young - May 06, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Papa and his Emmie girl



Valerie Von Den Bosch - April 18, 2018 at 09:48 AM

 Nancy
Cowden

“ Anna Parsons posted 9 photos — with Susan Small and 8 others.
April 7 at 7:53pm · Instagram ·

Today we celebrate the life of an amazing man, a rock star dad + husband, and my favorite uncle, Joe Small. Master napper, Subaru lover, and fixer of all things, he was an extremely kind and generous man.

When I was a kid, I remember a rainy afternoon with Joe and the girls... we hopped in the station wagon and drove around trying to find the end of the rainbow. It felt so magical and fun. I've never forgotten that day. I also remember sitting on the porch with little Hannah and watching him walk down the street with a long stick to get mistletoe. He returned victorious and we all got kisses... and I loved him for that.

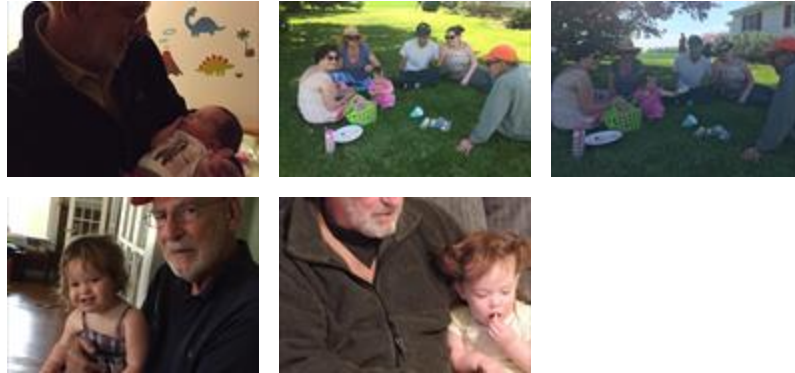
After he moved his family out to Maryland he still returned once a year for training. He would always visit and without hesitation, he would fix any handyman/car issue my mom or Nancy were having. He was a stand up guy and I learned a lot for him. Thank you Joe for showing me what a good man looks like and for showing Erik and I what an amazing dad looks like. He turned into an amazing dad to three girls just like you and I married an amazing man who is a loving dad to Will and Izzy. You loved your girls to the moon and back and I'm so happy you found Carole. You had a blessed life. Rest easy Uncle Joe. I love you. ❤️ - Em @ Easton, Maryland

from niece, Anna Emily Virginia Small Parsons

Nancy Cowden - April 16, 2018 at 12:03 AM

JH

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Julie Hanes - April 15, 2018 at 02:15 PM

MB

“ That is very lovely, and very lovingly said. Very nice Emily. I'm sending much love to Joe's wife Carole, and to Hannah, Maggie and Laura, as well as you and your mom, Susan. And of course Nancy, and everyone there! Joe was a very good man, and I'm so glad I knew him. Thanks for the pictures! ..from Mary barnes

mary barnes - April 15, 2018 at 01:58 PM

 Nancy Cowden

“ Joe, Susan and I used to sing in the car all the time. Our favorites were Christmas carols which we sang year round. Joe's favorite was O Holy Night. I thought we were very good. And we sure enjoyed it.

Nancy Cowden - April 10, 2018 at 09:13 PM

JH

“ 7 files added to the album Memories



Julie Hanes - April 10, 2018 at 12:29 PM

KA

“ Knew Joe when I lived in OK years ago--60+ yrs. or so! He is my first cousin and his sister, Nancy, is my age. I spent many summers days at their house and have such fond memories of great times there. Sometimes I wish we could go back to the good ole days! Rest in peace, cousin!




Karen - April 08, 2018 at 09:50 PM

 Nancy Cowden

“ Joe was like a part-time brother. He watched over Nancy, Susie, Sara and me. He could dance, skate and bowl. My God could he bowl. I watched him a few times and I was totally amazed!!. He would throw that bowling ball down the lane with such grace and power. When he released the ball it would soar down the alley and land halfway down with such a force. I was certain that the pins trembled with fear of that ball smashing them to bits. He was a strong gentle man. from Ava Lee Spencer, childhood friends of the Small's.

Nancy Cowden - April 08, 2018 at 08:21 PM

 Nancy
Cowden

“ One time when Joe was about 10-11 yrs. old Mom asked him to sweep the porch off and replied "that's women's work!". Well, that was the last time he said that to her.

Nancy Cowden - April 08, 2018 at 05:40 PM

JQ

“ Joe was a good guy. He was a good person; a good husband; a good father; a good friend; and a good influence. It's difficult for me to imagine being boiled down to a better adjective than "good".

I think that when we consider life goals, sometimes a simple concept is best.

"Do good."

"Be good."

"Make your sphere of influence better."

Joe was a good guy and all of us who knew him were fortunate to be influenced by him.

Jonathan Quimby

Jonathan Quimby - April 05, 2018 at 05:26 PM

JH

“ 2 files added to the album Easter 2015



Julie Hanes - April 05, 2018 at 09:41 AM

JH

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Julie Hanes - April 04, 2018 at 10:26 PM

LT

“ I have known Joe Small since first grade here in Tulsa, Ok.....our old neighborhood was filled with young kids having a fun time growing up...Many of us went all the way thru school including graduatin High School in the same class.....Joe was always one to lend a helping hand when help was needed and everyones mom liked Joe cause he was so well mannered and pretty much quiet.....As a youngster Joe had a knaack for playing drums and practiced with a few of the local groups even thought they were much older that he was.....he was good.....I knew Joes Mother and Father and two sisters....it was a close family back in those early 1950s...i send best wishes to his family for their loss and to Joe....i wish Gods speed into your next life..... Larry Tarpley, Tulsa OK.....

LARRY TARPLEY - April 04, 2018 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ Joe had just transferred to Easton, and our first conversation involved my offering him a piece of cake. As I handed it to him, I am looking around the break room for a fork. Without a word, Joe retrieves a spoon from his back pocket, grinning and explains he always traveled prepared! It has been a privilege to have him as my friend!

Dee Collins - April 03, 2018 at 01:49 PM

WW

Joe and I worked together as techs at the Easton plant. He was always a kind and patient teacher. I always envisioned him at a college office with feet propped up and nice cup of coffee, going over his student's papers with a chuckle. We saw each other last fall. I walk a lot of dogs these days in retirement and was bringing one back. A car passed us to pick up their dog and out pops Joe with a beaming smile. We talked and this sweet pit just plopped over and rolled and scratched her back in the warm stones. We both just cracked up. That dog was just hoping we'd get talking about Trump, cause she'd be outside for another hour. We parted with see you later. I'd like to think that still stands. We'll see each other and friends and family another time and another place. Always your friend, Bill Wirth

WILLIAM J WIRTH - April 05, 2018 at 08:12 AM