

What wonderful times were had. Joe had a very dry sense of humor. One time when he was dancing he was going in the wrong direction and his partner was correcting him. His answer was, “that’s OK, I’m not used to going in two different directions at one time”.

Thank you for all your love, respect and caring, Joe, you met the Mission of the Order –Charity, Unity and Fraternity and Patriotism.

Liturgical Participants

Celebrant: Rev Fr. Avelino Gonzalez

Assisting Celebrant : Deacon Alton Davis Jr (ret.)

Organist: Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess

Cantors: Mrs. Regina Loffredo, Mr. Christopher Loffredo

Pall Bearers: Members of the Mother Seton Council #5381, Knights of Columbus

Color Corp: Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #1548

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery

6020 Ritchie Road, Brooklyn Park, Maryland

Repast

Immediately following the interment all are invited to join the family in paying tribute in Friendship Hall (adjacent to the Church on the lower level)

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of Joseph Corson wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers and many expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed.

Special thanks to Heartland Hospice, the many medical professionals and caregivers.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations in support of scholarships at the parish school, The Academy of Saint Matthias.

9475 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

Write checks to Saint Matthias Church and reference the scholarship in the memo.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Beall Funeral Home

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In Loving Memory
of
**JOSEPH ROBERT
CORSON**

July 25, 1939 – May 15, 2025



Funeral Mass
Friday, May 23, 2025
11:00 AM

SAINT MATTHIAS APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
9475 Annapolis Road
Lanham, Maryland 20706
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL - ORDER OF MASS

PART I: INTRODUCTORY RITES

Placing of Pall/Christian Symbols

Processional Hymn: Here I Am Lord (#777)

Opening Prayer: R: Amen

PART II: LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 9:31-42 Don Aitcheson

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Response: I will take the cup of Life, I will call God's name all my days.

Second Reading Romans 6:3-9 Martin Kwapinski

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel John 6:60-69

The Gospel of the Lord R: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Homily

General Intercessions

Deacon Davis

Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

PART III: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn On Eagle's Wings (#691)

Presentation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn Let there be Peace on Earth (#829)

My Song of Today

Prayer Following Communion

PART IV: FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Knights Tribute Ike Udejiofor (Grand Knight)

Song of Farewell

Recessional Hymn We are the Light of the World

OBITUARY

Joseph Robert Corson was born in Takoma Park, MD; his parents were Ernest Haines Corson, Jr. and Elinor Alice Goodacre. He had three younger brothers: all are also deceased. Joe is survived by his wife Stephanie and his two sons, Robert Joseph, Stephen Ernest, and grandson, Michael Steven Corson, and many nephews and nieces.

At the tender age of 7, Joe's Mother died, and he and the two older brothers were placed in the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, PA.

The Hershey school was all boys at the time. The boys receive an education but also had to work on the farms that were near the homes where the boys lived with two house parents. One set were the farmers and operated the barns with the dairy cows and the others-maintained order in the homes.

Joe was small and didn't like the barn work and realized that he could join the band and get away from the cows. So, he learned to play the trumpet and the flute for the school's Spartans Marching Band. He also was involved with many school projects for their Science Fairs. The Spartans commit to Integrity and Perseverance, getting up when you get knocked down. Those are life values, not just Milton Hershey School sacred values.

During the summer after high school graduation and before starting his studies at Johns Hopkins, Joe pushed a broom at a New Jersey Bell office. He also had a job in the Ocean City, NJ area delivering telegrams by bicycle. After Joe left Hopkins, he worked for C&P of Maryland where he met his wife, Stephanie. They were introduced to each other by friends at work and dated on weekends for over two years before they were married. Joe worked 38 years as a System Analyst for what became known as Verizon.

Joe was involved with the CYO program when his sons were younger. He wanted them to be well rounded and enjoy life. Both boys enjoy reading. Joe always had several mystery books from the PG Library on a table in our home.

Joe had a unique method of teaching his sons some of life's lessons, he wanted them to grow up to be honorable men. When one of them wanted an allowance, he was told to earn it. Thus, Lanham got a teenage boy with a lawn mower and money was earned. Joe and Stephanie became members of St. Matthias parish after a job reassignment. Joe joined the Knights of Columbus where he was very active member for 42 years. After he retired, he and Stephanie began new adventures. They volunteered at Baltimore Centre Stage and started Square Dance classes. Square Dancing enriched their lives. Many new and dear friendships were formed. Joe & Stephanie became angels for the new students and were involved in many leadership roles with the Belair Square Cats and the WASCA organization.