



Joseph M Briggs

March 5, 1929 - March 1, 2025

Joseph M. Briggs, Jr., passed away on March 1, 2025, four days shy of his 96th birthday. He was born on March 5, 1929 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Joseph M. Briggs, Sr. and Lorene E. (Terhune) Briggs. Also preceding him in death was his loving wife Kay (Bramel) Briggs.

Joe graduated from Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, Tennessee and attended Miami University and The Ohio State University before joining his father, Joseph M. Briggs, Sr. in the Briggs Insurance Agency in 1953 in Columbus. His career with the Briggs Insurance and Real Estate lasted nearly 60 years although he is probably more well remembered by his friends as a professional ski instructor, enthusiastic tennis player, golfer and avid trumpeter with the Shrine band for many years. He had an interest in archaeology that started at age six when he first collected Indian artifacts in freshly plowed fields just south of Columbus. This hobby led to a lifelong interest in Indian lore and customs and later on to Egyptian culture and ethnicity. His framed collection of Native American flint tools and arrow heads had been a focal point of his life and his home.

Joe will be deeply missed by his daughter, Lori Lorene Briggs, her loving longtime partner, Darren Herring. Joe is also survived by his first wife,

Rosemary (Harroun) Stewart, the mother of their son: Joseph M. (Molly) Briggs III, his brother, J. Richard (Marilyn) Briggs, MD, grandchildren Sarah Williams, Brian Joseph Briggs and great grandchildren, Grant, Rachel and Eleanor Williams.

Joe would like to be remembered as an “old Indian chief” who was always happy and pleased to pass on whatever he remembered.

Tribute Wall

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“ We remember Joe as an enthusiastic and highly entertaining presenter of archeological information about ancient central Ohio for the Knolls Garden Club in 2021.



Dave Ditmars - March 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM

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“ Joe and I shared 57 years on the ski slopes and shared many years together in the Snow Trails ski school. Joe taught me to ski in 1968 and we have been friends ever since. Joe was still able to ski last year. I will never see snow without thinking of Joe.

Gary Williams - March 07, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ Joe was a good friend in the Shrine Band. He was a great trumpet player. We carpoled together during which time he shared his love for the Band for many years. Joe was devoted to the maintenance of Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery. He served as Bugler for many years on Confederate Memorial Day. Joe was a dedicated member of the Aladdin Shrine Band and a great friend. God bless Joe always. Douglas Weakley

Douglas Weakley - March 04, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Sorry to learn of Joe's passing. I often sat beside him at practices for the Aladdin Temple Shrine Band. He was a great trumpet player and genuine good person. He will be missed. John Ross

John Ross - March 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM