



Joe Docherty

(May 2, 1942 - April 7, 2007)



# Death is more universal than life, everyone dies but not everyone lives.

# A. Sachs

This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Joe Docherty** who was born in **United States New York** on **May 2, 1942** and passed away on **April 7, 2007**. You will live forever in our memories and hearts.

For those who asked, donations can be sent in Joe's name to:

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE OF WESTCHESTER

95 S BROADWAY, 4th FLOOR

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601-4403

Please add your memories or light a candle. If you have a picture you'd like to add, please forward it to Gerry by clicking below to contact her.























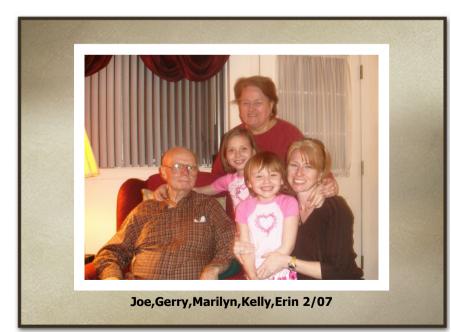






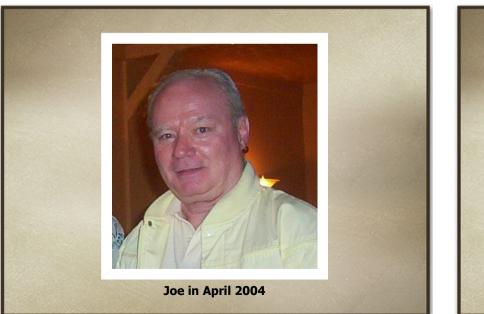












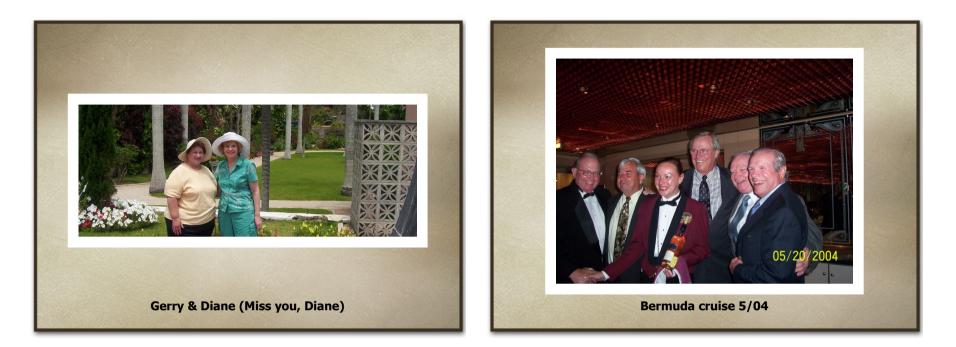


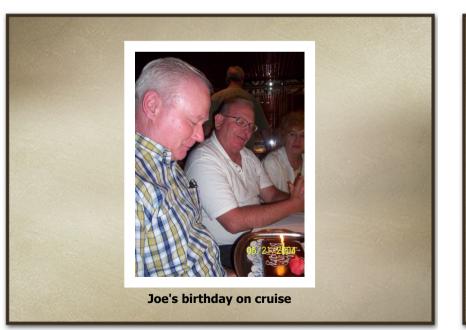


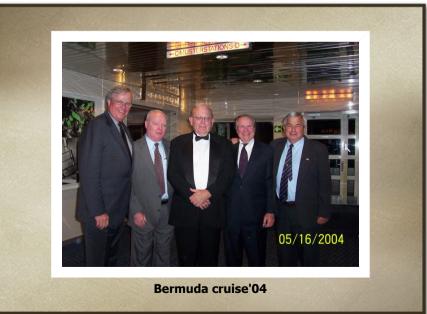


