



Joseph Hanway Rouse

May 3, 1943 - January 21, 2022

Joseph Hanway Rouse, 78, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2022 at his home in Pasadena, MD.

Joe was born on May 3, 1943 in Baltimore, MD and raised by his mother, Marjorie. He graduated from Glen Burnie High School in 1961 and then the University of Maryland receiving an electrical engineering degree in 1966. While working for Westinghouse, he attended law school at night earning a J.D. in 1970 from the University of Maryland School of Law.

After law school, he worked in the state's attorney's office and later the newly formed public defender's office. Entering private practice in the late 70's, he continued practicing law from his Glen Burnie office until the time of his passing. Known as a tireless worker and advocate, he always represented his many clients over the years, both individuals and small businesses, to his fullest potential.

Joe was also involved in numerous entrepreneurial pursuits over the years. He had tremendous energy and optimism and lived life to the fullest. He loved building, boating, fishing, skiing, music, dancing and car racing, but most importantly spending time socializing with his numerous friends. For many years he enjoyed frequent visits to his favorite getaway places in southwest Florida and the Colorado mountains.

Devoted to his family, he is survived by his wife, Dottie, married for 20 years; his sons, Alexander (Lindsey) of Annapolis, Andrew (Denessa) of Willards, MD, and Jeffrey of Naples, FL; two stepchildren, Kristie and Eddie, both of Pasadena; his sister, Jacquelyn, of Severna Park; five grandchildren; a niece; and two great nieces and a great nephew.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be planned at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Joe via his frequent appearances before the Liquor Board when I was chairman. He was a fierce advocate for his clients, always prepared, well versed in the law, and gentle. His advocacy will be missed by many. -Richard C. Bittner, Esq.

Richard C. Bittner Esq. - January 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM

CW

“ Joe was a wonderful mentor. If he did not have an answer, he would make one up and then smirk!!! I will miss Joe very much. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Charlotte Weinstein - January 27, 2022 at 10:55 AM

JR

“ I began my friendship with Joe Rouse approximately 48 years ago when he was an attorney working in the Anne Arundel County Office of the Public Defender and I was a new law clerk working in that office. Like the attorneys in that office, Joe was an experienced trial attorney and businessman eager to share his wisdom and guidance to the “soon to become lawyers” in the office. I learned a lot from him during that time. Once I began my practice, Joe rented space to me for my law practice in his Glen Burnie office. We worked on cases together and covered for each other as backup counsel as needed. I was fortunate to have associated with Joe during my time working in the Public Defender’s office and during the early years of my own private practice. Joe was always there to give great counsel and advice and set the example of hard work, tenacity, loyalty, benevolence and devotion to family and friends. He strenuously advocated for my appointment to the bench. Joe you will be missed, but never forgotten. May you Rest In Peace, your friend, Clayton Greene, Jr. , Retired Judge

Judge Clayton Greene, Jr. Retired - January 26, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MO

“ With deepest sympathy, Joe was a friend of my firm and its lawyers. He will be missed.

Max Van Orden - January 25, 2022 at 06:47 PM

JG

“ I was a friend, colleague and tenant of Joe Rouse's for 34 years. We were co-counsel together many times and opposed each other at other times. We worked together on many other matters outside court. We had endless conversations about the law, sports and politics. Over time, we became like “iron sharpening iron”, as scripture says. I could go on forever. Suffice it to say that I loved him and will miss him beyond measure. He leaves behind a wonderful family and legacy. As Joe always said during good times and bad, let's “keep on smiling!” John K. Gardner


John K. Gardner - January 25, 2022 at 11:35 AM

RK

“ Joe , We have been friends for over 50 years , traveling together on 9/11 to Florida , to Barbados .we always made sure we got our chicken and you your ice cream . I'll miss you and loved you , you were a great guy and a even better friend. Till we meet again and remember God counts every stroke . Ron Kastina

Ronald Kastina - January 24, 2022 at 06:26 PM

TS

“ Joe, You left way to soon! Our hearts are hurting . Erle and I will miss you always. We loved our Sunday visits as much as I loved the Sunday football game. For 20+ years of friendship, vacations, New Year's Eve celebrating, we love you and will see you again one day.

Theresa Schafer - January 24, 2022 at 04:40 PM

AR

“ Dad, You wore many hats in your life - a father, husband, brother, uncle, grandfather, lawyer, businessman and friend to many - and I was always amazed at how well you managed all your roles. You had great enthusiasm for life, making the most of every day and you led with a huge heart. You were always there for your family and me and will forever be in our hearts. I can't ever thank you enough for all you taught me. I already miss you so much. We will be together again and will be giving you \"love huggles\" like old times. Love always, Alex

Alex Rouse - January 23, 2022 at 08:29 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Joseph Hanway Rouse - January 23, 2022 at 04:03 PM