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COLONEL, Joseph Harmon Eibling, USAF ret., age 84, of Lewes, DE passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at home in Lewes, DE. He was born on February 22, 1931 in Youngstown, OH, son of the late Harmon and Mary (Anthony) Eibling. In addition to his parents, Mr. Eibling was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jean (Huffman) Eibling of 53 years.

Mr. Eibling graduated from the University of Cincinnati School of Engineering Cooperative Program with a degree in Civil Engineering. While a coop student he worked for the Southern Railroad. After graduation he began a very rewarding and distinguished career with the US Air Force at high government levels in the Pentagon, retiring after 26 years of service. During his career with the Air Force he attended the College of Armed Forces in Alabama. After moving permanently to the Sussex County area in the early 90's, Mr. Eibling served as a Consulting Structural Civil Engineer for many of the large projects and homes built in the area.

He was a devout Christian and member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth Beach, DE where his professional skills were utilized in the expansion and growth of the church, including serving as Choir Director.

Mr. Eibling had an extreme passion for classical and baroque music and for choral music. He served as a Board Member for the Delaware Symphony and for the Brandywine Baroque. He was a member of the Mid Delaware Choral Society where he had served in various capacities including as Board Member and President.

During his free time, he enjoyed projects of all types including building a harpsichord and a grandfather clock. He loved traveling in the US, Canada and Europe.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Barbara Wood; Five sons; Russell Eibling (Mary) of Aiken, SC, Michael Eibling (Shelly) of Evans, CO, Frederick Eibling (Renee') of Bel Air, MD, David Wood



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(Margaret) of Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Rob Wood (Susan) of Rehoboth Beach, DE; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

DUE TO INCLIMATE WEATHER, Services have been rescheduled for Sunday Jan.24, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior where friends may call one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Eibling's memory to the Beebe Healthcare, C/O Cardiac Care Unit, 424 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958, or The Lutheran Church of our Savior, 20276 Bay Vista Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Please sign Mr. Eibling's online guest book located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE CALL FUNERAL HOME FOR UPDATED SERVICE INFORMATION



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GF

Greg Wilcox & Family sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Eibling family.



January 19 at 11:51 AM

SR

Steven Ruppright posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family. I have many great memories of Joe from family reunions and vacations. He was a great man and he was loved and respected by everyone. We lost a great man but his love and lessons will be with us always. Steven Ruppright

January 19 at 6:12 AM

JG

Jim Garrett posted:

As a child I lived across the street from the Eibling family. Growing up I was much younger than the Eibling boys but knew them well through my older siblings. It wasn't until my junior year in college when I really got to know Joe and his wife Betty. By this time Betty and Joe had moved to Burke, Virginia where Joe worked for an engineering firm manufacturing radars. I was in my junior year of college at the University of Cincinnati, and was about to begin my first real job in their Cooperative Education program. Much to my surprise I was offered a position working in the Pentagon and would soon move to Washington, DC. At the time my parents were still very close with the Eiblings and mentioned to them that I would soon be looking for a place to live. As you can imagine I was about to embark on the experience of a lifetime and move to "the really big city". I soon learned that Joe was a former graduate of Univ of Cincinnati and was also involved in their Co-op program. Without hesitation Betty and Joe offered me a place to stay, of course I paid rent, but Betty threw in two meals a day (breakfast and dinner). I quickly learned that Betty was a gourmet cook and she fixed THE most amazing meals. During my time with the Eiblings Joe became my very close friend as he taught me how to navigate my way around Washington DC. On weekends they would on occasion take me to their house in Delaware and of course we ate like kings (thanks Betty). I have so many wonderful memories of the time I spent with Joe and Betty. Joe always had a great smile and wonderful sense of humor. I can honestly say he treated me like family and for that very short time I became an Eibling boy. I, like so many, was very sad to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was a great man who loved God, family and country. He will be sorely missed. To Barbara Wood, please know that I share your deep sadness. May God give you strength and blessings this day, and peace that transcends our understanding. Jim Garrett

January 11 at 9:25 AM



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EG

Eileen Grycky posted:

I met Joe while presenting a musician's perspective of a career in music at a Delaware Symphony Board meeting. When I spoke about also performing with the Brandywine Baroque Ensemble, I piqued Joe's interest. I invited him to a BBE performance, and he soon became a board member. My husband and I have had many wonderful meetings with Joe and Barbara. We love them both. Our hearts are broken at the loss of Joe. His love for his family, his passion for music, and his warm engaging spirit were an inspiration to us. He was a truly a wonderful, gifted, and compassionate man. We will miss him so very much. Barbara and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all, Eileen Grycky and Michael Keller

January 13 at 8:41 AM

DA

D Allen posted:

Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your dear loved one . May the fond memories shared be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain . John 5 : 28,29

January 12 at 1:01 AM

TW

Tom And Debbie Wioncek posted:

ToThe Eibling Family:May we send you our deepest sympathy at this time and say that our thoughts have been with you since we heard of the death of your father. We admired him greatly. You must be even prouder of his devotion to all of you. We know you will be brave in your sorrow as he would have wanted you to be. Sincerely, Tom and Debbie WioncekTo Barbara Wood:Losing one's husband can cause a loneliness unlike any other, but having your children near will help ease the difficulty of the days ahead. With your fortitude and courage I am sure you will adjust to your new situation. I know you are grateful for the many years you shared with Joe. Love, Tom and Debbie Wioncek

January 11 at 9:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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