



Josephine Spitz

January 12, 1947 - March 14, 2011

Josephine Wine Spitz

Josie Spitz, 64, loving wife and mother, died Monday, March 14, 2011 at her residence after a valiant 4 year battle with ovarian cancer.

Josie is survived by her husband of 43 years Ray Spitz of Surfside Beach, SC; her son Bill of Raleigh, NC; and her daughter Susan of Richmond, VA. She has one brother, Ed Wine, who resides in Greencastle, PA with his family. She was the daughter of the late John and Tillie Wine.

She was born in Waynesboro, PA and was raised in nearby Greencastle, PA. A 1964 graduate of Greencastle-Antrim High School, she then received a B.S. in Health and Phys Ed from Slippery Rock University. With this education, she was both a school teacher and a private aerobics instructor.

Always active in the communities she lived in, Josie was involved with many social, charitable, and church activities. She was an avid reader, gardener, and gourmet cook. She loved the beach and enjoyed tennis and swimming her entire life.

Josie was an incredibly loving person to both her family and friends and will be sorely missed by all.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, SC at 2.00 PM, on Saturday March 26, 2011 followed by a reception with family and friends. Another service will be held on a later date in Greencastle, PA where Josie will be interred. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Dear Ray and family,*

I was so sorry to hear of Josie's passing. Please know that you and your children are in my thoughts and prayers. Josie was always a nice person and I know she will be solely missed by many.

*Peggy Sites Myers
The Villages, FL*

Peggy Sites Myers - March 31, 2011 at 06:19 PM

BI

“ *March 24, 2011*

We are extremely saddened by Josie's loss. Our most sincere sympathy to Ray and family.

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*Mel & Maria Renkey,
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

bill - March 25, 2011 at 09:23 AM

BI

“ Dear Ray and family,

We, at AVX Filters, are so very sorry for the loss of Josie. The tributes written are such a lovely testament to what an incredible woman she must have been. We hope the memory of her love for you will fill you each day, and help you find peace.

Sending our deepest Sympathy,

The AVX Filters Team

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*Linda Shoemake,
Burbank, California*

bill - March 25, 2011 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ Dear Ray, Bill and Susan,
It is so difficult to come up with the right words to try to help heal this huge void that has been left in your lives and the lives of so many others. Duane and I met Josie and Ray in 1977 in Bradford, PA . What fun times we had there watching our children blossom!! Josie's devotion to her family is unmatched. How wonderful to hear Susan the other night tell me that her Mother made sure they all learned how to cook--even Ray! I am sure she is orchestrating a grand dinner with lots of detail in her new place with God. Even in death she is leaving her mark as we have made contact with people we have been out of touch with for a quarter of a century! I have lost one of my oldest friends and I am so sad. Life will always be a bit different from here on in but so much the better for having known Josie.

With much love,

*Jane and Duane Maslowski
Lansdale, PA*

Jane Maslowski - March 23, 2011 at 01:24 PM

BI

“ 6) March 17, 2011

Dear Ray, Susan, and Bill, I feel so so sad about Josie's passing. Sometimes I think that life is so queer. I think that it is a sad time here on earth, but a happy time in heaven.

Ray, thank you for the letter thru e-mail. Even in your time of such grief, you were able to encourage us with your trust in God.

I believe that there is alot of life to celebrate about Josie.

Much love to you each, Diane Martin

7) March 17, 2011

Ray,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept my sympathy for your loss.

Mrs. Bill Burns

March 17, 2011

Dear Ray, Susan, and Bill, We are so sorry to hear about Josie. We have fond memories of her and all of you from your time in Bradford. Please accept our sympathy. She will be in our daily thoughts and prayers. Our love to all of you. Sincerely, Lou and Angela

*Lou and Angela Monti,
Bradford, Pennsylvania*

8) March 17, 2011

I played tennis with Josie before she became too ill to play. What a wonderful and funny person with such a loving spirit. I will miss her smiling face and terrific sense of humor.

