



Francis "Joe" Dorsey

June 4, 1938 - December 30, 2015

Francis "Joe" Dorsey, 77, passed away on December 30, 2015 surrounded by his family. Born in Wilmington, Delaware, Joe was third of seven children born to Daniel R. and Edith Dorsey. Joe retired after 38 years at Delmarva Power and Light, where he worked as a machine operator. While at DP&L, every Friday before quitting time Joe would be seen collecting money from his co-workers for the flower fund, half pay club, and annual Christmas party. When his co-workers saw Joe approaching they instinctively reached for their wallets. After retirement, Joe worked for 14 years at Flight Safety and enjoyed meeting clients from all over the world. His smiling face and easygoing demeanor, even at 6am, greeted everyone and made them feel at home. Joe was a very active member of St. Hedwig Church, serving as Eucharistic minister and usher and volunteering at the Polish Festival. He enjoyed Scouting with his sons, traveling, playing cards with his family, camping, and gardening.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Dorothy Siemienski Dorsey; daughter, Kellie (Scott) Melba; 3 sons: David (Renee), Dennis (Eileen) and Mark (Fran); ten grandchildren: Bret, Hanna, Rachel, Sam, Jill, Sara, Bridgett, Parker, June, and Luke; 2 brothers, Lawrence and Gerald; and sister, Mary Breslin. He was predeceased by brothers: Richard, Bernard, and William.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM at Strano &

Feeley Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. Another visitation will be held Monday, January 4, 2016 from 9:30-10:30 AM at St. Hedwig Church, 408 S. Harrison St., Wilmington, DE 19805 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow at Cathedral Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. Hedwig Church or Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, P.O. Box 305, Garrison, NY 10524. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Cathedral Cemetery

2400 Lancaster Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19805

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Hedwig Roman Catholic Church
408 S. Harrison Street
Wilmington, DE 19805

Service

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



Paul
Hayden

“ Dear Dorothy and family,

Karen and I are sorry for the loss of a good man. We didn't have any contact since the Troop folded but we had some good times on some of the camping trips that we were on with him. He will be missed.

*Yours in Scouting
Karen and Paul Hayden*

Paul Hayden - January 03, 2016 at 05:55 PM



GF

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Joe at FlightSafety. One of the few joys of the "early shift" was knowing you would run into Joe in the snack bar about sunrise. There would usually be time for a "chat" about work, family, world events or politics. Joe was a "straight shooter" and you always knew where he stood on a myriad of topics. I also had the pleasure of working with Mark and saw first hand the impact of having a good and supportive father. My sincerest condolences go to Joe's family. I will fondly remember those many chats. He was a good man!*

George Findlay - January 03, 2016 at 02:00 PM



JD

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of a great man! Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers!*

Jeanne (Rutkowski) DiAmico

Jeanne DiAmico - January 03, 2016 at 10:48 AM

TK

“ Joe will be missed by his friends at Flightsafety .It was a pleasure to get know a man dedicated to his family ; he always spoke with pride about his wife and children.I counted Joe as a good friend and will keep his family in my prayers.Happy Landings Joe Tom Keenan FSI

thomas keenan - January 02, 2016 at 04:00 PM

RM

“ Dear Dot and Family,
Ron and I extend out deepest sympathy to you and family. Joe was a good, wonderful person and always had a smile. We will always remember him and miss seeing him in church. We will keep him in our prayers.

Ron and Barbara Morris - January 02, 2016 at 01:07 PM

RM

“ Ron & Barbara Morris lit a candle in memory of Francis "Joe" Dorsey



Ron & Barbara Morris - January 02, 2016 at 01:04 PM

AS

“ Dear Dot & Family, Our sincere sympathy on the passing of your husband, father & grandfather.

We will always remember Joe's smile & kindness. He was a wonderful person & is now in Heaven. Take care & God bless all of you in this most difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.



Anne & Joe Smigielski

Anne & Joe Smigielski - January 01, 2016 at 01:27 PM

AR

“ It is with great sorrow that we share in the loss of a sweet and wonderful man and part of our extended family. Our hearts go out to Dot and family and we wish that we could be with you all to honor Joe and the loss that we all will feel in our lives forever more. There are no words that can sooth the souls of those who love Joe, only to come together in the love that we all share for him and for each other and to help each other through the hard times as we learn to live with a piece of our hearts now gone. None of us will forget Joe! He made us all feel special and like family! He treated me as a daughter and my children as grandchildren. His kind, loving, generous, sweet, spirit will be in our hearts and minds forever more. It is a terrible sadness that Joe is gone but it was the greatest pleasure to have had him in our lives. Joe - we will miss you always! All our love! Andee, Drew, Miller, Scarlett and Dashiel

Andee Ross - December 31, 2015 at 08:08 PM