



Joseph Linver

January 14, 1918 - March 8, 2013

Age 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 8, 2013. Joe was born in Detroit, MI in 1918 to parents Harry and Ida Linver. He grew up in Toledo, Ohio, where he was graduated from the University of Toledo in 1939. At TU, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, played intramural sports, and was a sports editor of the newspaper. He then served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade, serving first in public relations as speechwriter for the Navy admirals in Chicago, and then with the Pacific fleet off Okinawa, Japan. In 1942, he met Betty Levine in Kansas City, and married her in 1943. After the war ended, he and Betty moved back to Toledo, where Joe joined his father at the Linver-Kripke Division of Wabash Scrap Materials Company, remaining as president until 1970. During his tenure there, he developed an innovative container system for separating and safely transporting surplus materials. Joe then launched a second career in developing commercial real estate properties, concentrating on small shopping centers and restaurants. In 1986, Joe and Betty moved to Albuquerque, where he continued his involvement in real estate development. While in Toledo, he was involved in various community activities, including expansion of the Jewish Community Center. He was then and continued to be a strong advocate for the University of Toledo Alumni Association, even after his move to Albuquerque. All his life, he was an enthusiastic naturalist, a voracious reader, and a passionate patron of the arts. He loved jazz and classical music and Yiddish and Broadway Theater, as well as all the great

artists of the 20th century. He himself developed considerable skill as an artist in his later years. He was an avid sports fan and inveterate golfer and fly fisherman, especially enjoying the quality waters of the San Juan River. As much as Joe embraced life, he loved his family even more. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Betty; son, Dr. Michael Linver and his wife Mina Jo of Albuquerque, son, Preston Linver and his wife Debbi of Seminole Florida, daughter, Janet Anderson and her husband Sven of Detroit, and daughter, Rochelle Davidson of Kansas City; as well as nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to Congregation B'nai Israel, 4401 Indian School Rd. N.E. Albuquerque, NM, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Rd N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87104, and/or the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, 2000 Mountain Rd. N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87104. Graveside services will be Monday, March 11, 2013, 12:00 p.m. in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Hello Linvers,I want to express my condolences on the recent passing of your husband and father. I want to send a special hello to Shelly. I remember meeting your dad when stopping by to pick you up for a date in Toledo. I remember him being particularly friendly and interested during our brief visit on your doorstep.Shelly - I hope that you are well. I remember fondly our friendship at Miami.Best Regards. John Hills.

John Hills - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Dear All ~We send our deepest sympathies to all of you for your loss. We remember Joe so fondly and warmly. He truly was a gentle and wonderful man. Shelley and Betty we are especially sending love to you both.Please find comfort that we are keeping you close in our hearts.with love,janet & louie zwillenberg

janet & louie zwillenberg - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May your wonderful memories help you at this difficult time.Diane and Jerry

Diane and Jerry Philliips - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Betty and family,I am saddened to learn of Joe's passing. Your love and life together was beautifully full and sweet and I hope that sustains you in the days to come. Joe was a loving husband and father and I know he will be missed and certainly will be remembered my all who knew himWith sympathy, Jane

jane rayman - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *The Linvers have been among our dearest freinds since we moved in next door to them in Toledo in 1975. Joe and our daughter Jeannie, who now lives in West Virginia were special friends. We are not sure whether Jeannie will have heard about Joe's passing since she does not get the Toledo newspaper, but we will inform her. Joe was very special to all of us as a neighbor, friend, and guide through his many interests such as Southwestern art, Toledo history and the Jewish faith. The world has lost one of its brightest jewels in Joe Linver. Our love and deep condolences to Betty and all the rest of the family. Marge and Tom*

The Kirkhopes - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Joe Linver holds a special place in the Wise children's hearts. He was responsible for our first plane ride, took us to an actual bat cave, stood in awe with us on the white sands, and introduced us to all of the wonders of Albuquerque and New Mexico. His enthusiasm and zest for life were contagious, and we are the better for having known him. We will never forget that magical trip.*

Kathy Wise - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Betty and Family what a wonderful man. Loved his stories about the Steam Shovel that helped to dig the Panama Canal, which was then sent to southern Ohio to be used in strip mining and was finally scraped by Joe in Toledo and he kept the bronze plaque in his office. Yes ditto to all that Kathy said about our Trip to New Mexico. He even called the base at White Sands to see if we could get close to the still secrete stealth fighter. The let us get within a half mile of it and Joe was so disappointed that we couldn't get closer. As we left down the lonesome road, we were lifted out our seats as one of the Stealth bombers flew right over the top of us. Betty and Family we cannot say enough about Joe and your family. Hold your memories close and realize how many of us also have wonderful memories of Joe....Dave Wise Toledo Ohio

Dave Wise - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Betty I forgot about Joe's insisting that we stop for a green chili hamberger at Stallion Gate on the north end of White Sands, where teller et al used to eat while they worked on the bomb. So many stories and I know your children and grandchildren will have many to share...Dave

Dave Wise - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Mike and Mina Jo, Our heartfelt condolences go out to you on the loss of your very special father. Sandy and Ron

Sandy and Ron Ginsburg - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Suzanne Engman - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM