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Joseph B. Churchman, Sr., of Dewey Beach passed away at home on September 24, 2022. He was 86. Joe was born on August 8, 1936, in Dover, Delaware to the late Joseph E. and Mary T. Churchman. He was a graduate of the John Bassett Moore High School in Smyrna. He received a BS in Accounting from Indiana University and completed Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Joe and his beloved wife Jane were native Delawareans but created lasting friendships during the time they lived in Georgia, Michigan, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. They returned to live in Delaware in the 1980's settling in Dewey Beach, steps away from the ocean and beach they so loved. Jane and Joe were world travelers and enjoyed adventures in too many countries to count, from China, to Egypt, to India. They also enjoyed the beauty of America from the rugged coast of Maine to the Great Lakes of the Midwest, to the shores of the Pacific, often with their three children in tow.

Joe was a consummate business professional and completed his career as a CEO in the Wholesale Drug Industry and later formed a Healthcare Consulting Firm. He was passionate about the business world and never hesitated to explore new areas and industries. In his spare time, nothing brought him more joy than spending it with family and friends. He manned a mean grill, was sure to know friends' beverages of choice and he had his own special "toddy," the ChurchManHatten.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Jane; his sister and brother-in-law, Marie, and John Cooper; his special grandson, Joshua Ackles. Joe is survived by daughters, Michele Churchman (Jaye Brown) of Dover and Laurie Churchman of Philadelphia; son, Bruce, and his wife Giancarla Churchman of Rehoboth Beach; and grandchildren, Joe Churchman III of Milton, Jimmy Churchman of Rehoboth Beach, Jeffrey Churchman of Hoboken, NJ and Jessica Churchman of Philadelphia and great-grandson Joseph (Zev) Churchman IV. Nieces, Barbara DeBastiani and family of Georgetown, and Denise Curtis and family of Milford.



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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 11:00 AM at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00AM.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Joe's memory to the Cornelia de Lange Foundation (CdLS), 30 Tower Lane, #400, Avon, CT 06001, or www.cdlsusa.org.

Please sign Mr. Churchman's virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




Events


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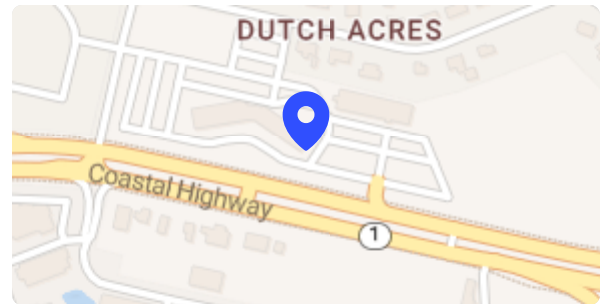
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Visitation


 **Monday**, October 17, 2022


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE 19958

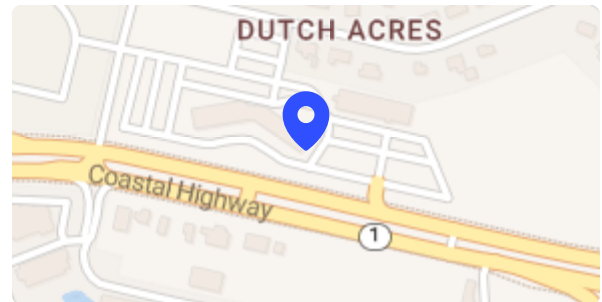


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John Walker posted:

Associated with Joe for several years in the 1970's when he managed the data center at Alco Standard. His excellent management skills were instrumental in the transformation of a small organization into a team providing computer resources to a ever expanding Alco Standard Corporation. On a personal note, Joe and Jane hosted my family to a wonderful night at Rehoboth beach during our vacation in the 1980's. Forever in our thoughts.

July 22 at 6:25 AM



Betty lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Joe and Jane were friendly great neighbors. We appreciated their kindness and true interest and helpful attitude. Joe didn't like the guy³ in back of the mailboxes and he was a nuisance to us too. We will remember them fondly.



March 28 at 2:34 PM



Frank Titus lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

RIP Joseph.



