



Joseph Durward True Jr.

July 31, 1930 - August 28, 2020

Joseph Durward True, Jr. Born July 31, 1930 Orleans Indiana. Died August 28, 2020 at his home in Bloomington Indiana at the age of 90. Joe is survived by his wife Geraldine Maddox True, his sister Nighel Isley, his children Jennifer Collins, Pat True(Sarah), Jay True(Jennifer), Jim True(Rebecca), Darcy True Chupa-Pedersen(Eric), Joseph Kimble True(Sandy), Leesa True-Smith(L.B.), Kyle Ghinga(Frank), and known as Papaw to Grandchildren Parker Collins(Katie), Caleb True(Gina), Kyle True(Erin), Kate True, Madison True, Taylor Kinser(Kurt), Hayley Schilling(Aaron), Jessica True, Connor True, Rebecca Garcia, Isabel Garcia, Donovan Keith-Reeves, Megan Chupa, Dillon Chupa, Jeff Chupa (Beth), Caylee Harris (Brandon), Colin True-Smith (Kandy), Courtney Amicon (Tyler), Callie Janor (Josh) and Greg True. Great Grandchildren PJ True, Maddox True, Piper True, Hudson True, Riley Nicholl, Rian Nicholl, Lucas Chupa, Cole Chupa, Ethan Chupa, Harrison Chupa, Patrick Janor, Bryan Janor, Molly Janor. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Hazel True, sister Connie Montgomery, and nephew Larry Isley.

The son of Joseph Durward True, Sr. and Hazel Irene (Todd) True, Joe was born in Orleans, Indiana. Joe's father, Joseph "Bud" D. True, Sr. owned a poultry business. Joe, his parents, and sisters, Nighel and Connie, all moved to Bedford when he was five. The family rented a house on 22nd street for a year and then bought a house on R street, later moving to M street. Joe

attended Stalker elementary school. Joe had a paper route, one of many jobs he would have during his youth. He knew he wanted to be an architect after his first drafting class in junior high. Joe attended Bedford High School and played on the baseball and basketball teams. The 1948 Bedford high school basketball team was ranked first in the state but lost in an upset at sectionals. Joe graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a degree in architecture, and his first job out of college was in Indianapolis with Lennox, Mathews, Simmons and Ford. Later he took a position with SIECO, Southern Indiana Engineering Company based out of Columbus Indiana. When SIECO opened an office in Bloomington, he volunteered to work there. SIECO rented office space in the basement of the Kirkwood Manor building downtown where SOMA coffee is currently located. Joe then took a position with Indiana University Architect's Office where he oversaw the construction of many of the buildings on the IU Bloomington campus and IU regional Campuses. On the side, he had a thirty-plus year career as an architect and designed buildings for businesses and residential homes throughout Bloomington and southern Indiana.

He and Gerry owned a house boat with two other families on Lake Monroe and enjoyed having friends and family out on the boat. Joe was an avid golfer and received a life time membership to the IU golf course for his retirement. On July 18, 1980, Joe had a hole in one on hole number 7 at the IU golf course. Again, on August 25, 1985, Joe had a hole in one on hole number 15 at Cascades golf course in Bloomington. He influenced the lives of his grandchildren with his love of golf and music, especially teaching golf to anyone who wanted to learn.

After retiring from IU in 1994, he oversaw the expansion and renovation of the Monroe County Public Library which was completed in 1997. Joe and Gerry loved Hilton Head SC, they spent many weeks there every spring and fall after his retirement. He was a founding member and the president of their

timeshare board of directors and would often go early to the board meetings to meet other members to get in a round of golf. Always a joker, Joe enjoyed telling the timeshare developer, whose last name is "Trew," that he spelled his name wrong.

There are many things to admire about Joe. He worked hard but always had time for family. He taught us that if you really put your mind to something, anything is possible. He loved being outdoors whether he was golfing or working in the yard. Joe was a closet comedian, a joke teller, and a champion hugger. He was above all a family man who adored his wife, who was also his high school sweetheart. He loved and was close to his children. The buttons of his shirt popped with pride for his grandchildren and he supported their endeavors throughout his life. He and Gerry attended every game, recital or event that they could possibly get to.

Joe will be missed by all who met him, as a man who talked to everyone, who could make an old friend laugh and a stranger smile. We will all try to follow the example he set.

His family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or IU Health Bloomington Hospice in his memory.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Jay and Jennifer,

Prayers for Joe and everyone he loves, especially his family.

Lisa Belcher Hamilton

Lisa Hamilton - September 14, 2020 at 07:26 PM

ME

“ Dearest Mammy, Jenny, Pat, Jay, Jim, and family. What a beautiful summary of Papaw's life... a happy and proud family man, full of life and willing to always help others with his gifts and talents. He will always remain in my heart and memory. May he Rest In Peace and May all of us celebrate his life for the years to come. My most sincere regards and condolences.

Mercedes Enrique

Mercedes Enrique - September 07, 2020 at 10:02 AM

DB

“ Pat, Jay, Jenny, Jim and Mrs. True, and the rest of the True crew - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. True. (yes they will always be Mr. and Mrs. True to me- not Joe and Geri). I feel blessed to have lived next to you all growing up and again living next door after mom passed. I have such great memories with all of you. Your dad always had a smile on his face and quick to offer a helping hand. Long after his retirement he designed the addition to mom and dad's home and did a wonderful job. When mom didn't drive much anymore -he often was the one that drove her to Bridge Club, or maybe Tri Delt stuff with you Mrs. True. When I moved away about a year ago - he was still mowing the lawn and climbing ladders to work on the house or trim a tree - always worried me but you could tell he enjoyed it. Often when I would see him working in the yard - he would stop and come talk for a bit - usually about one of his grandkids or you all and what you were up to. It was easy to see the love he had for each and everyone of you and his whole family. Blessings to each of you.

Dee Burris - September 07, 2020 at 01:32 AM

AK

“ A great friend although known only a few years and several hundred miles apart.
When I occasionally have a “BUD” I will remember and acknowledge you warmly.
Rest in that great Shalom.

Andy Keith - September 06, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DH

“ Jenny, Pat & family,
Prayers for peace & strength in the days ahead as you learn to go forward without him.
Duane & Tara Hardwick

Duane & Tara Hardwick - September 06, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ Jenny, Pat, Jay, Jim, and family I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was truly a gem. My fondest memories of him were when I was in middle school courting his beautiful daughter. He always made me feel so welcome at your house. I had the opportunity a couple years ago to run into him at a baseball game and then again last winter at the hospital. He hadn't changed a bit and was as sharp as ever. It was fun reminiscing with him about the years past. He will be missed by many!

Bob Lindsey - September 06, 2020 at 05:39 AM

RS

Condolences to all of Joe True's family. As an estimator for Harding & Cogswell Limestone Co. In Bedford, In, I worked with Joe on many I. U. projects. Some in the preliminary stages helping with the design of limestone panel sizes, structural backup etc, and some in the actual bidding documents. He was always so helpful, answering calls, gathering information or allowing me to meet with him at the I. U. Architects office. Working in the Indiana Limestone Industry 40 years, Joe was my favorite I. U. architect to work with. May God rest his soul and comfort his family.

Richard Sarchet - September 07, 2020 at 04:18 PM

ME

Jim, Rebecca and family,

So heartbreaking to hear of your beloved father's passing. Words will not wipe away your tears and hugs will not ease your pain but hold on to your memories because they will forever keep him close in your heart.

Mary & Cindy Eftman-Molthan - September 09, 2020 at 03:23 PM