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Joseph C. Shaw, Jr., age 81 of Lewes, Delaware, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2021, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on March 6, 1940, in Washington, DC, son of the late Joseph C. and Ruth (Jones) Shaw.

Joe attended The George Washington University and was a career oceanographer for NOAA. He was an avid stamp collector and model train enthusiast. Joe loved the beach, his garden, and spending time at his cabin in Vermont. In retirement, he dedicated time to the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park. Above all, Joe cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Judith A. Shaw; his children: Matthew Shaw (Cynthia Furtado-Shaw) of Bristol, Rhode Island, Andrew Shaw (Sei Jung Shaw) of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Erin Specht (Fritz Specht) of Martinsburg, West Virginia; his nine grandchildren; and his sisters: Kathleen Palcher of Potomac, Maryland and Margaret Shaw of Sarasota, Florida.

A private memorial service has been planned by the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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LG

Louie Goffredi posted:

Wow. I was a bit shaken when I read of Joe's passing in the "Eye Street Headlines" I received today from the Gonzaga Communications Department. I last saw Joe at the party for him and Judy to celebrate their 50th. He was the "big guy down the street" in Crestwood when I was growing up. I remember working on cars with him and his friends, sledding on Matthewson Drive hill in the winter, and of course his collection of 45's that was unbelievable. I think one of the boys has that now and it was unrivaled by anyone I know. I have thought of him and the family often in the last few years and I know I will continue to do so. He was a good friend and will be missed.

September 30 at 1:43 PM

KP

Kathleen Palcher posted:

My brother was so kind to me throughout my life. I have wonderful memories of the coloring book and crayons he gave me when I had measles, the Wednesday doll, and his sweaters he let me wear. When I was in high school, he let me drive his car to school. We had great times as children and adults. I will miss him dearly. His life was dedicated to his family. His kind and generous spirit is abundantly evident in the beautiful children and grandchildren he leaves behind. May he rest in peace.

June 30 at 12:42 PM

MS

Margaret Shaw posted:

When I was young and times were hard, you were there for me with a joke and a beer. The Vermont cabin, maple syrup, cheese, tumbled stones, trains, and winter sledding in Crestwood. A siblings bond can not be broken even by age and distance - through it all, you were always my brother and I your baby sister. Love, Margaret

June 26 at 2:09 PM

MS

Matthew Shaw posted:

Dad - Thanks for the all the life lessons and laughs; the trips to the beach; and the hikes in Vermont. I love you and will miss you but I know you'll never be gone because every time I have a question, I'll ask... "what would dad do?" and I know you'll be right there. Matt

June 24 at 9:50 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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