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Joe Leslie Crockett, age 81, passed away peacefully at home on September 5, 2024. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on December 12, 1942, to the late Jack B. and Sarah Coop Crockett.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Joseph Edward Crockett, brother, Jack B. Crockett, Jr., wife, Frances, and nephew, Steve Crockett.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are loving wife of 58 year, Marilyn Mayo Crockett, brother, Paul Richard (Phyllis) Crockett, nephew, Christopher (Mary) Crockett, Brother-In-Law, Joel T. (Phyllis) Mayo, nephew, Christopher (Laura) Mayo, niece, Cameron (Jonathan) Pease, and numerous cousins and grandnieces and nephews.

“And now, the end is near; And so I face the final curtain
My friend, I'll say it clear I'll state my case, of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full; I traveled each and every highway
And more, much more than this, I did it my way”

Frank Sinatra may have coined these famous song lyrics, but for 81 years, Joe Crockett lived every word even right up to his curtain call. Joe was a dedicated educator who shared his passion for history and political science with countless students that passed through the hallways for Litton Jr. High School in Madison, Tennessee, and Hawkins Jr. High School in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Joe, himself, graduated from East High School, class of 1960, and Middle Tennessee State University in 1964. He would later go on to complete his master's degree.

His love of history and politics would lead him serve his community as a member of the Metropolitan Nashville Council in the 1970s and then the Tennessee State Senate in the 1980s.

As retirement grew closer, Joe found enjoyment working in the yard, reading in solitude with a glass of wine, or just socializing with friends. Joe loved to travel, but



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had a deep, abiding love of the Gulf Shores area. He and his friends and family would visit the area frequently and found enjoyment cruising the area and relaxing. Joe will be dearly missed by all that loved and knew him, and when a glass of red (or white) wine is lifted to toast his memory, all will be reminded of his laughing blue eyes, sharp wit, and infectious smile.

A celebration of Joe's life will take place at a later date.



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CW

Carol R. Williamson posted:

In the hallway at Litton Jr a student had a grand mall seizure while classes were changing. Mr. Crockett knew just what to do. He cleared the hallway immediately and saved the student's life with his quick actions. I'll never forget seeing him do this.

September 19 at 1:03 PM

BN

Becky Murphy Nickins posted:

One of my favorite teachers of all times! I loved Joe and Marilyn and was blessed to know them both



September 19 at 6:59 AM

AS

Anne Smith posted:

Marilyn, I did not know Joe, but I knew you, and you would have picked a wonderful man with whom to share your life. Hold your memories close as you mourn. Bob & I send condolences. Anne Gayle Farley Smith

September 19 at 6:30 AM

MG

Mary Giles posted:

Joe was one of my favorite people. I always enjoyed going to visit Joe and Marilyn when traveling through Nashville. Joe was always warm and welcoming and I had fun listening to the interesting things he had to say. I always looked forward to seeing him at Thanksgiving when our family got together. He will truly be missed.

September 18 at 5:32 AM

ML

Melissa M Logan posted:

Mr Crockett was one of my favorite teachers at Litton Jr. I learned to like math in his Algebra class.

September 11 at 9:06 AM

PE

Peggy Edgar October 2 at 5:12 AM

Joe was an honest and truly interesting person to talk to. You always knew his opinion and he listened to yours. I feel truly blessed to have known him and will cherish all the memories of such good times. May you rest in peace until we meet again.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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