



Joseph R. Links

July 15, 1945 - July 23, 2013

Joseph R. Links II, 68, passed away July 23, 2013 at the Ebeid Hospice Residence at Flower Hospital. He was born in Toledo on July 15, 1945 to Joseph and Leatrice Links and was a lifelong citizen of Toledo. Joe attended and played football at Waite High School, graduating in 1963 before moving on to Baldwin-Wallace College. In 1965 he married Barbara Koch and together they had two children, Gretchen and Greg. Joe's decorated career began as a teacher at the University of Toledo where he mentored hundreds of students who were moving toward their careers in technology. Joe eventually left teaching to start Software Alternatives, Inc. which at its peak had over 400 employees in cities across the U.S. He also served as CEO for a national IT recruiting and staffing firm, and CEO for a consulting company focused on assisting IT organizations build their marketing and sales processes. He was a genuine leader who developed many sincere and lasting friendships along the way. A uniquely kind and patient person, Joe was also very funny and had a tremendous sense of humor. Passionate about his family, golf and the Buckeyes, Joe will be missed greatly by all those he touched in life, but most especially his family. Joe is survived by his wife Barbara (Koch), daughter Gretchen (David), son Greg (Kelly) and his 5 grandchildren who he loved dearly: Emily, Anna, Devon, Landon and Keira. Friends are invited to visit on Sunday July 28, 2013 from 2:00-8:00PM in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11:00AM at Reformation Lutheran Church. Interment will

be private. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Reformation Lutheran Church or Ebeid Hospice Residence. To send Joe's family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Barb, Greg, Gretchen, and families , What a special tribute to Joe. I remember him (and you) vividly. He was destined to be successful way back in high school. Bernie liked Joe so much. I know your hearts are aching for the loss of your loved one. No one can ever replace that special person! May the love of family and friends be a comfort and may GLove and a hug, Dianeod stay near you. Joe will be watching over all of you!

Diane Frick - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I will miss talking to Joe at his appointments. He always had a great story. So sorry for your loss. Darlene at Dr Kallile's office

Darlene Valare - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I'm am so sorry for your loss!! Your family is in my prayers!!

Christie Raczkowski - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We live on Valentin Lane year round. Although we did not know Joseph personally, Nancy knew Barb and our Grandson knew Olivia. We read his obituary and what a man he was! We feel now like we did know him. We remember seeing out in his boat giving the grandchildren fast, furious rides on tubes. These are some of the wonderful memories for your family. Know at this difficult time that others share your loss.

Jack and Nancy Harbaugh - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM