



Joseph F. Michenfelder

July 4, 2020

JOSEPH F. MICHENFELDER

Died peacefully at his home in Bloomfield, CT July 4, 2020. Born in St. Louis in 1929 to Ruth and Albert Michenfelder of Webster Groves, the third of five children. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Audrey Laurine Glynn, his sister, Mary Phelan of St. Louis and his brother-in-law John Glynn of Hartford. He is remembered with deep affection by his 28 nieces and nephews and their children, to whom he was a devoted uncle. Mr. Michenfelder was a communications and public affairs specialist. He held two masters degrees from New York University and was a graduate (1958) of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. In 1970, Mr. Michenfelder joined the firm of Napolitan Associates, LLC, of which he later became president and CEO. The firm specialized in political counseling, strategic planning and communications for governments nationally and internationally. Over a fifty year period, the firm provided counseling to heads of state in France, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Michenfelder was director of international communications for the Maryknoll Fathers, a Roman Catholic mission-sending society headquartered in Ossining New York. From 1962 to 1968, he worked in Peru, where he founded and directed Noticias Aliadas, a Lima-based continental news and documentation service funded by the Vatican and served as a pro bono adviser to regional organizations including UNICEF, UNESCO and WHO, among others. Beginning in 1982, Mr. Michenfelder also served as president

and treasurer of IDOC/North America, Inc., a 501(c)(3) educational institution specializing in international programming, information exchange, documentary films and publishing projects related to public policy issues focused on human renewal. In 1997, IDOC partnered with Michael Spett, a son of Holocaust survivors, to create The Yellow Star Project, whose goal was to help stem the resurgence of anti-Semitism and challenge Holocaust revisionism in the United States. In 2005, IDOC and the The Yellow Star Project teamed with Fordham University Press to co-publish the first American edition of Gerhard Schoenberner's Holocaust classic, *The Yellow Star*.

Mr. Michenfelder was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Michenfelder, Jr. of St. Louis and John Michenfelder, M.D. of Oronoco, Minnesota; and a sister, Ann Marita Woodruff of St. Louis.

Visitation hours are 5-7 pm Wednesday, July 8 at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was born in 1929. Joined Maryknoll and was ordained in 1956. spent a few years with him in the major seminary, a great guy, creative, sensitive, thoughtful. May the good Lord care for him and his loving family. John Leonard Burke

Johnn Leonard Burke MPH - July 07, 2020 at 09:34 PM

TT

“ Transcending his lifelong commitment to social justice and his professional achievements was Joe's singular humanism: his steadfast empathy, unwavering loyalty, legendary patience and keen wit are qualities I particularly cherished. I am so blessed to claim him as my friend of 45 years and so proud to have known him. May he rest in peace at God's right hand.

Terry Thometz
Houston
8 July 2020

Terry Thometz - July 07, 2020 at 12:22 PM

BS

Throughout my decade of the 60's as editor of motive Magazine, Joe was an unceasing source of wisdom, support and resources. His humor and global connections enabled me to grow, and sometimes just survive, the barriers. I learned so much from Joe, and relished times with him and Laurine.

B.J. Stiles
San Francisco

B.J. Stiles - July 10, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JJ

Dear Laurine,

I only just learned of Joe's death, and I'm so sorry. I count my years of living at 431 Pacific Street as among the happiest of my life, in no small part due to you and Joe. What good times we had, and how generous the two of you were. I think what I most remember about him is that cocked eyebrow when he was asking a penetrating question of me or Sydelle or Chuck or the world, and his unflagging passion for justice, completely on display when Edna and Nancy and I visited you a few years ago. He was a great man with the good fortune to be married to a great woman. I mourn his loss, and I hope that you're sustained by the outpouring of love and gratitude from all those whose lives he touched.

*In sorrow and thanks for Joe,
Joy*

Joy Johannessen - August 09, 2020 at 07:14 PM