



Martin "Marty" Dewey Joachim Jr

November 29, 1938 - August 30, 2021

Martin "Marty" Dewey Joachim, Jr. , a librarian and long-time resident of Bloomington, died peacefully after a long illness on Monday, August 30, 2021, at the age of 82.

Marty was born as the first child to Martin D. Joachim Sr and Camille Mastroeni on November 29, 1938 in Indianapolis. Marty graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1956. After attaining his BA in Classics and MA in Library Science from Indiana University Bloomington, Marty worked his entire career in the cataloguing department of Indiana University libraries. With additional coursework, he became proficient in multiple languages. Taking books and other materials, many of which had never been researched and described, Marty wrote the text that appears in card catalogs. He worked in Greek and Latin, as well as all the modern Romance languages. His work was routinely shared with library users worldwide through the Library of Congress and other libraries. He edited two books (*Languages of the World: Cataloguing Issues and Problems*, 1993; *Historical Aspects of Cataloguing and Classification*, 2003). For years after formal retirement, Marty continued working pro bono at the Lilly Library, Indiana University's rare books library. Marty loved books—holding them, cataloguing them, reading and discussing them. He would never mark in one or fold back a page, admonishing friends who did so.

As an undergraduate, Marty became a member of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity. As a graduate student and as an alumnus, Marty served as scholarship advisor to undergraduates in the fraternity for more than ten years. Fifty years later many of the members he advised credit him with keeping them in school and achieving academic success, citing his guidance and support. Marty loved Indiana University. His enthusiasm for Hoosier basketball was unexcelled, he rarely missed a Jacobs School of Music Opera, and he was devoted to the beauty of the Indiana University campus. Marty was a dedicated collector of books, stamps, art, pottery, and movies. He loved travel—in the American West, Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Latin America. For many years, he contributed gourmet meals through the silent auction of his church and two supper clubs. New York Times crossword puzzles and Scrabble opponents rarely stumped him. Inexplicably, he kept up for years with "Days of Our Lives," the daytime soap opera.

Marty is survived by his brothers Joseph R. Joachim of Florida and Robert H. Joachim and James S. Joachim of Indianapolis, by daughters Sarah E. Joachim of Bloomington and Lisa M. Joachim of Indianapolis, and by thirteen nieces and nephews and thirteen grand nieces and nephews, both family and children of dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Friends may visit from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Contributions in memory of Martin D. Joachim, Jr. may be made to the Indiana University Foundation, directed for the Lilly Library. <https://iufoundation.iu.edu>. or P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RU

“ As a librarian, Marty always was able to find items from the classics I was trying to find for my research. As a member of the IU gourmet club, one of the fondest memories of Marty was when My husband and I hosted a Roman banquet. Marty came dressed in full toga and produced a wonderful hors d'oeuvre of gelatinous fish, which was common in Roman times, in a silver platter that had fish molds. Needless to say, he was the hit of the evening dinner.

Ruth Engs and Jeff Franz

Ruth - May 13, 2022 at 06:05 PM

SA

*I have one of those fish molds <3 Thanks for leaving the love & the memories,
Sarah*

Sarah - July 30, 2022 at 05:28 PM

HC

“Marty was the chef and the orchestrator of so many wonderful meals. I remember once (or maybe twice) he created the timpani from the movie *Big Night!* What a fantastic creation that was with salami, provolone, meatballs, Stanley Tucci's red sauce, hard boiled eggs, ziti and more eggs. *Big Night* was one of his favorite movies.

And he loved movies, his mother's china, paintings, ceramic bowls, colorful sweaters, plays, cataloging (he even spent two years working pro bono cataloging the Lilly Library's early books), Almost above everything else he liked cooking fantastic meals, inviting some friends over and talking about (what else?) food.

He was an IU sports fan and a regular at the opera. To me, Marty was the perfect Renaissance man. Finally, I want to say, the he was a linguist of the highest order. We will miss him for all these things and his goodness and kindness.

Lovingly,

Harriet and James Castrataro

PS We will not be able to make the service because we are out of town. Sending our love to all his family and friends, and especially Sarah for all her tender care of her dad.

Harriet Castrataro - May 13, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SA

Harriet, he was all of those things <3 He loved having lunches with you and Bobbie,
Sarah

Sarah - July 30, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Marty and I became friends when he served on the BPP Board of Directors. We also shared membership at the UUCB. I so appreciated his quiet humor and incredible intellect. His cookies were always a highlight of our Director Circle Events. We had several good visits when he was first hospitalized. Unfortunately I lost touch during these covid times. I do so wish I could have seen him again. I will miss that "elfish" smile! Marty holds a special place in my heart and I send my deepest condolences to his family.*

Sandra Freund

Sandra Freund - May 08, 2022 at 02:45 PM

SA

He thought the world of you as well, Sandra <3 It's probably better that you remember him closer to himself.. He did have an elfish smile, and I often saw a Santa-like twinkle in his eye when something tickled him particularly.

Sarah Joachim

Sarah - July 30, 2022 at 05:31 PM

RN

“ *Loved his wonderful meals and enjoyed some Greek conversations. He cherished the Greek history as I did as well as the language.*

Rev. Dale Nelson - May 06, 2022 at 03:56 PM

 Gary Wiggins

“ *How appropriate it was that Marty's parents chose "Dewey" as his middle name. Melvil Dewey left his mark on many libraries with his Dewey Decimal System, and Marty left an enormous mark on access to printed works in the IU Libraries through his expert cataloging skill. We regret that we will be in Michigan celebrating our grandson's sixth birthday on the day of his memorial service. --*

Gary and Mia Wiggins

Gary Wiggins - May 06, 2022 at 08:16 AM