October 31 at 7:23 AM



Bill Kirby posted:

Many fond memories from our work and friendly associations at Alco Standard Corp. where Joe made such a significant contribution to the company's success. Saunie and I considered Joe and Jane good friends during those wonderful years and pray for their eternal reward. Bill and Saunie Kirby

October 15 at 6:32 AM



Pat Clark posted:

Bruce and I extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to the family at this time. Jane and Joe were classmates of mine and I have many happy memories with them during those years. They were a special couple and we will cherish their memory. Now they are together. God bless!

October 13 at 8:15 PM



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Erin Elman posted:

What an interesting and extraordinary man. We are so sorry for his passing. We send our love to the family - and as big hug to Laurie in particular. Love, Erin, Stephen, and Izzy.

October 6 at 2:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Churchman family.



September 28 at 7:35 AM



Ned Irvine posted:

I am grateful for the life Joe Churchman. He helped raise some wonderful children and I am grateful that he lives on through them, especially Laurie. — Ned Irvine

September 27 at 12:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Churchman family.



September 27 at 9:56 AM



Laurie Churchman posted:

Dear friends and family, our family respectfully requests that you do not send flowers. Your thoughts and memories are much appreciated, though. Feel free to share them here.

September 27 at 7:24 AM



Pere Roberts September 27 at 11:57 AM

Laurie We will always miss your Dad's endless sense of humor. Eleanor, Christine and I are sorry for your loss.



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MZ

Miriam Zadek posted:

On Joe Churchman's 80th birthday, I wrote a poem. I lauded Joe for his energy, his humor, his funny brown cocktail, his propensity for supporting every political candidate with whom I might disagree. And now I write you, my dear Churchman friends, as we say goodbye to Joe. I remember Joe's caring concern about Joshua. He swept us into also supporting CDLS Foundation. For Joe, faced with a challenge, would confront it head-on. I remember our trip to France - and Joe documenting every turn, every event, every visit. Jane and I would visit museums, standing and commenting on the painting, and Joe would stand there, taking pictures as we stood in front of the art. I remember Christmas, as Joe and Jane pulled all the Santas, sleds and other decorations out of the pool space - yes, a space which was either a hot tub, or, if you looked carefully - a small pool which was never, in my recollection, ever filled with water - but surrounded by all the decor for Christmas. And then the space was filled with presents for the family, carefully chosen, wrapped and stored for Christmas Day. A moment of delight was when Bob and I found a Christmas treasure, which surely had skipped their search. We bought and loved driving to the house on Carolina Street and seeing it festooned outside, with all their other outside ornaments. I remember every election. While Joe voted for the Republican slate, I voted for that other party, and we would smile at each other, toss off some comments, trying to deflate the other's choice, while Jane secreted away in the kitchen a small candidate banner, always for the candidate opposing Joe's choice, and wave it to him as he walked by. Jane and I would have lunch with Jane Coulbourne, also of blessed memory, and we would laugh and josh, as we talked about the small world of Carolina Street - harmless chatter and enjoyable companionship. And I remember, entering Just In Thyme, seeing all of you seated at a table - Joe with you - somewhat impaired then, but surrounded by children who knew how to care, how to sustain him, how to be there. In our later years, as we are well into our tenth decade, we know the wish is that family will surround, attend as adeptness drops away, know when to step in and when to allow the freedom for us to continue being independent. We know how you cared, both for Jane and Joe. What models you have established for your children. In my imagination, I see Joe walking through those heavenly gates, seeing Jane and Josh, who has been healed from the physical limitations which were part of his life on earth. I see them smiling at him, waving him in. And Joe reaches into his pocket, pulls out his camera, and takes a picture, for this one should not be missed. Joe, in the words of my tradition, I say to you - Shalom, Chaver, Shalom Peace, Friend, Peace. With love, Miriam

September 26 at 10:42 AM

DG

Donna & William Gandy October 10 at 1:29 PM

Michele and family. We're very sorry for your great loss. May your incredible father rest in peace for all eternity. Praying for your strength. Donna & Bill Gandy Magnolia DE



Memories only last if you share them

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



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