John & Diane May, 2004





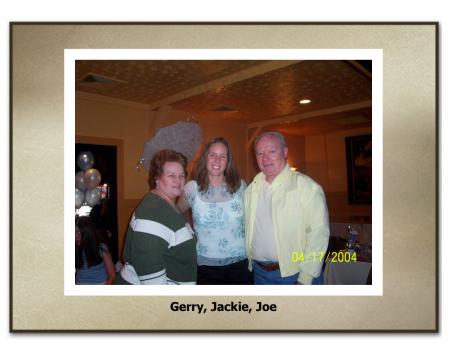


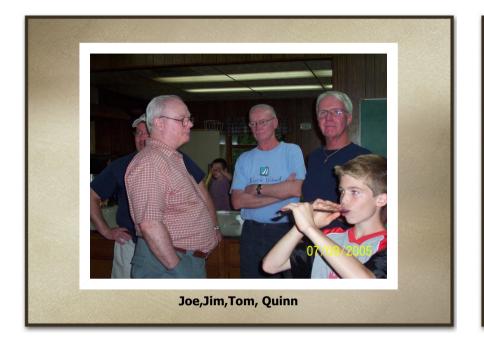


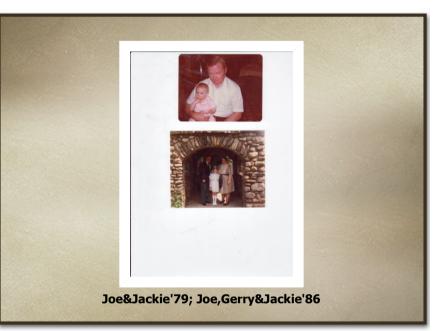






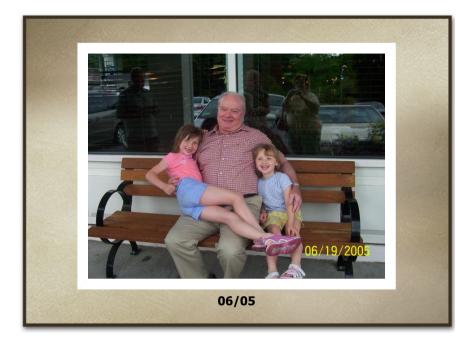














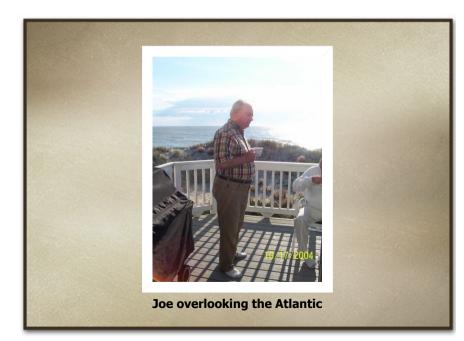










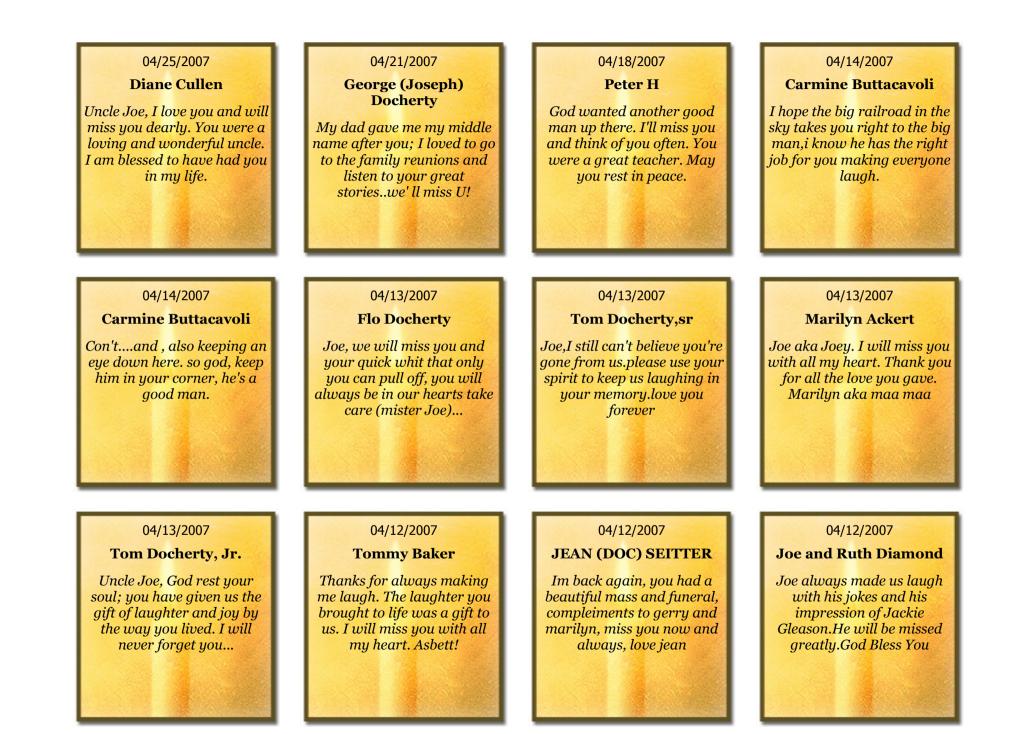


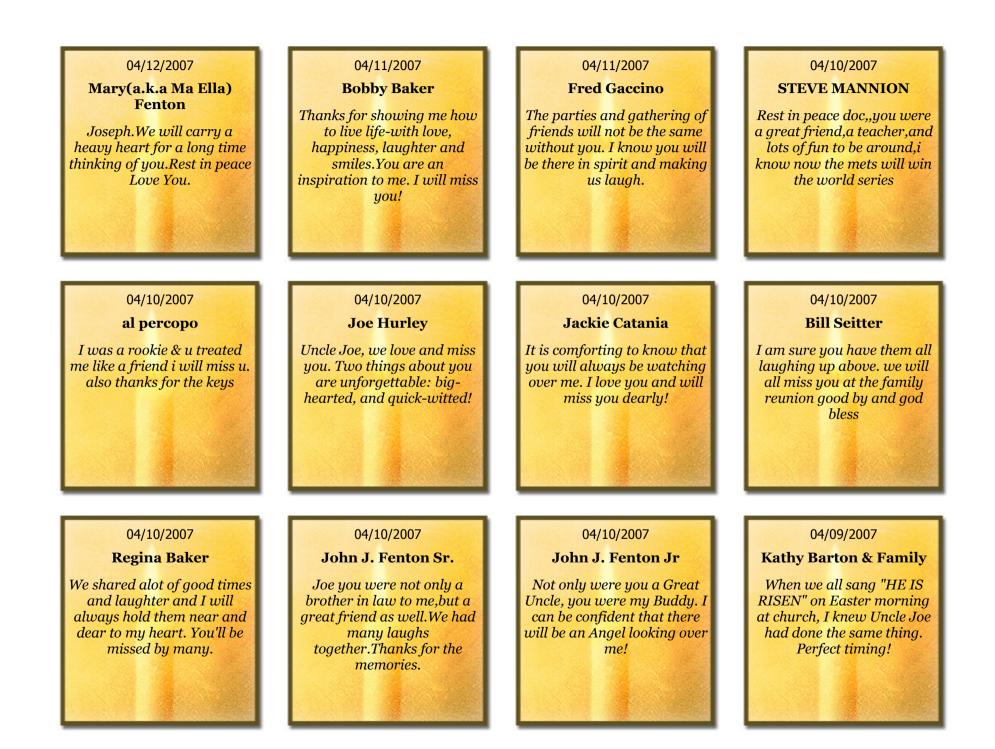












## 04/09/2007 **John Hurley**

I can only guess things were getting boring up there and they needed some humor. We will sure miss you here :^( 04/09/2007 JEAN(DOC)SEITTER Always in our hearts, rest in peace





Joe and I grew up together in the South Bronx on St. Ann's Ave & 139th Street and lived across the street from each other....yeah, we were some of the block hellions and we were a group that hung close together. We Were Joey, Tito Pavon, Lenny Howell, Tommy Kiernan, Charlie Pilkington, Johnny Budd, Andy Pometti, Nutsy(Mickey Collins) and others I can't put my finger on right at this moment but with time & thought I will bring it together. Tito & I sang as part of a Vocal Group Known as the Cashmeres in the Mid to late 50's & as time went by and we all left the old neighborhood some of us went into the service and lost contact with each other. But we also made some contact in our later years and had a small reunion in a beer garden in the east tremont section of the Bronx in the summer of '90 or '91 and Charlie, Joe & I had Dinner together that evening, We Kind of rehashed old times and promised to at least exchange Christmas cards and call once in a while.

Then you guys moved to Delaware and I Only got to see Joe once or twice when I had four way heart bypass in late August of 2000 at Christiana Hospital (Delaware) I was greatful to see Joe who knew how to cheer a person up, I'll always remember that and we did chat a few times on the phone to try to keep in touch. After you moved back to NY we also got to chat a few times over the years.