Ann Hyde

*Ann Hyde,
Surfside Beach, South Carolina*

bill - March 22, 2011 at 08:39 PM

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March 18, 2011

I have such fond memories of growing up with Josie. I smile everytime I think of our friendship through grade school, high school, Girl Scouts, Cheerleading, parties in her basement and visiting the first bomb shelter in Greencastle. She always made you smile....She surely will be missed. May you find peace in your memories...what a great Guardian Angel you have....

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*Leroy & Donna Shuman Myers,
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania*

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March 18, 2011

Ray and family. Sorry for your loss. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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*Pat and Nikki Mattingly,
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

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March 17, 2011

During the past four years, Josie and Mimi often spoke about what Josie was experiencing. She always expressed a positive attitude about her illness and demonstrated genuine concern for others. She was a classy lady, had a radiant smile and was a good friend. We will miss her.

Mimi and John Hileman (Myrtle Beach, SC)

March 17, 2011

Dearest Spitz family. This is a beautiful tribute to the lovely and godly woman that your mother was! She exemplified the love of Christ, even in just meeting her for a few hours!! I'll always remember the "gourmet cook" part....those YUMMY philo pastry puffs filled with pears and chocolate served with ice cream!!!! Unforgettable! Just like your mom! We rejoice in the knowledge that

she dances with our Lord in full health and glowing with new life, but our hearts are heavy as we temporarily miss her presence!!! God bless all!! Prayers for comfort, peace and joy amidst the sorrow! We love you!

Love John and Alissa

*John and Alissa Havens,
clearwater, Florida*

bill - March 22, 2011 at 08:37 PM

BI

“*Dear Ray and Family, Our hearts go out to you at this very difficult time. Remembering our transfer to Charleroi in the 70's and the gracious way you and Josie welcomed us will never be forgotten. With deepest sympathies, Jean & Bill" Jean & Bill Boyer (Dayton, OH)*

bill - March 22, 2011 at 08:35 PM

KJ

“*Josie had the biggest heart and loved life to the fullest. When Ray and Josie danced it was like watching two souls in sync with one another. Her life illuminated others and I am thankful she illuminated mine. Love, Life and Dance! Kate Jensen*

Kate Jensen - March 22, 2011 at 08:59 AM

JP

“*Josie and I attended the Girl Scout Senior Roundup in Button Bay, Vermont in 1962. She was a great friend and in many ways a lifesaver to the shy, homesick girl that I was. We were never in touch after she moved from Greencastle, but I remembered her fondly many times over the years. May God continue to bless you as He already has by allowing you to know and love Josie.*

Jamie Rock Pearson - March 20, 2011 at 09:02 PM



*Hi Jamie, Life is full of surprises!! Josie is a friend we have in common. She and I were roommates in college. We met on the train going there and have been friends ever since. What a wonderful tribute that you wrote about her. Her memorial service was Sat. in Myrtle Beach. There will be another April 30 in Greenc at Presby church. I will not be able to go to that one.
Fondly, Diane(Abbott)Martin*

Diane Martin - March 28, 2011 at 11:00 AM

CM

“*Josie and I met one afternoon in 1984 when, as new neighbors in Raleigh....I knocked on her door to introduce myself. Josie met me at the door with a look of exasperation...she was trying to unpack and get her kitchen together and it was quite frankly in a mess :) So we decided that a glass of wine was in order and we tackled it together...and became fast friends! We laughed about that moment many times over many, many years. I have wonderful memories to carry with me of our family's friendship but I will always be able to hear Josie's laughter in my head...more than a giggle, not quite a belly laugh but always easy and ready. I never ever heard Josie utter a negative word about anyone! I love you Josie....Chris Muth*



Christina Muth - March 20, 2011 at 11:04 AM

JB

“*Josie was so full of life. She was a friend that would make you feel like we had just been talking even though we had not seen each other in years. She was the perfect wife, mother, and friend. We will miss you but know that we will meet again.*

Janine Bell - March 20, 2011 at 08:46 AM