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Joseph Howard Kramer (Joe/Jodee) passed away at his home in Rehoboth Beach Delaware on April 16, 2023. He was born in Eldora, Iowa, March 6, 1947, to Joseph Harold Megan Kramer and Ann Calfee Kramer.

Following high school graduation in Eldora, he attended the University of Notre Dame, earning a BA degree, L'Universite Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France, and The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy, and Washington, D.C., where he received a master's degree in international economics and certificate of proficiency in the French language.

His professional career included serving as an international economist and lobbyist at the Washington, DC law and lobbying firm of Patton, Boggs and Blow, a public relations executive in New York City and vice president of the Washington, D.C., lobbying/public relations firms Gray and Company and Hill & Knowlton.

With a summer home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he moved there permanently in 1991 with his partner, Mark Brown. Together they opened and operated a bed and breakfast, the "Silver Lake Guesthouse" from 1991 until 2016.

Throughout his life he traveled extensively internationally, including an adventurous 1968 drive in his yellow Mustang convertible through Russia to Odessa, Ukraine. In recent years he especially enjoyed annual visits to Paris.

In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his sister JoAnn Kramer, grandparents Joseph Henry and Nellie Megan Kramer and Howard and Carrie Wetrich Calfee. Survivors include his partner of 45 years, Mark Brown, an uncle, William Kramer, and several cousins.

At his request, services will be private.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joseph's name may be directed to the Rehoboth Beach Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 (www.rehoboth.lib.de.us), or the Eldora Iowa Public Library 1202 10th St, Eldora, IA 50627 (www.eldora.lib.ia.us/).

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Holly Sarre posted:

Mark, we are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing! We loved seeing the fireworks from your home on Silver Lake at many of your 4th of July celebrations! Always such a fun couple to be around!! Love to you both, Holly and Tom in New Orleans. ❤️

May 17 at 11:48 AM



Kathleen Kelly posted:

I will miss Jodee so much - we didn't keep in touch as much as I would have liked, but I thought of him often. In high school we were close friends and I'll always cherish the good times we had. My condolences to Mark, his wonderful partner.

April 23 at 4:20 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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