

Hobart, Joseph C.

Joseph Chester Hobart, 81, of the Lutheran Community at Telford, died Wednesday, January 4, 2017. He was the husband of Karen (Grater) Hobart. Born September 8, 1935 in Hilltown on his family farm, he was the son of the late Chester and Josephine (Wietecha) Hobart.

Joe was employed at Brooks Instruments, Hatfield, for over 35 years, retiring in the 1990s. A 1954 graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School, he played fullback on the football team and was instrumental in changing the team's name to the "Crusaders" from the "Little Flowers." He then went on to play semi-professional football for a team in Lansdale. He also enjoyed playing baseball and tennis. Joe proudly served in the National Guard for many years.

He had many hobbies, including computer games, trains, golfing, photography, and playing the trumpet in a polka band with his father. He loved John Wayne and western movies. Joe also had a love for Christmas, including decorating and listening to Christmas music with his daughter Debbie. He was known for his love of technology, always using his tablets and computer. Joe enjoyed dancing to country music with everyone, and he loved sending e-cards for every occasion. Joe was an active church member, serving as an Adventist deacon for some time. Joe will be missed most for his cheerful smile, stories, jokes and humming, bright sparkling blue eyes, his hugs, as well as his constant laughter and love for all.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Deborah R. Givens and husband Jeffrey of Telford; step-daughter, Robin L. Walter and husband James of Lansdale; five grandchildren, Nina Givens, Ashley Walter, Jacob Walter, April Kuczkowski, and Shane Shanley; and his sister, Louise Viveros and husband Daniel of Lexington, SC. He was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Oreo.

Relatives and friends may call after 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Chapel at the Lutheran Community at Telford, 12 Lutheran Home Drive, Telford, followed by the Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be private in Whitemarsh Memorial Park. Arrangements are by the Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, Lansdale. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Mr. Hobart's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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