



Joe C. Minniear

April 28, 1942 - May 11, 2023

Joe C. Minniear, playfully known as J.C. Dobbs, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born on April 28, 1942, in Anderson, IN where he spent the majority of his story-filled childhood before attending Indiana University. After completing his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at IU and serving in Army as a specialist in post-war Korea teaching English, Joe relocated to Southern New Jersey where he started a family and taught English at Rancocas Valley Regional High School for almost thirty years.

Joe was a devoted and supportive father and grandfather, often found attending his children's sporting events, coaching in the backyard, bonding over watching sports, or taking fishing and camping trips with each child or as a family. He had a passion for storytelling, captivating his family and friends with his sense of humor. Family trips to Indiana by sons and grandchildren produced many cherished moments, connecting with "Pop Pop" while exploring walking paths and former stomping grounds, being constantly entertained by his stories and antics. He was famous for his generosity at holidays and birthdays.

Joe had many talents and hobbies. He had a passion for the arts. He loved to draw, paint, sing, and play guitar. His love for storytelling and writing culminated in authoring a novel. Joe was proud of his Honors English student's achievements, teaching them to the highest scores in the county, while serving him with an abundance of storytelling material.

Joe held many unique and mentionable records during his life. When playing basketball during the 7th Grade, he led the area in points scored for his age group. A few years later, Joe proudly ate more White Castle burgers in one sitting than had been witnessed by the local community.

Joe's loyalty to the Indiana Hoosiers basketball program was second to none, with countless radio dials from Indiana to New Jersey being worn down to the wires. A lifelong protestor of Murphy's Law, Joe was always the first to let Murphy know exactly how he felt with things went wrong.

Joe is preceded in death by his mother Reba, his father Herbert, and his four sisters, Deloris, Alice, June, and Billie. He is survived by his four sons, Sean and his wife Malinda, Paul, Charles, and James, and his four grandchildren, Emily Julia, Matthew, and Sabrina. He will be dearly missed by all who were lucky enough to know and be influenced by him.....

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Joe was one of the most impactful teachers I ever had. He taught with a passion not only for what he did, but for his students. I remember the skills he taught me and the unmatched wit he led with. He made me challenge myself as a writer. He made me smile everyday. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Lisa Wagner - June 23, 2023 at 08:59 PM

SS

“ One of my favorite Teachers. I left an art piece I did in his trash can one time. I had art before his class. The next day I came in to find it hanging in his class. He told me not only did he like it but he wanted any pieces I thought were not worthy of keeping. It made me smile. He thought me way more then English. Gods speed and thank you for your Service.

Susan staff - June 14, 2023 at 09:34 PM

JH

“ I was one of "Joe's" AP English students back in '83. He was genuinely excited for me when I got accepted to his Alma mater, Indiana University. He more than prepared us for how to write college papers making the next level that much easier. I'll never forget him arriving at the RV faculty parking lot in that yellow vw beetle. So sorry for his passing but his impact and memory will continue on.

Jon Hoyer - June 11, 2023 at 03:30 PM

LW

“ He was my *BEST* English teacher in high school. I always looked forward to his class because he was so funny and entertaining, and I loved his great stories and dry wit. And yes those qualities also brought literature and great writing to life. It was an inspiring class and he was always available for questions! As a future writer and reporter, I had lots of questions for him. Always grateful for his tutelage and sense of humor.

Sending my deepest condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, and extended family... God bless your family and Mr. Minniear, such a special teacher and person ❤️🙏

lisa wolfington - June 11, 2023 at 12:25 PM

LZ

“ I had Mr. Minniear as a teacher more than 40 years ago. My friends and I still reminisce about him. He left a lasting impression. I certainly learned a lot from him. I am sorry for your loss.

Linda Zeranski - June 11, 2023 at 09:08 AM

 Tony Diaz

“ Joe Minniear was one of a kind. After nearly forty years, former students of my generation keenly remember his wit, kindness and patient dedication. He was an exemplary teacher. - Tony Diaz

Tony Diaz - June 10, 2023 at 11:36 PM

MB

“ I had "Mr. Minnear" for Honors English nearly 40 years ago and still remember him. He was smart as a whip and had a sly, sharp sense of humor. I have many memories from his class. May he rest in peace. Very sorry for your loss.

Mia Baker - June 10, 2023 at 07:37 PM