



Joseph William Purcell

June 3, 1937 - December 10, 2019

Joseph William Purcell, sadly passed on December 10, 2019. Surrounded by his loving family. Devoted wife Elaine. Cherished father of Michael (Barbara), Kevin (Donna), Teresa Hubert (Chris), Christine (Suzanne McAndrew) Purcell, and Matthew (Damea). Loving grandfather of Bryan, Noreen, Andrew, Aidan, Cora, Declan, Maeve, Beibhinn.

Previous Events

Saturday Visitation

DEC **14**. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Followee Joe. at a two=year distance, through 16 years of school. Dated his sister, Marilyn. Joe was a good athlete and an all-around good guy.

George Cassidy - November 02, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Joseph William Purcell*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *It was my first year at BHS, after teaching in NYC , James Monroe HS in the Bronx. I had left my comfort zone at my alma mater, and moved to the empty spaces of Brentwood with my new husband. Joe was my next door colleague ,and our friendship took hold . Everyone who knew Joe knows what I mean. We always talked and chatted about everything: the day's news, politics, world and local, our classes and lessons. Thank you for being there, for being a great person and good friend. My deepest sympathy to The entire Purcell family. Cherish your beautiful memories, as I will.*

Elmon Kazandjian - April 26, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JS

“ These thoughts are of Joseph William Purcell and the impact he had. Apologies to children's book author Nancy Tillman for paraphrasing her words and using them to share our memory of his friendship.. John M Sherin

*You were here for a reason, you certainly were
The world is changed without you, friend,
if not for your hands and your eyes and your feet,
this place, like a puzzle seems incomplete
Even the smallest of things that you'd do
blossomed and multiplied far beyond you.
Your kindness, for instance would triple for days
or set things in motion in different ways
to travel much further than you'd ever know,
under the treetops and over the snow
till they wandered and fluttered and floated and twirled
making good things happen all over the world.*

*You were here for a reason, it's totally true.
You were part of a world that was counting on you.
So don't be too worried that some days fell flat
Great things happened even from that.
Your life was tricky, there isn't a doubt
you skinned your knees trying to figure it out.
Things worked together, the good and the bad,
the silly and awful, the happy and sad,
to paint a big picture we couldn't always see
a picture that included YOU, most definitely.
We'll remember, the next time a day goes all wrong
to somebody else, you always were strong
and the ball that we'd lose or the kite we let go
might make someone's day – we just never know!*

*You were here for a reason and if we think not
I can hear you suggest, perhaps we forgot –
that a piece of our world that was so precious and dear*

*is suddenly missing – ‘cause you’re no longer here
and if not for your smile and your laugh and your heart
the place we call home is missing a part.*

*Thank goodness you were here! Thank goodness times two.
You made a big difference for all of us too.*

John M. Sherin - December 16, 2019 at 08:20 PM

MM

“ *The Purcells are a special family, and Joe was always the heart of it. He loved his family, he loved learning, he loved teaching, he loved talking, and he loved life. His sense of humor always delighted us, his broad knowledge always enlightened us, and his sense of adventure was a delight to share. We shared books, we shared adventures (especially China--but also parks and walks and talks that Joe made adventurous) and we loved him. He will be deeply missed. You all have our sympathy and love. Matt and Marjorie*

marjorie miller - December 13, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Joseph William Purcell.*



December 13, 2019 at 08:56 PM

JT

“ Joe and I go back almost fifty years and I treasure the time we had together. It was easy to get into a conversation with Joe. He was thoughtful, caring, funny, gregarious, and wonderfully verbose. He had a great mind, a searcher of knowledge and would share wonderful insights with me. We shared a lot - a large family, former ball players, politics, books, struggles with the Church, many meals, and enjoyed one another's company. He was a Queens guy, I was a Brooklyn guy. We wound up living close by to one another in Huntington Sta.

When I told him we were moving to Fla he was taken aback. More than surprised, he said, "You know when you have a friend, you think he's always there and the moments go by, but you know he's there. I never imagined you'd to move, and certainly not to Fla. " I was saddened to hear of his death. I will miss my good friend. I celebrate his life. We'll catch up soon down the next path.
With deep affection, Joe Tomaselli



Joe Tomaselli - December 13, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph William Purcell.



December 12, 2019 at 08:05 PM



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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph William Purcell.



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