



Joseph Anthony Friel

June 20, 1930 - March 30, 2010

Joseph Anthony Friel, of Centreville, MD died on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 in the presence of family. He was 79 years old.

Born in Wilmington, DE in 1930 to Margaret Rebecca Walls and Hugh Friel, he graduated from A. I. DuPont High School in 1949, served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and later earned his Bachelors Degree from Utah State University.

A lifelong resident of Chestertown, Mr. Friel served as a social worker in Kent County, MD for 35 years. Among his many interests were collecting books, duck carvings and antiques and genealogical research. He served on the Board of Directors for the Kent County Historical Society and Angels Haven of Betterton. Later, Mr. Friel became active in the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a Philadelphia-based fraternity for Americans of Irish heritage. He and his wife, Shirley, traveled in Ireland extensively.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Shirley Shortall Friel, a native of Centreville, and a daughter and son-in-law, Beryl and Michael Eismeier of Grasonville, and was devoted to his three grandchildren. Also, surviving are a sister, Eileen Dettinger, of Pennsauken, NJ; and brothers, Bernard Friel of Exton, PA, and Thomas Friel of Wilmington, DE, along with numerous nieces and a nephew. He is predeceased by a brother, John Friel, and a sister, Rita Friel.

A funeral mass is planned for 11am, Monday, April 5, 2010 at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Centreville, MD.

Interment will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery in Queenstown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, P.O. Box 969, Dublin, PA 18917-0969 or Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 303 Chesterfield Ave., Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Anthony Friel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Anthony Friel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Anthony Friel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I offer my condolence to the family of Joseph Friel, a true friend, gentleman and man who never forgot and was proud of his Irish roots. The name Friel comes from a very proud tradition in Donegal Ireland coming the same as St. Columba or Columcille as he was affectionally known in Donegal. The first man to carry the name was Eoin the brother of Colmcille. Beannact De ar Seosamh O Frighill##imported-begin##Michael Mullen##imported-end##*

April 04, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ *Ms. Shirley and Beryl, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. May fond memories of the years past bring you comfort. You have both always been so kind to my family and it was much appreciated. Fondly, Butch and Margaret##imported-begin##Margaret and Butch Kaufman##imported-end##*

April 01, 2010 at 04:38 PM



“ www.andiesisle.com/ThisBlessingsIsForYou.html

You didn't talk to our beloved Uncle Joe that you didn't talk about IRELAND.

He spoke of the journey of the O'Friel family coming to America from Ireland with immeasurable affection.

Uncle Joe was an absolute JOY to visit with about the O'Friel clan from Donegal, Ireland. We share in your sorrow.

In these difficult days may you find strength and comfort in the folds of the Good Shepherd's Robe.

In HIS tender mercy,

Michael Anthony and Sally

Denver, Colorado###imported-begin###Michael and Sally###imported-end##

April 01, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *TO Mrs shirley and family sorry for the lost of MR Joe your in are thoughts and prayers MR Joe will be missed .David.E Wenck Jr & David Sr & family###imported-begin###David e wenck jr and family###imported-end##*

April 01, 2010 at 06:58 AM



“ Shirley
So sorry to hear about Joe. He was a great guy and know he was not well the last few years. Prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Joyce Benton##imported-end##

March 31, 2010 at 09:18 PM



“ My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##James J. Friel##imported-end##

March 31, 2010 at 04:09 PM



“ Shirley: My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your husband. I know the memories you have will always be cherished in your heart. God Bless you and your family at this time. May God give you the strength and love to face each new day. God Bless. Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 10:29 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,

I so sorry to hear that Joe passed away. I know these last few years have be difficult for all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.

june and David##imported-begin##June & David Clark##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 06:51 PM



“ Dear Family

I want to express my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. You can be assured that comfort and hope are found in the pages of the Bible. Revelations 21:4 speaks of a time when sorrow will be a thing of the past. I hope this message brings you a measure of hope. Please take care of yourselves.

Sincerely##imported-begin## Mrs Sandi Watkins##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 05:37 PM