



Duane E. Joseph

January 17, 1929 - June 1, 2020

Duane E. Joseph, 91, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully on Monday, June 1, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Peggy, his son, Duane R., his parents, Della and Everett, and his brothers, Jerry and Robert. Survivors include his children, Judy (David) Owen and Meredith Joseph; his grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Johnson, Joseph (Jenna) Owen, Janeesa (Garret Price) Joseph, Jostin and Jovani Calo; and his great grandchildren, Maxwell & Gabrielle Johnson, Everett and Rockford Price, Summer & Case Owen.

Duane was born January 17, 1929, in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from Central High School in Minneapolis, MN and was the first to attend college in his family. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Duane's career accomplishments were many; He worked as a waiter through high school and law school to support his family and pay for his education at the U of M. He was a self-made man.

He was a partner in the Dorsey & Whitney law firm for over forty years specializing in real estate law, banking and business law, as well as serving as chairman of the real estate department and management committees of the Dorsey Law Firm. In addition, he was an adjunct professor of Real Estate Law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He was also a member of the

Board of Directors of various businesses, civic and charitable corporations and served as trustee for many clients and family members.

For over fifty years he was a member of the Board of Directors and counsel for Ryan Companies and cherished his Ryan family friendships. Duane was also one of the founder's of Riverside Bank and a member of its Board of Directors and a shareholder of the bank and member of the board of directors for many years.

He was a member of the same AA group for over forty years and a tremendously supportive and loyal friend to many. Duane & Peggy were deeply faithful and were longtime members of Mt. Olivet Church, Mpls., MN, and First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs, FL.

Duane was a tremendous role model, humble, a visionary with a sharp intellect. He instilled the importance of family, hard work, the love of adventure, the joy found in nature and the opportunity to do good things for others.

Duane had an avid interest in travel, world events, finance, sports, a lover of the arts, and always intrigued by the latest technology & gadgets. He was always interested in his family's lives and people he encountered. He was a 12 time marathon runner, and a life-long learner.

Duane enriched the lives of his children and grandchildren by his many acts of kindness and generosity and encouraged them to succeed, along with his amazing ability to mentor and guide with wisdom. He was a keen observer, a man of integrity & dignity with a great sense humor and a man of style who loved his cashmere. Duane was an incredibly special person who was much loved and respected by his family, friends and colleagues. He lived with Parkinson's disease with grace, fortitude, vitality and enthusiasm for life,

knowing God was by his side.

Our family is so incredibly grateful to Wioletta Lesniowska, Duane's full time amazing & compassionate caregiver, along with Aurea Chaplin.

We love and miss him but his spirit and words of wisdom will always be with us.

Memorials may be made to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held in Minneapolis, MN at a later date which will be published in the Mpls. Star & Tribune.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall



“ *Duane E. Joseph*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My condolences to the Joseph family. May he rest in peace. I remember him well as the father of my playmate Meredith from the Lake Harriet neighborhood, so many years ago. He was a very accomplished attorney. It is true life transition when the second parent dies. I will keep him in my prayers.*

Kate Howard

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“ *Dewey was a class act. Being the youngest of the Russell Ryan Family, I always looked forward to his visits at the cabin. Dewey had a voice that you just had to listen to. Whether he was telling a joke and his smile would light up the room. Or he was giving his sage advice.*

I am saddened for you loss, but I rejoice in the fact that I had the privilege of knowing such a great man.

hugs,

Bridget Ryan Strudwick

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