Again my deepest thoughts of condolences to you and your family at this time of sorrow and I know that Joe is watching over all of you and He is probably telling stories about all of us to God & keeping him informed as one of his Angels. keep in touch and may God Bless, Len Howell

#### eileen faherty gorman (flubby)

My condolences

## April 30, 2007

I was in the crowd with Owen, Pete and Paddy McGowan when we were teenagers. I remember Joe well. He was a nice, easy going guy, liked by all. Please know I will remember him in my prayers

#### **OWEN GILMARTIN**

#### **DEEP SORRY**

April 26, 2007

I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT JOE PASSED AWAY. I HUNG OUT WITH PADDY MCGOWAN AND REMEMBER JOE FROM ST LUKES WITH PETER FLYNN AND EVERYONE

# CYPREES AVE LOVED TOO SING AND JOKE WITH

## DEEP SORRY

| dickie mooney  | mr<br>~  | <b>April 24, 2007</b>       |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| joe was a good friend of mine a forget him. rest in peace doc.   | and was always laughing. although i havent see | n him in years i will never |
| Patrick McGowan  | Mr.  | April 24, 2007              |
| You made a lot of people happy with your sense of humor and warmth. You'll be missed by a loving family and great friends. |  |                             |
| Kathy Barton   | One of a Kind                                  | April 9, 2007               |
| Uncle Ioe was a very special u   | ncle to me. He always managed to make me fee   | el extra special and loved  |

Uncle Joe was a very special uncle to me. He always managed to make me feel extra special and loved. His humor helped us all put life's challenges in perspective and enjoy the moment. Uncle Joe was so very dear to me and I know he will be so terribly missed by Aunt Gerry, Marilyn and all our family. I want to send my condolences to you and let you know I am praying that you find peace in your heart knowing that Uncle Joe is now in Heaven and we will be with him again one day. He will never be forgotten by any of us and has touched each of us in a very special way to help encourage us all to make the world a better place by spreading love like he always did. What a great example he was to me. With love - Kathy



# *Reunion 7/14/07*



A beautiful day, sun shining and fun had by all. We all knew Joe made sure the weather was perfect. Tommy Baker started the day arriving wearing Joe's favorite summer hat. It was quite a site.

## Joe Doc Memorial Tournament



The Joe Docherty Memorial Horseshoe Tournament was a big success. Many teams played. The Fenton men, John and John, Jr won 1st place and Willie Seitter and his grandson Tim Stipo placed 2nd. They were very pleased with their trophies and all vowed to play harder next year to get the coveted awards.

## Memorial Horseshoe tournament 7/14/07



Some of the teams that played in the Joe Docherty Memorial Horseshoe Tournament....

(Left to Right)John Fenton Jr, Willie Seitter Jr, John Fenton Sr, Pat Cullen, Willie Seitter Sr, Tom Docherty Jr, Tim Stipo, Joe Hurley, Tom, Docherty

# My Heart Will Go On By Celine Dion

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Songs

Everynight in my dreams, I see you, I feel you That is how I know you go on Far across the distance and spaces between us You have come to show you go on

> Near, far, where ever you are I believe that the heart does go on Once more, you opened the door And you're here in my heart and My heart will go on and on

Love can touch us one time And last for a lifetime And never let go til we're gone Love was when I loved you One true time, I hold to In my life will always go on

Near, far, where ever you are I believe that the heart does go on Once more, you opened the door And you're here in my heart and My heart will go on and on

You're here, there's nothing I fear And I know that my heart will go on We'll stay forever this way You are safe in my heart and My heart will go on and on Lookin' back on the memories of the dance we shared beneath the stars above. For a moment, all the world was right. How could I've known that you'd ever say 'good bye?'

And now, I'm glad I didn't know the way it all would end the way it all would go. And our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd've had to miss the dance.

Holdin' you, I've held everything. For a moment, wasn't I the king? But if I'd only known how the king would fall, Hey, who's to say, you know, I might have changed it all.

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Yes, my life is better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd've had to miss the dance.

## Joe loved his oldies but

few knew he also liked some songs by John Denver, Barry Manilow and Neil Diamond, too. And of course, Elvis. Some of Joe's favorites were....

