



Joseph B. Bryce Sr.

June 18, 1941 - November 8, 2021

Joseph B. Bryce, Sr., 80, of Burlington, NJ, formerly of Philadelphia, PA, passed away in the arms of his loving and devoted wife at their home on November 8, 2021.

Joe is survived by his true companion and beloved wife of 59 years, Joanna (Oberholtzer) and their three children, Ann-Mary Bryce, Jeanine Bryce (Michael Geppert) and Joseph B. Bryce, Jr., their three grandchildren, Jamie Barci-Bryce, Hillary Rupert (Richard Rupert) and Crystal Johnson Sabo and their treasured three great-grandchildren, Aiden Johnson, Kailyne Sabo and Scarlett Rupert.

Joe was born in Philadelphia in 1941 as the middle son to his parents Benjamin Bryce (1906-1984) and Marietta (McLaughlin) Bryce (1913-1968). He is predeceased by his older brother, Edward (1939-1992). He is survived by his younger brother, James (Catherine).

He is also survived by his sisters-in-law and their spouses, Jeanine Lynn Dolan (Arthur) and Kathryn Valentine (Raymond). He is predeceased by his mother-in-law, Mary Louise McKee Oberholtzer, sisters-in-law, Margaret Ackley (George) and Patricia Mercurio (Dominic) and brother-in-law, John Nicholas Oberholtzer and his cherished godson and nephew, Raymond (Randy) Ackley. He will be missed by many wonderful cousins, nieces, nephews and friends and by loving and caring family friend, Sandra Winters. He is predeceased by many of his friends and family members.

Joe was a hard-working, honest, loving, caring, smart man. He was so wise that many people sought his advice and guidance. When Joe and Joanna met they were 17 and 14 respectively and it was immediate love, respect and admiration for each other. They truly enjoyed each other's company and were best friends, throughout their lives they continued to nurture each other, hold hands and express love in all kinds of ways. He loved his wife, and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren unconditionally. He loved spending time with Joanna above anything else, but he also loved food, chocolate chip cookies, beer, whiskey, bluegrass music, fishing, and especially traveling in his RVs

with his family and more importantly his wife whether they were traveling near or far, whether it was for long weekends, week-long trips or months at a time. Joe and Joanna visited almost every State, every National Park and every National Monument from the east coast to the west coast, from the north to the south. He is self-taught playing the banjo, mandolin, mouth harp, harmonica and guitar.

Joe was proud to be a member of Sheet Metal Union, Local 19 and in 1965 became a Journeyman Mechanic. He took great pride in his work, often pointing out buildings and skyscrapers that he worked on during his career. He mentored many apprentices throughout his career and even in retirement would be a speaker and mentor to the new apprentices. He was a proud member of the Retirees Club of Local 19 and cherished his friendships with the men he worked with throughout his successful career.

In retirement he joined Fralinger String Band building props and walking down Broad Street as a marshal and was best known as the "proptologist." He absolutely loved being involved in building the props for Fralinger and the camaraderie of the other prop builders and marshals. During his tenure as "the proptologist" Fralinger won an unprecedented eight (8) consecutive first prizes. Several Fralinger members made it clear to his family that Joe was an integral part in steering the organization through the most successful time in Fralinger history. Although his unmatched ability to design and construct props stood out, they also benefited from Joe's ability to be a friend, mentor and leader.

Joe and Joanna's dream together was to own a farm house and have horses and other livestock. In 1971 they bought an 1882 farm house that they would drive by when visiting their horses in Burlington. His family and friends spent weekends for 9 years going over to "Jersey" helping renovate the farm house before the family officially moved in, in 1979. Joe never sat still, he was always doing something, traveling, tinkering around his home, taking care of his garden or lawn, tending to his animals, building a two story garage, mentoring Sheet Metal apprentices, building props for Fralinger, restoring a 1952 Massey Harris Tractor ("Rusty"), helping family members or attending the functions of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family and friends.

Joe was an honest man, had a straightforward personality and was loved for his jokes - - and he had jokes. He saw humor in almost everything and was able to make anyone laugh. He also had the "gift of gab" and could talk to anyone and would talk to anyone. He passed that trait onto his children and grandchildren, I'm sure we'll see it in his great-grandchildren soon enough.

