



Joseph Black

December 30, 1919 - January 9, 2014

Surfside Beach

Joseph P. Black

Joe Black was born in Boyne City, Michigan, to Robert William and Julia Cough Black. The family moved to Flint, Michigan in the 1920's and upon graduation from high school, Joe worked at Chevrolet for 15 years, during which he also served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea, Philippines and Okinawa during WW II. Joe married Lois Jane Hamilton in 1947 and upon graduation from the University of Michigan, was hired by IBM in 1952, where he would become one of the company's top salesmen and sold some of IBM's first computers.

In 1960, Joe fulfilled his lifelong dream of living in Europe when he transferred to the IBM division that supplied computers to the U.S. Military. Over the next 15 years, the family lived in Washington DC, France, Germany and Belgium, where Joe traveled throughout Europe and North Africa for IBM.

Upon retirement in 1975, Joe and Lois returned to Europe, where they lived in France and Corsica as Christian missionaries. One of their primary activities was Bible expositions in public libraries and town halls. Joe and Lois returned to the U.S. in 1990, living for a time in Rhode Island before moving to Surfside

Beach, South Carolina. He was involved with Bethany Bible Chapel, Conway, South Carolina and did further Bible exposition ministry, finally giving his large collection of Bibles and other books to Emmaus Bible College and others.

Joe leaves his wife Lois, four children, JoElla (Frank) Manella, Gloria (Alan) MacKenzie, Robert Black and Stephen (Joyce) Black, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mary Carlton and Maxine Hackley and a host of relatives and friends around the world. His beloved brother and best friend, Robert Black preceded him in death in 2012.

Should you desire, a memorial gift may be made to Bethany Bible Chapel, 1668 Four Mile Rd, Conway, SC 29526, tel. 843-369-7729. Please designate in memory of Joseph P. Black.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM.

Ocean Wood Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of the entire Joe Black family and the years they were involved at the Gospel Chapel in Flint, Michigan. When the family moved to Europe I was so excited for them, especially JoElla as she is my age. It sounded like a dream life to me as a young girl.

Joe was a wonderful, multi talented man who served The Lord and loved his family. I know he will be missed.

A special "Hi" to JoElla!

Linda Bills Twardowski

Linda Twardowski - January 14, 2014 at 08:50 PM

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“ Gloria and Alan, we are so grateful for your Dad's life of ministry. What a privilege you have had to live close to your parents in these last years. Our prayers are with your family as you celebrate his life. May God's peace that passes all understanding rest upon you and all your family. Lovingly, Pastor Phil and Jonna



Jonna Axelson - January 14, 2014 at 07:53 PM

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“ RIP Soldier !!!!!



Wayne Williams - USMC - January 13, 2014 at 07:30 PM

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“ Mrs. Black,

Again I am experiencing sorrow and joy at the same time. Truly we will miss Mr. Black here on earth, but as the apostle Paul, "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain." Just think...Mr. Black could be talking with Paul right now! But even more wonderful is the realization that he is probably talking with his Savior as he looks upon and touches the nail scarred hands. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Tony and Patti Martin - January 11, 2014 at 04:30 AM