



Joe Burton Hoberman

March 28, 2018

Joe Burton Flora Hoberman, age 92 1/2, died March 28, 2018 in Loveland, CO.

Joe Burton Flora was born at home in Indiana to John Atlee Flora, MD and Beth Flora, R.N. His mother remarried Robert Hoberman in 1944 and Joe took his last name. He attended school in Lafayette and Indianapolis before entering the army in 1944. He served in the Third Infantry Division, 15th Infantry Regiment, Company I as a rifleman, bazooka man, radioman and BAR man in France, Germany and Austria. He attended Butler University and American Graduate School of International Management after WWII and was a lifetime member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Joe married Suzanne M. Woodmansee in 1952 and became a step-father to her daughter Sara. He started working for Illinois Bell Telephone in 1952 as a service engineer and retired as a Public Relations manager 25 years later. The family lived in Indiana and Illinois before Joe and Suzanne retired to the northern mountains of Colorado in 1977.

He enjoyed golf, reading, road trips, and wordsmithing. Joe had a great sense of humor, never met a stranger, and enjoyed seeing people smile.

He became a Master Mason in 1952 and a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite in 1985. He was an active member in his church and the American Legion, and a lifetime member of the VFW. He always enjoyed attending the Pamvets breakfast on Saturday mornings.

He is survived by one step-daughter, Sara Berman of Harwich Port, MA; daughters Beth Pitcher of Loveland, CO and Joy and her husband Marc Paquette of Centennial, CO; four grandsons, one granddaughter, and ten great-grand children; brother Stan of Texas, sister Harriet of Tennessee, three nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his wife Suzanne (2010), brothers Dan (1926), Max (2002), Don (2003) and Jerry (2017).

A celebration of Joe's life will be held Friday April 6 at 2:00 p.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Loveland.

Contributions may be made to King of Glory Lutheran Church or your local Hospice.

Events

APR **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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King of Glory Lutheran Church
2919 Wilson Ave, Loveland, CO, US, 80538

Comments



“ Joe was my boss at IBT ...I was his PR administrative asset. He was the most kind and gracious gentleman. My condolences to his family.

Diane Bermingham Hurley - August 12 at 11:30 PM



“ Met Joe at the VFW,we were both Lifemembers, and Masons. We often talked about our “60 years as master masons. Did a lot of comparing the differences between state rituals. I sat by Joe at each VFW meetings for the last two years, and will miss him next month. It was a pleasure and joy to know him. I now look forward to seeing him again in that celestial lodge, not built with hands. Condolences to his family, Ted Grace

Ted Grace - April 05, 2018 at 12:09 AM



“ Although I only knew Joe for a short time he had such a large impact on my life. For the past 18 months we were neighbors, we checked up on each other. He would tell me when my eyes didn't shine that I needed a nap. I would tell him he looked tired. He brought me one of his oxygen tanks when I couldn't breathe one day. He brought me chocolates once a week because he knew it brought me joy. I hope when he gets to heaven my dad is waiting there to shake his hand and to thank him for taking care of me.

Denice Thompson
Friend, neighbor, and mentor

Denice Thompson - April 04, 2018 at 01:51 AM



“ What an incredible life and such an outstanding man! It's my privilege to have known such an inspiring hero.

Shelley Stafford
Friend and Affinity Neighbor

Shelley Stafford - April 03, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ We met Joe just a year and a half ago. We feel like we have known him for a much longer time. He was a special man, loved to share and a smile as big as his heart. We miss Joe but will always share the time we had.

Bob and Caryl Doolittle - April 01, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ We certainly caught up on a lifetime in a couple of short weeks. Such a tremendous loss here, but what a tremendous gain in heaven. I will always remember the positive attitude and grateful heart. We could all learn from Joe

Lisa flora - March 31, 2018 at 05:02 PM