



Col. E. Joseph Pexa Jr.

April 16, 2015

Pexa, Colonel E. Joseph Jr. age 70 of Chanhassen, formerly of Simsbury, CT and Faribault, MN, passed away on April 16, 2015. He is preceded in death by father, Ellard. He is survived by spouse, Nancy; children, Susan (Andy) Grage, Mike (Kate) and Dan; grandson Jack Grage; mother, Dorothy; and cousins, Gary and Ron Smisek. He graduated from Bethlehem Academy in 1962, from St. Thomas in 1966 and from Marquette Law in 1969. Mr. Pexa retired as a Colonel after 34 years of service in the U.S.M.C, U.S Army and U.S Air Force. He practiced law in private practice in Milwaukee and later with Sentry, Hartford, and Chubb insurance companies. He taught as an adjunct professor at Connecticut Law School. Memorials are preferred in his name to the charity of your choice. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 5-7pm at Washburn McReavy Edina. A service will be Wednesday, April 22 at 11am with a visitation 1 hour prior. Interment at Ft. Snelling to follow. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Nancy, I was so saddened today to read Joe's obituary in *The Hartford Courant*. I remember when we all first met at an event at *The Hill-Stead* in Farmington, CT. We later connected at *Valley Fitness* and through *DAR/genealogy* interests then I looked at your condo when you were selling it to move back to MN. Nancy, I am so very sorry for your having lost your life partner. Anne

Anne - April 22, 2015 at 06:49 PM

CS

“ I will remember our days at French Lake. I salute you as my cousin and fellow military officer

COL (Cuz) Gary Smisek

COL Gary Smisek - April 22, 2015 at 07:11 AM

CI

“ To Nancy and family. I want to say how sorry I am for your precious loss. No one ever is truly schooled in how to go through the loss of someone dear as Joe is to you and your family. May you feel deeply comforted and supported through these coming days.

I was also in Joe's TBS 2-70 class. I am so deeply aware of the depth of commitment he and others made when you serve as a Marine Officer. It exemplifies the deepest qualities of humanity and warriorship at the same time. These qualities are obviously in the deeper nature of Joe and become the touchstone for discerning what is truly important and necessary from the mundane.

May you truly be blessed in all ways at this time.

With reverence,

*Cliff Ishigaki
TBS 2-70*

Cliff Ishigaki - April 21, 2015 at 06:41 PM

NP

Thank you so much for helping me to be comforted.

Nancy Pexa - April 22, 2015 at 04:05 AM

JC

“ Joe was a close friend and colleague during our workdays together at Hartford Life. We tackled many legal cases over the years. I will miss his friendship and counsel. Our sincerest sympathies to all the family!!! Jill & Lou Cerulli

Jill & Lou Cerulli - April 21, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Col. Pexa must have been a fine man, who was loved and admired by so many. Please accept my sincere sympathy.
Judy Spencer-Reichwald

Judy Spencer-Reichwald - April 20, 2015 at 08:09 PM

“ *Our sincerest sympathies to all of the family!!*

Kimberly Mele & family - April 20, 2015 at 07:50 PM

“ *While not in Joe's platoon in Basic School, as another of the few JAG officers in the class, I remember Joe clearly and proudly. He stood out as a consummate gentleman and person of unquestionable integrity. I was privileged to know him and will remember him. Bob DiNardo.*

Robert E. DiNardo - April 20, 2015 at 03:17 PM

“ *First, and always, a Marine, Joe was greatly liked and admired by his fellow Marines. He was an excellent listener and always truly cared about what you had to say. Quiet and unassuming, Joe let his positive demeanor and superb personal example do the talking. As we say goodbye, we also express our deepest sympathies and offer our condolences to his wonderful wife, Nancy, and to Joe's family. Semper Fidelis, Joe!*

*Rick and Vickie Lottie
Austin, Texas*

Rick and Vickie Lottie - April 20, 2015 at 03:01 PM

GM

“ Gloria M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Col. E. Joseph Pexa Jr..



Gloria M. - April 20, 2015 at 02:27 PM

YC

“ Your Friends at the Minnesota Boat Club purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Col. E. Joseph Pexa Jr..



Your Friends at the Minnesota Boat Club - April 19, 2015 at 08:02 PM