



Joe Brubaker

January 19, 2016

On Friday, January 15, 2016, Joe Brubaker, 59, took his last step across the Bridge, soaring as an Eagle ready to explore his next adventure. Having waged a courageous 6 month journey with pancreatic cancer, Joe finished the journey his way, in charge, in control, in humbleness. He left this earth, from his own home, on his terms, with his wife, Lyn and 4 furry felines at his side. God blessed both Joe and Lyn with grace, strength, and courage to journey together.

Born in Lancaster, Joe was the son of Albert and Betty Brubaker. High school sweethearts from 1974, Joe was the husband of Lynda Carlin Brubaker, whom he married on June 23, 1979. They spent their married life sharing their dedication to work, their passion for adventure, their love of travel, their privacy of home.

Joe graduated from Hempfield High School in 1974, where he had lettered in cross country, wrestling, track and field. Initially, a welder through high school Vo Tech classes, Joe forged a different profession upon graduation. Joe chose to shadow in his father's footsteps in the family business at Brubaker, Inc. Having attended evening classes at Messiah College, Millersville University, and Lancaster Bible College, Joe found fulfillment in pursuing life adventures through actual experiences, not just reading the words. During his more than 42 years of employment at Brubaker, Inc., Joe found his classroom

as a participant through life experiences and adventures. Grounded in solid values and principles, Joe's first adventures were hiking, canoeing, and rafting. From the Appalachian Trail, through Japan and Korea, over the trails in Acadia National Park, across the Colorado Rockies, atop the Swiss Alps, to the Great Wall of China, the backwoods of Denali National Park, the sacred Haleakala volcano, Joe did them all and more. Content on a mountain top in winter, he avidly skied the northeast, southwest, northwest, and British Columbia, many trips through the Lancaster Ski Club. Heli skiing trips were "awesome". Off season, Joe biked with friends over many rail trails throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. Continuing his love of the outdoors, camping from Maine to Florida, East to West, north through Canada and Alaska, Joe and Lyn were blessed with many persons met and shared laughs, forged forever in thanks. Joe's love of the ocean evolved into scuba diving with the group Goin Down Divin. Diving in some of the best dive sites in the world from the Caribbean, to Honduras, to Hawaii, to the remote Matangi Island Resort in Fiji. "Pool's open". Joe and Lyn shared together these travels, trips, adventures, and memories with so many others--thanks to all who made Joe's classroom of life an "A plus".

Along with his wife, Lyn, Joe leaves behind his 4 furry boys: Calvin, Felix, Mason, and Murphy. He is also survived by his parents Albert and Betty Brubaker (Lancaster) and Father and mother in law, Bill and Jean Carlin (Lancaster). Joe leaves behind siblings: Paul (Lancaster); Rachel, wife of Dennis Witmer (Washington); Lois (Alaska); John, husband of Carol Leaman (Ohio); Carol (California); Beth Ann, wife of Tommy Johnson (North Carolina); 5 nieces and 5 nephews. Joe was predeceased by brother Danny.

A Celebration of life in Joe's memory will be held at a later date to be determined. "In lieu of flowers we kindly suggest that you consider making a donation to Caring Bridge by going to the Joe Brubaker site, www.CaringBridge.org/visit/joebrubaker, and select Donation."

and/or the Mountville Church of the Brethren (www.mountvillecob.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Brubaker*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Lyn and family,
I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. As a previous neighbor I always remembered how Joe enjoyed being outside, specifically in the summer. I would usually see Joe on Saturdays out working in the yard. He always took so much pride and joy in keeping his landscaping immaculate. Joe will be deeply missed by all who had come to know him. May God wrap his loving arms around you, and your family at this most difficult time. Robin Boaman*

Robin Boaman - February 02, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ *Lyn,
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. You and Joe have many wonderful memories of times together and all of your travels. May those great memories help to carry you through this difficult time. Take good care of yourself.
Judy Dennison*

Judy Dennison - January 29, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ *Lyn, my thoughts are with you as you grieve the loss of Joe. He brightened the world for all he touched!*

Ron Miller

Ronald L Miller - January 26, 2016 at 01:18 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. I'm a previous employee of Brubaker's and Joe was always very kind, calm and professional.
Overhearing some of his conversations with the guys, all were intrigued with all his accomplishments in life. He was admired by his dedication to the company and his family.
This is an extreme loss to all of you. Know you shared a wonderful life with a great man and treasure the memories,
Memories last a Lifetime!

Sincere condolences,
Stephanie Hoffmaster

Stephanie Hoffmaster - January 20, 2016 at 10:05 PM

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“ Lyn,

Thinking of you at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. From listening to your stories and reading your posts it looks like an amazing journey that you and Joe shared. The memories will fill your heart.

Aimee

Aimee Anderson - January 19, 2016 at 09:27 PM