



# Joseph Leon Messick

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## Obituary of Joseph Leon Messick

Joseph Leon Messick (Cottony), of Georgetown, DE passed away in the care of his family and Vitas Hospice on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020. He was 94 years old. Joseph was born on Oct. 8, 1925 in Milton, DE to the late John S. and Estella Smith Messick. At the age of 17 Joseph enlisted in the US Navy during WWII. Prior to the end of military service, he married Joan Davis and together they raised three children. He worked for the Diamond State Telephone Company and was past vice president of the union. He became a member of and past president of the Telephone Co. Pioneers. Joseph loved hunting and fishing, but most of all was devoted to his family, and loved spoiling his grandchildren. He loved to be around people, loved hospitality, and lived by "there's always room for one more."

Joseph is survived by his wife, Joan, and three children: Susan G. Messick; Karen Messick-Atkins, (husband E. Bennett Atkins, III); and David A. Messick. Also surviving are his three grandchildren: Jodie Reilly (husband Matthew J Reilly); Robert "Scott" Walker; and Jillian Strobel (husband Matthew C Strobel). There are four great-grandchildren: Blake Reilly; Kendall Reilly; Gideon Strobel; and Daniel Strobel. Joseph is survived by one brother: Walter N. Messick. In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded by four sisters, and seven brothers.

Rites of Committal, and Military Honors will be conferred on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery; 26669 Patriots Way; Millsboro, DE.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests Memorial Contributions to the Georgetown Historical Society; 510 S. Bedford St., Georgetown, DE 19947.

Electronic condolences to:

[www.watsonfh.com](http://www.watsonfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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KG

**KG** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Cottontail, as we called him ... he was a great man/cousin ! Have so many GREAT memories , HUNTING AND FISHING even some drinking ,WITH HIM ! He taught me so much; some good and some bad, lol ?? But we still had fun together !! As a NAVY squid he loved to argue which side of boat is Port and Starboard ?? His answer was depends on which way you face the boat !! In the last year or so when I stopped by to see him he would be watching the old cowboy movies , now I'm hooked on them !! He will be dearly missed but suffers no longer and is in a better place , my prayers are with the family . . . K G

February 27 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Thomas Stine** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

My sincere condolences to Joes family at this sad time.What a great guy he was.I deer hunted with him many times there in Greenwood with KG and and Big Daddy.Great memories!Sincerely,Tom Stine (Slim)

February 26 at 8:00 PM



MS

**Mary Sylvester** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time! Cottney was a very nice man. Mary Sylvester

February 26 at 8:00 PM



Jl

**Jingles** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I worked with Joe when I first started with the phone company, hew as a very special person, he talked of his family always with love and respect. Joe always had a smile and kind word to me. When he was having a challenging day you would know to stay away. He was protective like a father. I will always remember him. Prayers to the family. He will always be a great man! Jingles Paraskewich is my name.

February 25 at 8:00 PM





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AS

**Allen Sylvester** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I really like Hoss, as I called him. He always treated me good as you did when growing up. I remember when he found a baby pheasant and I kept it in a box. All the times I hid in your underground garbage can during hiding seek you guys never yelled at me. He was a great man and I had alot of respect for him and enjoyed his company. My best wishes to you and your family. Allen Sylvester

February 24 at 8:00 PM



GH

**Grayson Hassell** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I only met Mr. Cottony in the last months of his life, that I can remember, he always had a warm smile, and a firm handshake. He made me feel right at home. I wish I could be there to say good bye.

February 23 at 8:00 PM



TF

**The Glynn Family** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Our lives were Blessed to know "Cottney" Joe Messick. ThankYou for always making us feel welcome and part of the Messick Clan. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. Rest in Peace. Until we meet again.

February 23 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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