John Denver Annie's Song

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John Denver Take Me Home Country Roads

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Barry Manilow's Weekend In New England

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Barry Manilow's Somewhere In the Night

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Neil Diamond's I Am I Said

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=4899515

Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=4689492

Elvis' The Wonder of You

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Elvis laughing during Are You Lonesome Tonight (Joe loved this)

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More of Joe's favorites....

Roy Orbison's Dreams

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=3168684

Roy Orbison's Dream Baby (backup by Bruce Springsteen & Bonnie Raitt) http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=4740656

What a Wonderful World

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=2364329

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=2013341359

Frank Sinatra's Stranger's In The Night

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=5462812

Sinatra's I've Got You Under My Skin

http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=5239113

Sinatra's My Way

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## Len Howell

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## If Tomorrow Never Comes video & lyrics

| If Tomorrow Never Comes   |
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| (sung by Garth Brooks)  |
|   |
| Sometimes late at night   |
| I lie awake and watch her sleeping  |
| She's lost in peaceful dreams   |
| So I turn out the lights and lay there in the dark                              |
| And the thought crosses my mind   |
| If I never wake up in the morning   |
| Would she ever doubt the way I feel   |
| About her in my heart   |
|   |
| If tomorrow never comes   |
| Will she know how much I loved her  |
| Did I try in every way to show her every day                                    |

That she's my only one And if my time on earth were through And she must face the world without me Is the love I gave her in the past Gonna be enough to last If tomorrow never comes

'Cause I've lost loved ones in my life Who never knew how much I loved them Now I live with the regret That my true feelings for them never were revealed So I made a promise to myself To say each day how much she means to me And avoid that circumstance Where theres no second chance to tell her how I feel

> 'Cause if tomorrow never comes Will she know how much I loved her Did I try in every way to show her every day That she's my only one

And if my time on earth were through And she must face the world without me Is the love I gave her in the past Gonna be enough to last If tomorrow never comes So tell that someone that you love Just what you're thinking of If tomorrow never comes

# Happy 65th Birthday!



# On your special day! May 2nd





## Tom Docherty Jr.

From the early days to the end, there was always the same theme...laughter. I'm quite certain upstairs, even now, there are jokes being told and heard with Uncle Joe orchestrating it all...

I remember the photo at the funeral home of the three amigos (Dad, Uncle John, and Uncle Joe) holding real guns and getting ready to hunt down their brethren outlaw "Blitzy" (no pun intended)...later on that evening/morning, after they successfully arrested their outlaw, they decided to play a little baseball in the kitchen, (another photo gleefully viewed). What the photo didn't show was the three frames later...the hole in the dining room glass after Uncle Joe took Uncle John down-town-Leroy-Brown with a crushed tennis ball...Classic!!!

I love and miss you already; more than you'll ever know. I do know one thing, when it's time for me to go, I can look forward to you finishing some of your really good stories that you would purposely stop toward the end and look at me and say..."Tommy, I'll tell you the rest when you get older..." : )

Love you forever,

Tommy, Jr.

## John J. Fenton Sr.

Joe was a great friend and brother-in-law to me.We had many laughs in the ye-old tavern.With all the caracters that hang out there.It was not one day pass that we didn't have a laugh.The best times with Joe was watching the honeymooners together,we laugh so hard tears would come down our face.So I was glad I was in Joe's life.

Joe's famous sayings "Hold the phone" "Call A cop" "Aspeth"

and "A way we go"

Thanks for the memories

Love you Joe, Brother-in-law & Friend

John

# John J Fenton Jr

I will always remember Uncle Joe's affectionate personality, the Uncle who would always hug you, and not let go until he was done telling you a story. He was a Great Guy! I'll miss his Bar room sense of style. When I hung out with him at gatherings he could make you feel as if you were a part of his era. I guy worth tattooing on your body, but I wont. Love ya Uncle Joe. "Oh My God"

#### **Brother Tom**

Dear brother Joe,

I thank you for being the fun guy that we all loved, I also thank you for holding my shoeshine box I built and used when I was 12 years old, you had it for 25 years and I wonder how much money you made shining shoes? ha ha You put a shine on all of our lives, I love and miss you buddy.....

## **Dene Hurley**

My first memory of Uncle Joe was at the engagement party that Joe's parents threw for Joe (Hurley) and me. Unlce Joe was not only very funny and constantly telling jokes and making everyone laugh, but also because of his physical resemblance to Joe. I remember telling someone in the family that I know how my Joe will look when he gets older because he and Uncle Joe look so alike! Uncle Joe always brought joy, fun and laughter to all the family gatherings! His sense of humor was catchy!!! We will truly miss Uncle Joe!

