



# Joseph W. Robbins

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**J**oseph Witter Robbins, 75, of Frederick, MD, passed away unexpectedly at his home on January 16, 2023.

He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on Aug 26, 1947. He was the son of the late Terry Edwin Robbins and Mary Elizabeth Engle Robbins of Westminster, MD. He was married to his beloved wife Janice McCleaf Robbins for 45 years, who passed away on Jan 1, 2020. He is survived by his daughter Karren Robbins and stepdaughter Jamie Fritz of Frederick. He has three grandsons, Rick Young Jr, Brandon Fritz, and Shawn Wetzel and five step great grandchildren, Remy Young, Bentley Wetzel, Wyatt Fritz, Blake Wetzel and Everly Wetzel. Joe is also survived by his three brothers: Twin brother, John Michael Robbins and wife Georgia of Westminster, Md, David G. Robbins and wife Shelva of Westminster, MD. and Robert E. Robbins and wife Debra of Smyrna, Delaware.

Joe grew up in Westminster, MD, along with 3 brothers, and attended local schools. After high school, he went for training in upholstery and worked at Goodwill Industries for about 10 years, where he met and married Janice. He later worked in the plumbing trade and ended his work career in 2014 as a civilian contractor in the recycling unit at Ft. Detrick, MD.

Joe comes from a family of Scouters. Both of his parents and three brothers were involved in Boy Scouting program. He loved exploring and cherished his time in the outdoors for 67 years as a member and leader of the Boy Scouts of America. He started his scouting career as a Cub Scout in Pack 762 in Westminster, Md, earning his Arrow of Light, participated in every camping/hiking experience to earn the rank of Life in Troop 321, Westminster, and continued his adult scouting career in Carroll District, and with Troop 799 and Francis Scott Key District in Frederick Md. Although he never earned the rank of Eagle, due to a physical disability that hindered his ability



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to earn the Lifesaving merit badge, he assisted in over 50 different Eagle Projects. As an Assistant Scoutmaster, he was the trainer in outdoors skills, especially Wood tools (knife and ax training) for the youth and adult leaders for Francis Scott Key District. He was a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, earned his Wood Badge beads as a member of the Beaver Patrol, and completed National Outdoor training certification in Pioneering. His most cherished accomplishments were climbing all 46 peaks in the Adirondack Mountains (upper NY state) and hiking on a trek in 2000 at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Besides being able to out hike any youth or adult that accompanied him on his many hikes, he was an accomplished canoeist on many lakes/rivers in the U.S. and Canada and biked on many trails in Maryland. He participated 37 times as a Wood tools trainer and cook crew in FSK District training of adult leaders, volunteered 47 times as a Goshen Bear for the Marriott Scout Camp In VA, was on the cook staff many times at Camp Airy, Thurmont, MD. and many other scouting events.

In the last few years, he enjoyed attending live musical concerts at the different Frederick theatres. He enjoyed all types of music, especially Celtic music with bagpipes. In the summer of 2022, he started attending the Frederick Drum Circle every Tuesday. He learned to use a mallet, which he actually made himself, to bring out the drumbeats on a hand drum.

Joe was a quiet man with a generous heart. He was like a dad or favorite uncle to so many youths and adults who had the privilege to spend time with him in and out of scouting.

His is love of the Creator was through nature. He would always say that he communed with God and being in nature was his Church. The family requests that you take a walk in the woods every chance you get and know that Joe will be right there with you.

Joe will be dearly missed by his Scouting family, especially his scouting sister, Debra Ousse.

A Celebration of Life will be determined at a later date. Please leave a message or memory on his tribute wall at Resthaven.us

Donations to be used to support a Joe Robbins Campership Fund that will be available to FSK Scouts BSA members and administered by Venture Crew 758 BSA –

Checks payable: Venture Crew 758 BSA

Mail to: Venture Crew 758 BSA

c/o Diane Henson

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Frederick, MD 21701

Please designate Joe Robbins Donation on the memo line



## Events


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### Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, April 14, 2023

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Resthaven Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.**  
9501-B Catoclin Mountain Highway, Frederick  
MD 21701





## Tribute Wall

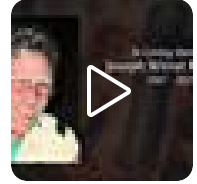
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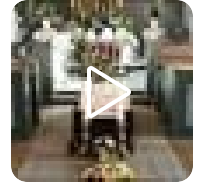
**Resthaven Memorial Gardens** shared a **Video**.

April 14 at 9:21 AM



**Resthaven Memorial Gardens** shared a **Webcast Video**.

April 14 at 11:08 AM



**Lisa Miller** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Joe was like a granddad to me, he was always willing to answer any questions I had. He always made me laugh with a joke and was willing to help in any way. I'm honored to know him.

February 3 at 12:45 PM



**Kathy Zarrella** posted:

I worked in the kitchen with Joe at Camp Airy. He always had a smile on his face, worked hard and never complained. His cheerful demeanor was also a bright spot at all the Goshen Bear work-ends that I attended and at many scouting events. He was a beautiful soul!Kathy Zarrella

January 22 at 6:49 PM



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**Debra** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Brother Joe was such a sweetheart, our hearts are broken. Bob has many fond memories of time spent with his big Brother Joe. Karren, we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone everyday. We love you all. Bob and Deb



January 19 at 6:17 PM

MR

**Melissa Robbins** April 15 at 3:51 PM

Joe was a loving and protective brother to me while I was a member of the family, and he continued to show care and affection towards me to the end. His kindness and happy nature knew no bounds. I'm sure Joe did not see himself as having any great abilities, but he was so wrong. The many testimonials at his memorial are evidence of Joe's positive influence. He will truly be missed!Melissa

LS

**Linda Lee Sundergill** January 23 at 7:17 AM

Joe will surely be missed. He was a very dedicated Scouter and touched many lives in a very positive way during his career. Joe was not only very involved in training Scouts but adult leaders as well. One special memory of Joe that we have took place at an adult leader training weekend. All the instructors were sitting around a campfire at the end of the day. We were attempting to sing every song in the Wood Badge booklet. We began to hear music behind us and when we looked around, there was Joe playing his harmonica. He had no music to read. He was playing by ear and played along with every song. He was a humble man of many talents. He had a kind and generous heart. We are glad he was part of our lives. Jim and Linda Sundergill

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**Zeke Zarrella** January 22 at 6:42 PM

Joe was the most dedicated Scouter there was and the best trail mate for anyone. God Bless you Joe.



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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