



## Joseph Resperski

August 5, 2023

Joseph Resperski, 85, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023. He was born in Nanticoke, PA and was the son of Ona (Zdanevitz) and Edmund Resperski. Joe is survived by his sister Lorraine (Bruce) Reid of Skaneateles, NY and his nieces and nephews Jennifer (Tim) Holman of Wayne, PA; Jeffrey Reid (Jessica Brainard) of St. Michaels, MD; Mark Resperski of Pittston, PA; Jacqueline (David) Webster of Skaneateles, NY; and Sheri Resperski of Pittston, PA. He was predeceased by his younger siblings Edmund and Charlotte, and just this past November, by his 41-year friend and partner, August “Gus” Kuhn.

The two spent many years as residents on Brandywine Street and as great bantering partners in designing and outfitting homes around the Philadelphia area with their exceptional taste and knowledge in furnishings and antiques.

Joe graduated with a BA in English from Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA before moving to Philadelphia. He served in the National Guard for several years and was a teacher at Valley Forge Military Academy before turning to a career in insurance with Marsh & McLennan in Philadelphia. For most of his working years, he was an antiques dealer at Renninger’s Antique Market in Adamstown, PA. He was a lover of musical theater (having seen multiple Broadway shows that used to preview in Philadelphia during the 50s and 60s), his dogs, thrift shops and flea markets, and all sorts of antiques and

collectibles. In his retirement years, he enjoyed his regular trips to the casino, which blessedly helped take his mind off the challenges of loss and age, especially this past year.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023. Visitation/viewing will be from 8:30 to 10 AM at Dinan Funeral Home, 1923 Spring Garden St, followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian burial at St. Francis Xavier, 24th and Green Streets in Philadelphia. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Conshohocken. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Pennsylvania SPCA or to the PAN Foundation which helps people with chronic illnesses get the treatments they need.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deb Sheehan lit a candle in memory of Joseph Resperski*



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**Deb Sheehan** - August 10, 2023 at 05:50 PM

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“ *I grew up on Brandywine Street and have known Joe my entire life. Joe always made me laugh and I will miss him dearly. I still remember his dog Ziggy. May Joe rest in peace. Love Deb Sheehan*

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**Deb Sheehan** - August 10, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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**Jennifer** - August 10, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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