## John Hurley

I choose not to think of uncle Joe as he was at the end, but from the begining at least of my life. Old family movies show him always brining joy to those around him, and of course in my earliest memories he did as well. I remember looking out the window of our house and seeing he and his fmaily arrive in their car and being so excited. And of course with my father and uncle John off they would go for a beer run in one of the old Chevy's. Before long a story or joke would begin and he always told it in an animated style and seemed to stutter as he told it adding to the effect. I remember him always reaching out or down and tassel my hair and give some form of affection. Off we cousins would go and play and later on find uncle Joe dancing up a storm either by himself or with aunt Gerry, she with a look of amazement that he was at his old tricks.

As we all gathered at his funeral and caught up with each other, and reflected on our own lives, a theme was pretty clear that we all are working through tough issues and maybe none of us were fortunate enough to get the happy gene Uncle Joe got. But maybe we could look back at how he conducted his affairs and how he always engaged us. What he valued and how he shared himself with us at all times and how it made us feel to be with him. If we try to introduce some of his qualities into our life his memory will live on and this place will be a little better because of him if he is here or not.

Our family was the most important thing to that man; let's make sure we treat it with the same respect and care he did. See you all soon. Make someone smile, tell a joke for Uncle Joe :^)

## **Bob Baker**

When we think of Joe the first thing that comes to mind is the music and the laughter. The good times rolled whenever Joe was around. His passing has led us all to search our memories for every cherished moment. Joe's love of his family and friends comes back in each story. His total trust that, "Geraldine " would get him wherever he needed to go in life. His beaming face whenever he spoke of , "My Marilyn" or, "The Girls " Kelly and Erin. Whether he was your husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin , in-law or friend Joe's incredible heart and generous nature touched us all and made our lives better. Thanks, Joe.

#### **STEVE MANNION**

I JOINED THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY 24 YEARS AGO AND I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET JOE,, I WAS DRAWN TO HIS GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR AND WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT I WAS A DIE-HARD METS FAN,,THATS WHEN WE REALLY BECAME CLOSE, HE WOULD LAUGH OUT LOUD WHEN THE METS WOULD LOSE A CLOSE GAME THAT THEY SHOULD OF WON AND SEE ME GET UPSET,,WE HAD GONE TO MANY GAMES IN THE PAST AND LOTS OF GREAT TIMES,,ITS VERY RAIR THAT YOU MEET GOOD HEARTED PEOPLE IN THIS DAY AND AGE,,AND WORKING IN THE T.A,I WAS BLESSED TO MEET SOMEONE THAT TAUGHT ME THE JOB AND TO HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME,,I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU DOC,,I AM VERY SURE NOW THAT JOE WILL BE WATCHING DOWN ON SHEA STADIUM THIS YEAR WHEN THE METS WILL WIN THE WORLD SERIES!!,,LETS GO METS.

#### **Bill & Jean Seitter**

I will always remember Joe for his valiant effort he put forth, trying to conquer that dreaded disease. During our weekly trips to the hospital for his treatments, he never complained about his hardship. His thoughts were positive, and always ready to laugh, or tell a funny story. We are grateful, that we were able to help during your terrible ordeal. We will miss our weekly meeting, but know in our hearts, your suffering is over. Until we meet again, God Bless and Goodbye

