



Joseph Joe Murphy

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Murphy, Joseph Joe Murphy was a man of many parts. He was an explorer who climbed mountains in every continent, a certified financial analyst, an author of a wide variety of books, and a photographer who roamed the world. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Diana; his sons Michael (wife Johanna) and John (wife Suwannee) and granddaughters, Laura and Frances; and by his sister, Sheila Nichols. Joe was born in Minneapolis on March 13, 1930 and died here on August 10, 2015. After attending Kenwood School he went on to St. Thomas Academy and Blake School. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1952, a time when the United States was at war in Korea. He enlisted in the United States Army; was selected for officer candidate school, then served as a Lieutenant in the Second Cavalry in Japan. From Japan, Joe and a friend from Princeton (with whom he founded its Mountaineering Club) set out to make a first ascent of Istoronal in the Hindukush. That climb left him with frozen toes, later amputated in Minneapolis. On his recovery he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he was a teaching assistant in the Department of History and where he met his wife Diana. Joe worked as an analyst at Woodard-Elwood and thereafter for many years in the Trust Department of Northwestern National Bank (later Norwest) where he served as vice president and pioneer in the application of computers to financial analysis. In the area of communications and media Joe served as member and later chairman of the board of Midwest Communications (WCCO). Among Joe's

many books are *Stock Market Probability* (Dow Jones 1994); *The Random Character of Interest Rates* (Probus 1990); *With Interest* (Dow Jones Irwin 1987); and *Adventure Beyond the Clouds* (Dillon Press 1986). In 1986 Joe received an award from The Friends of American Writers. Joe led three American mountaineering expeditions to Tibet; one to Gongga Shan in 1982, another to Shishapangma 1984, and a third to the North Face of Everest in 1986. He also skied to both the South and North Poles. Joe was a member of the American Alpine Club and served as vice president and member of the board of directors; he also belonged to the Himalayan Club. In the Twin Cities he was on the boards of Macalester College, the Children's Theater, Outward Bound, the Center for the Book Arts, and Greater Minneapolis Council of Girl Scouts. His life will be remembered at a 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 South 8th St, Mpls on Friday, August 14, with a reception to follow at the Minneapolis Club. In lieu of flowers you might consider a donation to your charity. Washburn-McReavy.com Davies Chapel 612-377-2203