



Joseph E. Fraker

April 26, 1921 - November 9, 2016

Joseph E. Fraker, age 95, of Northgate, New Martinsville, died Wednesday evening, November 9. He was born April 26, 1921, in Fairmont, WV, the eldest son of Joseph E. and Ota Reed Fraker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marilyn and his brother John.

Joe graduated from West Virginia University in 1942. He served in the Army during World War II as a chemical engineer assigned to the atomic bomb project at Oak Ridge, TN. Joe met Lyn at Oak Ridge, where she spent one summer in the secretarial pool. After the war, they moved to Pittsburgh. Joe worked briefly there for H.J. Heinz Co. before beginning at long career at PPG Industries, first in Pittsburgh and then, from the late 1940s until 1986, at PPG's Natrium plant. While at PPG, he helped open plants in Lake Charles, LA; Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Sardinia, Italy.

Joe was an avid investor and, like his father, a devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates, a devotion he passed on to his children. One of the most thrilling days of his life was October 13, 1960, when Bill Mazeroski hit his famous homerun to defeat the hated Yankees and win the Pirates' first World Series since 1909. When their two oldest children arrived home from school that afternoon, they saw Joe and Lyn drinking champagne in the front yard with their neighbors.

Survivors include Joe's brother Bill of Houston, TX; two sons, Thomas of Arlington, VA, and Paul of Lovettsville, VA; two daughters, Susan of New York, NY, and Ann of Stevenson, MD; seven grandchildren; and three great-

grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Interment will be next to Lyn in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Wetzel County Humane Society, P.O. Box 395, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, New Martinsville.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

N. State Route 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe will finally be at peace, joined by Lyn and their many dogs and birds - all having a good romp without the afflictions of old age. I hope this image of their parents always brings my husband, Paul, and my brother and sister-in-laws much comfort in the years to come. I will never forget *conversations with Joe* regarding Lyn, his favorite subject. His voice would brighten and he would wistfully say, "She was a wonderful wife...a wonderful wife." I would sometimes add, "...and she was a wonderful mother", to which he would softly say, "Yes, she was a wonderful mother". I think that if a person has accomplished nothing else in life, this is enough to recommend someone for anything. "Keeping Joe Busy" and baking him the most delectable meals and baked goods was Lyn's favorite project and it was because she understood him like no other. Even though I know Joe would enjoy my saying more about Lyn than him, I should say that Joe's example of a husband was one of the many reasons I married his son. Though he didn't suffer fools gladly, he was always so good to me. We never shared one cross word with each other in over 32 years. I will miss Joe and I can imagine how much more he'll be missed by his children and grandchildren. God keep you in His loving grace.

Nancy Schweizer Fraker - November 19, 2016 at 02:11 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Joseph E. Fraker, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, Joseph E. Fraker, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - November 15, 2016 at 07:12 AM

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“ *My sympathy on the death of your father. Peace.*

Nancy B Christman - November 14, 2016 at 01:08 PM