#### **Diane Seitter**

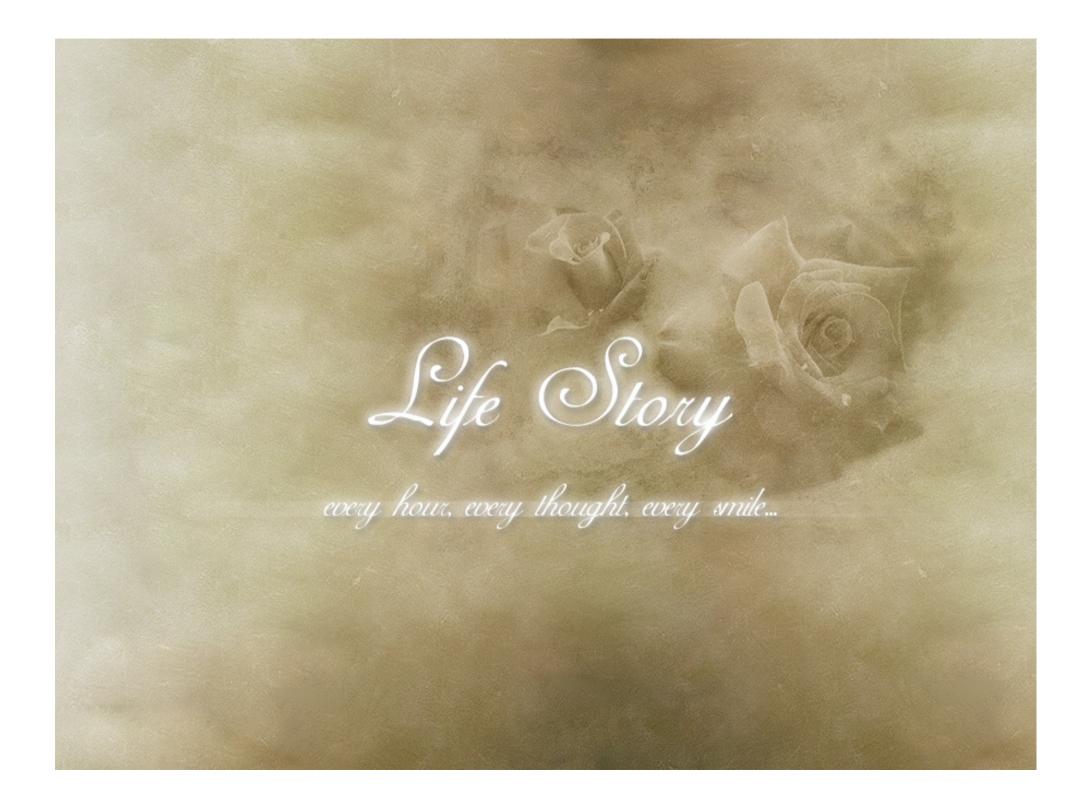
I am truly saddened by the loss of Uncle Joe, with time the saddness will pass, but his memory will live on in me and my family forever. My favorite movie as a kid and still today is Disney's, The Jungle Book. My favorite character of all time is Baloo, the big cuddly, fun loving bear. He loves to sing and dance and always have a good time. He never sweats the small stuff, and is a true friend and companion. I think that sums up Uncle Joe pretty well, and that's how we will always remember him. So when you're feeling blue about missing Uncle Joe, just think about Baloo the bear and you will be sure to smile and start singing and

### Ellen Stipo

I will always remember my Uncle Joe..his twinkly eyes..his love of good ole - rock n roll - and dancing ..he showed me the twist..and we always reminisced about that at parties..(i will never do a twist without thinking about him)..he always made us all laugh with his crazy jokes..he was always so much fun to be around. You always knew that Uncle Joe loved his family - all of us even though the miles kept us from far in distance .. I know that he truly enjoyed that we were all so close..so blessed we are with such a large and loving family that remains close throughout the years..

but what was always so evident was the strong love he had for Aunt Gerry (like peas and carrots :) and Marilyn ..how proud he was of you and how much he loved your new family and his granddaughters..he was a lucky man as we were lucky

to have him in our lives...



#### May 2, 1942

Born in United States New York on May 2, 1942.

#### April 7, 2007

Passed away on April 7, 2007.

#### April 7, 2007

Obituary: Docherty, Joseph J. on April 7, 2007. Retired NYCTA. Beloved husband of Geraldine (nee Connolly). Devoted father of Marilyn Knapp and her husband Rob. Cherished grandfather of Kelly and Erin. Loving brother of James, Jean Seitter, Virginia Hurley, Thomas, Mary Fenton, Richard, Gerard and Vincent. Adored brother in law and uncle to many. Reposing at McNULTY FUNERAL HOME, INC. 3006 Middletown Rd., Bx. on Monday and Tuesday 2-5 & 7-9PM. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 11:00AM St. Catherine's Church, Pelham, NY. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Peekskill, NY.

#### April 8, 2007

40 Year Wedding Anniversry

#### April 11, 2007

Police escort to Assumption Cemetery for burial with military honor guard, playing taps. Joe would have loved it!

