



Joseph Harrison Milford

November 11, 1948 - March 26, 2020

Augusta,,GA—Mr. Joseph Harrison Milford, II, 71, entered into rest Saturday, March 26, 2020. A Graveside Memorial Service will be conducted Saturday morning, November 12, 2022, at 11 o'clock at Westover Memorial Park.

A native to Augusta, he was a graduate of Georgia Military College, Milledgeville and in the ROTC Flight Program as 2nd Lieutenant where he obtained his pilot's license. He continued to proudly serve as an artillery officer in the US Army and received the National Defense Service Award. He went on to earn his A.B. Degree in Public Administration at the University of Georgia.

In the 1980s, Joe continued his devotion to service and country as Mayor of Moreland, Georgia. He also worked as an account executive for medical sales groups Owens & Minor and General Medical for much of his life.

After his wife, Lenn's valiant battle with cancer came to an end in 1994, Joe became a single parent to their young daughter, Jody. He credited the support of family and friends, and his faith in the Lord for his success in raising her.

Joe lived his life with an adventurous and indomitable spirit. He loved golfing, camping, the Masters, and the band The Eagles but more than anything he cherished his amazing group of friends, his children, niece and beloved grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Taylor 'Gwin' (Steven) Vivian and Jody (David) Huguenel; stepson Dr. Leonard (Paige) Wells; five adored grandchildren, Pearson and Douglass Vivian, McClane Huguenel, and Dana and Molly Wells; niece, Shelby Milford-Haskett and his very beloved dog Fuzzy.

He was welcomed into Heaven by his beloved wife, Lenn Bohannon Milford, his mother Bernice Holton Gwin, stepfather, Julian Gwin and brothers Robert 'Bob' and John 'Jack' Milford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center at www.augusta.va.gov/giving.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westover Memorial Park
2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Harrison Milford*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Joseph Harrison Milford*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *We called Joseph "Joey" as kids growing up in the same Holton family. He was my first cousin and we spent time together at our Grandmother's house in Sandersville and he visited sometimes at our house in Hapeville, south of Atlanta. My mother, Vera, always had us dancing and we taught Joey to dance. We always had a great time and I wish I could have spent more time with him after we grew up. I was fortunate enough to meet his wife and his daughter when they lived in Moreland. I saw Joey at our uncle Wendell's funeral in Sandersville in December for the first time in many years. I'm so glad I was able to visit with him for a little while that day. He will be missed.*

Julie Dossett

Julie Dossett - April 15, 2020 at 07:14 PM

“ Joe Milford has been my friend since we were teenagers at GMC in the 1960's.

We later ran into each other in Athens, when we were attending UGA, poor as church mice. I didn't see him when we were in the Army, but I ran into him again in Athens after our Army service, when we were both back in school at UGA. We had a little GI Bill money in our pockets in those days.

We both got married and fell out of touch, but about five or six years ago, Joe called me out of the blue, and we have spoken over the phone every week or ten days since that time - often for an hour at a time. We always intended to have a face-to-face meeting at some point, but we live half a continent apart, and just never managed to do so. I regret that now.

Joe was a fascinating conversationalist. He was a gentleman of the old school, and a true philosopher. I don't know what he would have called himself, but I always thought of him as a Stoic, along the lines of Marcus Aurelius and Seneca.

He embodied Socrates's saying that "The unexamined life is not worth living". In our conversations, we examined life from every possible angle. Joe could be hilariously funny, and awesomely wise at times. He was always irreverent, and not afraid to think outside the box. Above all, he loved a good debate, and we had a lot of good ones.

Joe was fascinated with the history of the Scots-Irish. Two of his favorite books were Fraser's "The Steel Bonnets: The Story of the Anglo-Scottish Border Reivers", and Webb's "Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America".

He loved to read and talk about history. The only real heated argument we ever had, in those phone conversations, was when we got to arguing one day over exactly when and where the Battle of

Gettysburg was lost.

Being old men, we bragged a lot on our brilliant children and grandchildren. We also talked about our friends. Joe had a lot of friends there in Augusta that he had known since grammar school, and those relationships meant an awful lot to him.

And, of course, those of you who knew Joe well know all about his constant and loyal companion, Fuzzy dog. I hope old Fuzzy finds a good, loving home to finish out his days.

I think one of the best things you can say about someone who has passed away is that you are truly going to miss them, and that it seems like a big piece of yourself is gone. That certainly is the case with me.

Bill Carey - April 09, 2020 at 01:53 AM

BC

I should add that we often discussed religion, and that Joe was never reluctant to defend his strongly-held Christian faith. I always came away from our conversations with a lot to think about. In using the word "irreverent" above, i was referring to his willingness to challenge the conventional way of thinking in the social/political arena, in a humorous way. He was a master of political satire.

Bill Carey - April 09, 2020 at 08:57 AM

MG

“*Joe was always a good friend to me. Over the years, he was always kind enough to keep in touch, whether he was in Colorado or a few blocks away. He and I used to walk Fuzzydog and my dog and talk and argue. He was a wonderful person and I will never forget him or his great friendship. He will be greatly missed. Margaret Gilbert*

margaret gilbert - April 07, 2020 at 10:45 AM

PT

“ I was so shocked to see Joe's obit in the paper. We had known each other for a long time. In fact, I can't remember how we met, but maybe it was in a group of singles named Renaissance. When he was in town, he would just drop by to say hello. So sorry.

Pat Tante

Pat Tante - April 01, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ On behalf of the Department of Georgia Disabled American Veterans, we express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Joseph Milford. May God bless and watch over you during your time of bereavement. And, may his grace and peace comfort you in the days ahead. Rest in Peace Comrade Joseph Harrison Milford. Albert Boudy, DAV State Chaplain



Albert Boudy - March 30, 2020 at 01:12 PM

GV

“ Condolences to the family in their time of loss.

Geraldine P Vowell - March 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM

MB

“ Joey was a great friend to so many of us. I have many great memories of the time we spent at G.M.C. My deepest condolences to his family.

Mackey and Dell Ballard - March 29, 2020 at 02:06 PM

TA

“ *I will always remember Joe's kindness when he called on me at University Hospital from General Medical. I considered him a great friend.*

Tony Arnold

Tony Arnold - March 29, 2020 at 09:33 AM