



Joseph Brandabur MD

July 20, 1937 - February 14, 2021

Joseph Hubert (Joe) Brandabur. M.D. of Hamilton, OH died peacefully at his home on February 14, 2021 surrounded by his family. Joe was born July 20, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, due to the Great Flood, to John Joseph and Genevieve O'Hara Brandabur. Joe grew up in Huntington, WV with his three brothers Edward, John (Jack), and James. Joe had a 4th brother John, a twin of Edward, that died as a toddler. Joe graduated from Saint Ignatius High School (1955) in Cleveland and Xavier University (1959) in Cincinnati, where he met his wife Margaret Dewhurst. Joe married Margaret in 1961 while attending medical school at St. Louis University, graduating in 1963. Joe and Margaret returned to Huntington to complete his internship at St. Mary's Hospital where he also worked as a General Practitioner. Joe completed his residency in Clinical Pathology at the University of Wisconsin and St. John's Hospital in Madison. He then moved back to Huntington in 1965 to care for his mother, then father after her passing, and continued working as a GP at St. Mary's Hospital. In 1968 Joe and his family moved to Hamilton, OH to accept the position of Director of Laboratories for Mercy Hospital Hamilton. While in Hamilton, he trained at Oak Ridge, TN to obtain his boards in Nuclear Medicine. He also served as Director of Laboratories at McCullough Hyde Hospital in Oxford, OH for a number of years. While at Mercy, he oversaw the construction of the laboratory at the new Mercy Hospital in Fairfield, and finished his career there in 2005. In addition, he was the Chief Deputy with the Butler County Coroner's office, and was pulled out of retirement to serve a

brief stint as Coroner, fulfilling his 44 years of duty with the Coroner's office. Joe was an Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Army (150th Cavalry) as a Surgeon in the Medical Corps and separated in 1972 with the rank of Major. He served on numerous boards in the community, was past presidents of the Hamilton Rotary, the Hamilton-Fairfield Academy of Medicine, the Cincinnati Society of Pathologists, and Chairman of the Butler County Medical Society and of the College of Pathology Commission on Laboratory Accreditation for Southern Ohio. He also inspected hospital laboratories around the world for the Department of Defense. He was an active board member at National Research Laboratories until his passing. Throughout his life, Joe was an avid outdoorsman, truly lived the Jesuit mission of Seeking God in All Things and was a Man for Others. He loved hunting, fishing, and camping with his family across the country. Joe enjoyed spending time with family, friends and countless hunting dogs at his cabin in Adams County, Ohio. His love of history included military history. He drove his 1943 Ford GPW military jeep in parades each year and displayed it at the Cincinnati Museum. Of all his accomplishments, Joe was most proud of his family. He celebrated his Irish, Slovak, and Appalachian heritage, and brought many together to share in the joy that it is to be a friend of a Brandabur. Joe is survived by his wife, Margaret; his four children, Michael (Helen), Kathleen (Robert), Joseph (Tiffany), Timothy (Shawna); and adored his eleven grandchildren, Patrick Macke and Sarah Freeman (nee Macke), Meghan, Sean, Jack, Tate, Ainsley, Darcy, Cole, Caden and Scarlet Brandabur. "I will see you on the other side of life" God Bless, Joe. An Irish Wake in his honor will be held later in the year by invitation. The family requests donations kindly be made in Joe's name to: St. Peter in Chains Church, Hamilton Ohio- stpeterinchains.weshareonline.org , Badin High School, Hamilton, Ohio- <https://badinhs.org/memorialdonation.html> , St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio- ignatius.edu/give Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Dr. Joe Brandabur was a wonderful man. May he rest in peace!*

Dick Klus, St. Xavier High School

Dick Klus - February 25, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JA

“ *Dr. B was not only a friend but a man of all people. I had the pleasurer of working with him at Mercy Hamilton and Mercy Fairfield as I was the Director of Risk Management and no matter what problem I may have had regarding the Lab Dr. B was there to guide me with right answers. He was a great great friend, a great leader of his lab people but a true man of God. To you his family you can be very proud of him in many ways. He will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. God Bless.*

Jan Apro

Jan Apro & Nola M Apro - February 23, 2021 at 10:10 AM

CS

“ *I was saddened to learn of the loss of Joe. We were classmates in medical school. He was an outstanding person and physician and I always enjoyed seeing him over the years. The last time we spoke as at Dr. John Darpels funeral Mass. I extend my prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family God Bless, Charles Stephens M.D.*

charles stephens - February 21, 2021 at 04:31 PM

GK

“ *Marge and family,
This is Georgann Linsenmeyer Kirtley. I was so sorry to hear of
Joe's passing.*

You all were such good friends to Jimmy Joe and Barbara.

We will remember Joe and your family in our daily prayers.

Jim (my husband) and I now live in Cincinnati.

*Sincerely and with love,
Georgann*

Georgann Kirtley - February 21, 2021 at 03:24 PM

VS

“ *To Margaret & Family, this picture looks the
same as I remember Dr Brandabur! I met him
in 1965 as a student nurse at St Mary's &
remember his Father seeing us students
occasionally.*

*We moved to Hamilton in 1969 & I remember seeing his name on
lab reports, so I had to go to the lab & look him up at Mercy. It was
like old home week! I then worked at Mercy Fairfield for many years.
I am so sorry to see his passing, he was a wonderful man as well as
a doctor. Our deepest condolences to you & your entire family.*

Vickie (Chapman) & Ross Sanford



Vickie Sanford - February 21, 2021 at 02:25 PM

MF

“ Joe Brandabur was a kind and beautiful soul. I am personally grateful for his unwavering support throughout my years in public service. He was the perfect gentleman in all that he did. He loved Hamilton and was always active in projects to make Hamilton a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Joe's passing is a tremendous loss for our community. I was blessed to have him as a friend. I pray God will give Margaret and his children peace and strength in this time of loss.

Michael Fox - February 19, 2021 at 08:52 PM

DM

“ Margaret, we are very sorry for your loss of Joe. We always enjoyed being with you and Joe and your family.
Much love, Mary Beth and Bill Moran

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Moran - February 19, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JT

“ I worked for Dr. Brandabur at Mercy Hospital in the 1980's, and have been Facebook friends for several years. Best boss I ever had, and a friend. My sincere condolences to Margaret and their family.

Judith Thompson - February 19, 2021 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ I so enjoyed working in the Clinical Lab at Mercy Fairfield! Dr. Brandabur hired me and I always enjoyed his sense of humor as well as his kindness to all of the lab employees. May he rest in peace!

Linda K. Bruegging - February 19, 2021 at 09:01 AM

TC

“ Tom Crehan purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Joseph Brandabur MD.



Tom Crehan - February 19, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joseph Brandabur MD.



February 19, 2021 at 03:50 AM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Joseph Brandabur MD.



February 18, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Joseph Brandabur MD.



February 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM