



# Joe Tribute Normal

AUG 1, 1974 - AUG 16, 2010



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**J**oe (81), a native of Finland and an active proponent of Finnish-American culture, died July 17, 2010 at his home in Charlestown, R.I., where he resided since his retirement in 1998. He was the husband of Mirja (Ekman) Hanslin.

Mr. Hanslin was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Helsinki, Finland, the son of Emil and Aino (Anttila) Hanslin. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1954 and settled his family in Fitchburg, MA, where he founded Hanslin Travel & Realty Service in 1962, and became actively engaged in the Finnish-American community of greater Fitchburg, promoting Finnish culture, commerce and tourism. Mr. Hanslin purchased Leeman Travel in New York City in 1968 to expand his Finnish tourism business and later moved to New York to build Hanslin Travel and Holiday Tours of America into one of the largest promoters of Finnish tourism in the U.S. In the 1990s, Paul and his wife Mirja permanently settled in Charlestown, R.I. and founded and operated Country Corner Restaurant in Charlestown, R.I. for several years.

Mr. Hanslin belonged to over 20 organizations dedicated to Finnish-American culture and business life in the U.S., having acted as a past president of the Finnish Cultural Center of Fitchburg, general chairman of the New England Finnish-American Bicentennial Committee, and trustee of the Finlandia Foundation. Also during his years in Fitchburg, Mr. Hanslin was the producer and announcer of several Finnish Radio programs at radio station WEIM and a part-time editor of the Finnish newspaper Raivaaja. He proudly served in both the Finnish and U.S. Armies during the early 1950s, demonstrating his dedication to both his native Finland and adopted United States.



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**Juliana Isoppo Schnack** posted:

uuuuuuu

August 19 at 4:36 PM



**Dfgdfgdf** posted:

fsdfsfsdf

August 19 at 1:01 PM



**Thiago Schneider** May 14 at 3:22 PM

Test



**Admin Funeralone** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



August 19 at 11:32 AM



**Admin Funeralone** lit a candle in honor of Joe.

test again

August 19 at 9:09 AM



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test

August 19 at 9:09 AM



**John** posted:

Hello Skip! This is great!

August 17 at 10:36 AM



# Tribute Wall

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**Joey Joachim** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will never forget the times we had at your cottage grandpa!

August 17 at 10:34 AM



**Skip Willoughby** posted:

I'll never forget Joe. He was one of a kind. I had the great opportunity to get to know him very well over the past 20 years and I'm so happy I did. We would play chess every Sunday night after watching some football and I can tell you, he stayed as sharp as ever right up until the end (I think I remember beating him only three times over a 10 year span).

August 16 at 12:12 PM



**John** August 17 at 10:42 AM

Skip those were the great times! Did you remember the time we caught that fish at the cottage!



**Juliana Schnack** lit a candle in honor of Joe.

August 16 at 9:35 AM



**Juliana Schnack** sent a virtual gift in honor of Joe.

I love you!

August 16 at 9:35 AM



**Juliana Isoppo** posted:

I'll never forget you!

August 16 at 9:34 AM



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**Juliana** posted:

I'll never forget you!

August 16 at 9:33 AM



**Wms3** shared an album called **Memories Album.**



August 16 at 9:31 AM



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**Admin Funeralone** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

August 19 at 11:32 AM

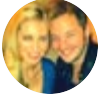




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Joey Joachim shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 17 at 10:34 AM



Grandpa's favorite icons!



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Wms3 shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

August 16 at 9:31 AM



**AF** Admin Funeralone August 19 at 12:24 PM  
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**JO** John August 17 at 10:40 AM  
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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