



Michael D. Joyce

February 1, 2013

Michael E. Joyce of Lancaster, formerly of New Holland, San Francisco, London, Paris, Provence, Amsterdam, and Seville ended his adventures January 31, 2013, following 68 years of love, laughter, good wine and cheese.

Born in West Chester to the late Edward M. Joyce and Jane Swords Joyce, Michael will be missed by his wife Marian Crowley Joyce and daughters Nora Joyce and Maeve Joyce, all of Lancaster, and Wendy Li of Millersville; brothers Peter Joyce of Lancaster, Daniel (Kathy) Joyce of Downingtown, Philip (Becky) Joyce of Exton, and Paul Joyce of Media; sisters Patricia Tuszl (John) of Lancaster, and Mary Anne Pringle (Keith) of Fairless Hills; and an extensive clan of other Crowleys and Joyces. His brother Christopher and sister Kathleen preceded him in death.

He graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School; received the Honor Recruit Award from Naval Training Station Great Lakes, MI; served on the USS WASP (CVS-18) and was on board for the recovery of Gemini 6; earned an Associate Degree from City College, San Francisco, and a BA from Lebanon Valley College (1994). As mailroom supervisor at F&M College for almost 20 years, Michael especially enjoyed the students and his roles in the campus Fum Follies productions.

He collected memorabilia and was a certified diesel mechanic who loved

everything Irish. He also enjoyed mysteries, yard sales, oysters, finding mistakes in movies, and arguing with the TV during Eagles games. Through explanation and example he taught his daughters how to be, and how not to be. Reluctantly they admit he taught them almost everything they know.

The family is grateful for the excellent care Michael received from staff at Lancaster Regional Hospital ICU and Hospice on Good Drive.

Donations in Michael's memory may be made to the Lancaster YWCA, 110 N. Lime St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Visitation with the family, Monday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. with a service to follow at 11 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster.

Ah, Michael, ye've tiddled ye last wink.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ My sympathy to Mike's family. I have never met any of you but know you had a wonderful life with him. I grew up in New Holland & we went to school together. The Joyce family was an example of true family love & life. I also worked at New Holland Machine Company, as it was called at that time, with Mike's dad & was active with the women's group at church with his mother. Mike was my square dance partner, we were quite good at it & made an envious couple on the dance floor. I always wished I had the beautiful red hair that he had, unfortunately I never did. I'm sure God welcomed Mike to his eternal reward & hope that you find comfort in your family & friends until you meet him again. God bless your family. My prayers are with you.

Pat (Deller) McKim - February 15, 2013 at 04:02 PM

CL

“ *Marian & Family,*
I always enjoyed talking with Michael. He was a joyful man with a great sense of humor. I am sad about his passing, yet grateful for having known him.
In Sympathy,
Cory LaBrasca

Cory LaBrasca - February 07, 2013 at 09:32 PM

MM

“ *Marian, my sincerest sympathies to you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. We are praying for you.*

Melissa Moatts - February 06, 2013 at 10:56 AM

JT

“ Paul and family,
I am saddened by this unfortunate news about your brother. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Joanne Trombley

Joanne Trombley - February 05, 2013 at 12:30 AM

EP

“ Marian, I am so sorry to hear of Michael's death. I met him just once but was so impressed with his good humor and kindness. I'll be praying for you and all the family. With sympathy and blessings,
Elaine Pease (from LIACS)

Elaine Pease - February 04, 2013 at 12:21 PM

TK

“ To the Joyce Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you this sad week. Tom has many fond memories of Michael from the Mail Room at F&M where he was a source of wonderful stamps, wit and wisdom. He was also a terrific mentor for our daughter Anastasia when she worked for him as a student assistant. We enjoyed running into Michael at Shupps Grove, various antiques shops, and at yard sales. We know that his spirit will still be out there looking for great deals. We will miss him. - Tom and Olga Karel

Tom Karel - February 04, 2013 at 05:50 AM

KZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Michael, Marian. Each loss of a loved one is unique and never easy. I wish you, Nora, and Maeve much comfort as you pass through your grief and I hope Michael will live on with you in many good memories. Peace to you and both of your families, Karen

Karen Zipser - February 03, 2013 at 09:37 AM

CC

“ Dear Marian, Maeve and Nora:
Was shocked and saddened to hear of Michael's passing! I have the fondest memories of your husband and Dad. With heartfelt sympathy for your terrible loss! Our thoughts are with you all! Love, John, Cynthia, Maggie and Lily

Cynthia Charles-Eder - February 03, 2013 at 04:38 AM

NS

“ What a good soul he was. Sorry his time here is over. Marian, remembering Michael fondly and wishing you and the girls peace in this difficult time. Blessings, Nancy

Nancy J Smith - February 02, 2013 at 10:11 PM