The world is a sadder place without him.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Saturday, November 13th at Givnish of

Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 North, from 9 to 11am with his funeral service following at 11:00am. Masks are required. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park in Cinnaminson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Forgotten Angels Equine Rescue, <http://faernj.com/> or St. Jude's Hospital for Children or Wounded Warriors or, to Shriner's Hospital <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/giving>, or to a charity of your choice. For more information, please visit Givnish.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Park

1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph B. Bryce Sr.*



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“ *One year this week. Miss you Dad.*

Annie Bryce - November 10, 2022 at 12:41 PM

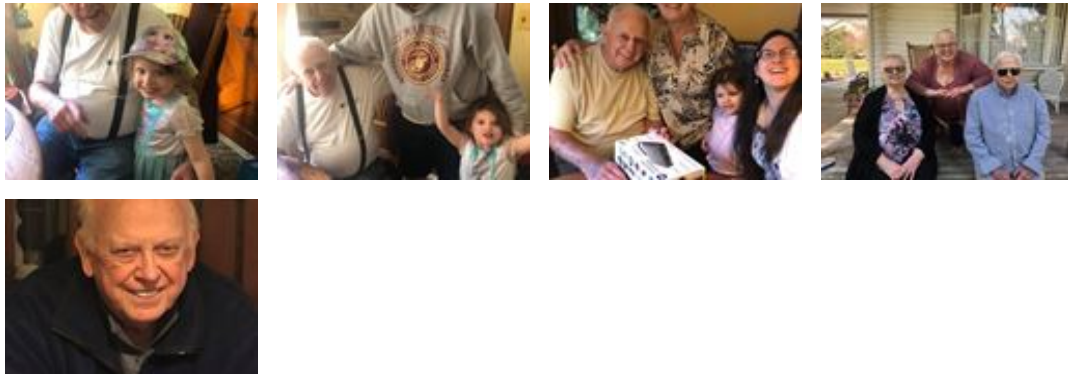


“ *Joseph B. Bryce Sr.*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



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Givnish Funeral Home - November 18, 2021 at 08:42 AM



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Givnish Funeral Home - November 13, 2021 at 07:56 AM



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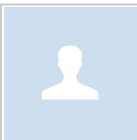
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“ Love, the Bupp Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph B. Bryce Sr..



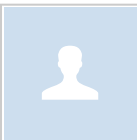
Love, the Bupp Family - November 11, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Bryce Sr..



November 11, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Bryce Sr..



November 11, 2021 at 06:35 AM

JW

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John Warner - November 11, 2021 at 06:15 AM

JB

Love this, thanks for sharing John!!

Jeanine Bryce - November 11, 2021 at 07:16 AM

FB

Fair Well" MY FRIEND " we had many good days on the job & at the Retirees Meetings you will be missed. Frank Beck

Frank Beck - November 12, 2021 at 10:42 AM



Thank you Frank. And Thank You for coming on Saturday.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:06 AM



Thank you John and Lee for your friendship.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:06 AM

EK

“ Joe was my cousin and he and Joanna would come to visit my Dad and Mom often when I was a teenager. We always looked forward to those visits because he always had a funny story to share. He was a really good man and will always be remembered.

Eileen McLaughlin Kupniewski

Eileen McLaughlin Kupniewski - November 10, 2021 at 05:15 PM



Thank you Eileen.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:05 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know Joe was an important member of your family and he will be missed tremendously. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Remember he is still watching over you from heaven.

Andria Hennessey - November 10, 2021 at 05:13 PM



Thank you Andria.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:05 AM

FW

“ Joe a true friend I will miss his humor and insight.
Joe and I had a good working experience being teamed up with Joe was a gift and a pleasure something that was a rare I-actually looked forward going to work and waiting for some of his humor and wisdom.
Joe was a friend and will be missed . Rest In Peace My friend.
“Hello my friend “ is a quote that was Joes greeting sadly I won’t hear that again.
I use the term FRIEND often here because he was a good one .

FRANK WORRELL - November 10, 2021 at 03:53 PM



Thank you Frank. My family appreciates your leaving this message.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph B. Bryce Sr..



November 10, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JR

“ Great Sheet Metal Worker and one of the nicest / Funniest men I've ever met. He will be very missed stopping in down at the Union Hall. RIP my friend. From the Truth. The nickname you made for me.

Joseph Rispo - November 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM



Thank you Joe for saying this. My family appreciates it.

Annie Bryce - November 15, 2021 at 10:05 AM