



Joseph Michael Hart Jr.

June 18, 2014

Joseph Michael Hart, Jr., longtime resident of Worthington, Ohio, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2014. Born in Concord, New Hampshire on August 29, 1936 to the late Joseph and Alice (Drouin) Hart Sr. Joe is survived by his wife Judy, Brother Bob, sons Mike, Sean and Bob and six loving grandchildren. Joe is preceded in death by his father Joseph Michael, mother Alice and brother Tom.

After graduating from St. John High School in Concord, Joe made the long journey to the University of Nebraska where he played football for the Cornhuskers and was a varsity letter winner from 1954 to 1958. His love of Nebraska football was known to all and he proudly wore Husker Red until the day of his passing.

Upon graduating from Nebraska, Joe entered the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1960 to 1965. Joe's love of the Marine Corps, and his advocacy for members of all branches of the United States Armed forces was a defining characteristic of his life. The only two-time Worthington Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall, Joe was a longtime member of the American Legion Post 239 and served as Post Commander from 1996 – 1997.

Joe proudly devoted his time to issues relating to active and retired members of the military and worked tirelessly to ensure that the men and women of the

Armed Forces received the gratitude and support of a grateful nation, in life and in death.

Joe married the love of his life, Judy, in May of 1962 in Omaha, Nebraska, where they lived until moving first to Des Moines, Iowa in 1969 and shortly thereafter to Worthington where he remained until his passing. Joe was an active and generous member of the community, dedicating his time to numerous charitable causes, including the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. Joe also was a member of the Worthington Board of Education including serving as President.

Married for 52 years, Joe was a devoted husband to Judy and served as her fulltime caregiver later in life as she began to suffer from the effects of dementia. Despite the mental and physical toll of providing 24 hour a day care to his wife, Joe remained committed to Judy and only allowed outside assistance when his own health would no longer allow him to care for her. At the end of his life, Joe's sole concern was the well-being of Judy and would not pass without the assurance that Judy would be cared for.

Joseph Michael Hart, Jr. touched many throughout the course of his life and gladly gave his time and energy to benefit others. He is missed greatly by his family and friends, and will be waiting for Judy until the Lord calls her to heaven to join her loving husband of 52 years.

Mass of Christian Burial St. Peter Catholic Church, 10:00 am Monday, June 23, 2014. Family will receive friends 6:00 to 9:00 pm Sunday, June 22, 2014 with American Legion Service at 8:30 pm at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085. Burial Flint Cemetery with military honors presented by the Leasure-Blackston American Legion and U.S. Marine Corps.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Hart Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To the family:*

You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of a great and devoted man. We of the ESGR family thank you for sharing Joe with us.

*Chaker Fadel
Akron*

Chaker Fadel - June 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will be missed my friend.*

Joe Ellis - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the entire family on the passing of Joe. I was so fortunate to work with him for many years with the Ohio ESGR program. He was such a devoted advocate for the Guard & Reserve and worked tirelessly as a leader. I enjoyed him so much and found him to be the most warm and caring individual. His loss will be great for many of us. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

JB Bott - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ God Bless/RIP,to ALL who served."Ask me what I was.For what I was,Am and shall forever be a United States MARINE". Thank YOU for your service,Joseph,and for what you do for and with ALL Veterans....And Semper Fi.

Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. Sincerely,
Judge Amy Salerno

Judge Amy Salerno - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ To Sean & Family,

*May you be comforted in knowing your dad's legacy will live on.
Peace to you all now and days to come.*

Cordially,

Bob H.

Bob Holda - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ On behalf of the American Cancer Society, our condolences to friends and family. Due to Mr. Hart's dedication to the fight against cancer he was appointed an Honorary Lifetime Board member of the Franklin County unit. Our thoughts are with you during this time of loss.

James Dye - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are widely missed, Joe. Rest in peace with your fellow Marines.

Richard Long - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Joe for the second time when I transferred to the CBKT office in Worthington. He had a small office close to the front door and was always willing to help me with the many questions I had. We became good friends over the next 17 years and our paths crossed many times. He was such a warm man and such a dedicated 'lifelong' military man, and will be greatly missed by so many. Joe, the first time I met you was when you sold me my first home when I moved to Ohio. I look forward to seeing you once again the day I arrive at my Final Home in Heaven. Until then, Dear Friend, rest in peace.

Jeanie Scott (CBKT) - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM