

## **Obituary for Joseph Thomas Brophy, Joseph T Brophy, Joe Brophy**

**The primary purpose of this obit is to pass along genealogy information. TO BE PUBLISHED IN an online service, including brophyblog. Would like to find a permanent on line data base like legacy.com**

**Less inspired now to publish in nytimes or wsj. Also too strict with their editors and of course, way too expensive. Maybe publish locally in west Hartford or New London. This obit based on nytimes guidelines; shown at end of obit.**

**Notes: Saint Clares is spelt as is; no punctuation; note preference for blest; preference for &; elimination of word ‘and;’ preference for use of ; wherever possible and minimized use of comma (,); “once removed” means children of sibling or cousin; ‘of’ means descendent of. Preference to use mathematical logic rather than editorial logic.**

**To what extent should we name attendents; or use MBA or other designation**

**OBITUARY:** Joseph Thomas Brophy FSA passed away peacefully Friday, October, 25, 2032 in Sunapee NH after a long productive life. He was 99. Firstborn in Women’s Hospital, NYC, NY on October 25, 1933, the son of Joseph Richard Brophy, Ballyfin, Loais & Mary Kate Mitchell, Clogboley, Sligo, Eire with siblings: Margaret Patricia with John Capitano & Maureen Elizabeth Brophy Paumgardhen. Joe is survived by his wife of 75 years, Carole Ann Johnson, RN: married in Saint Barnabas Church, Bellmore LI, 1957 by **Richard Lohman pp**; [attendants]; attending Saint Martin of Tours Grammar, & Our Lady of Wisdom Academy, Brooklyn, NY, & an honor graduate of Saint Clares School of Nursing, midtown NYC where she also practiced after graduation as Head Nurse, Urology; with fields of study: “patient care nursing” & “prevention of drug & alcohol abuse among school children. Carole was daughter of the late Captain William Henry Johnson (NYPD Mounted Division) & Eleanor Walter Kornahrens Johnson, Bellmore LI, NY; & sibling of Patricia Jeanne with Giovanni Baptista Fusco. Carole & Joe were blest with five children, Thomas Joseph, CPA, Eagle Scout, with Jane Evelyn Montgomery, CPA, San Francisco CA; David William, CPA with Mary Kay Klem, Glastonbury CT; Patricia Jeanne with Gary Stephen Shottes, Bedford NH; Maureen Ann with Michael William O’Loughlin, Westport CT; & Kathleen Marie FSA with Mark Allan Fish, FSA, Slingerlands, NY; & niece Francesca Capitano, JD with Ralph John Madalena, JD of gf Private Michael Valente, recipient 1918, Congressional Medal Honor, op.cit.: “Duty, Honor, Privilege,” “The Long Way Home,” & late nephew John Joseph Capitano; & by 15 grandchildren: Christopher Thomas. CPA, Eagle Scout & spouse Lizzie (Elizabeth) Thorne, & once removed Maxwell Thomas & Sarah Constance; Michael Montgomery, Eagle Scout & Peter William Brophy, Eagle Scout; Kathryn (stage: Kate Elizabeth) & Allison Marie Brophy, APRN; Michael Joseph, John Patrick & Katie Elizabeth Shottes; Siobhan Rose, Michael Forrest, John Mitchell & Andrew James O’Loughlin; & Michelle Katherine, Ryan Patrick & Christine Marie Fish, FSA; & by 30 great grandchildren; & by grandniece Kathryn Maria Madalena PhD.

Brophy attended Horace Mann preschool, Ascension Grammar (elementary studies with the Sisters of Charities & Brothers of De La Salle), Power Memorial High (since closed by the Irish Christian Brothers for the wrong reasons), Fordham U (with a few remaining Jesuits), NYU & Sloan, MIT for Senior Executives. His fields of study were mathematics & philosophy in which he completed his undergraduate studies in 2.5 years with high honors while working full time as a paramedic at Saint Clares Hospital, midtown, NYC, (since closed by the NYC bureaucracy). He served in both the USMCR, as a 60mm mortar man, & on active duty, as well as a battalion S1 clerk & stenographer with the First Calvary Division, US Army in Hokkaido, Japan, & in Pusan, Taegu, Koje-do & Seoul, Korea during the undeclared war with North Korea & the Chinese.

Joe worked as a paramedic at the former Saint Clares Medical Center, midtown NYC where he met Carole Ann Johnson, a nursing student; as a rocket scientist with defense contractor, Vitro Laboratories, NJ on the feasibility of the Polaris Nuclear Weapon System; Director, Information Systems, Prudential Insurance, Newark, NJ; VP & Pension Consulting Actuary, Hay-Huggins, Philadelphia, PA; ExecVP & Chief Actuary, Bankers National Life, Montclair, NJ; SrVP & Chief Information Officer, Travelers Corp; & President, Travelers Insurance Co, Hartford CT; & after retirement as a consulting actuary with Actuarial Science Associates (aka ASA), Somerset, NJ, a subsidiary of AT&T. Joe coined the term “CIO” [chief information officer] & was featured on the cover of the first

issue of the CIO Magazine in xxxxxx. During his 40-year business career, Joe built large scale networks & systems, including an award winning Managed Care Options system with 40 HMOs which received the Summit Award at the First National Managed Care Conference in Washington DC and ranked among the best three managed care systems by Towers Perrins Consultancy. His Medicare Operations, through TQM [total quality management] initiatives, received a perfect score of 1000 - the first company to achieve this milestone with HCFA. As CIO, The Travelers Corp data processing operations received the coveted "Best Standards of Excellence" designation in 1989 with unit costs 62% less than the average, having the lowest unit cost structure among 26 insurance companies, & the 2nd lowest cost structure among 200 companies in the benchmark data base of Real Time Decisions, Darien, CT, and auditing and bench marking consultancy. Joe was very active in health insurance & health delivery industry issues as co-founder of WEDI (workgroup on electronic data interchange; the official technology arm of HCFA) for electronic payment of claims in response to Secretary Louis Sullivan MD, HCFA's call for administrative simplification leading to savings of \$40 Billion; & HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act), enacted into law (P.L.104-191) by the U.S. Congress in 1996; and other WEDI initiatives leading to the development of standard formats for claim and 10 other health transactions, approved by the ANSI X12; & the NII, National Information Infrastructure, through the National Academy of Sciences; as a Health Information Technology advisor to First Lady Hillary Clinton. Joe was active in civic matters, as a director of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce; as Trustee of the CT Opera; as a judge with the American Arbitration Association; & ANSI, as the leader in the development of COBOL V ANSI X12 standard; also as a director of the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science & Technology. Joe served on several boards, including Accent Color Sciences, a printing technology company in Hartford CT, & as a lobbyist on National Health Care, & as a venture capitalist with CW Associates, NYC. Joe also served as Treasurer & as a performing piper with the legendary St. Patrick's Pipe Band of CT.

Joe was active in science & education matters. He was a Life and Explorer Scout; a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries; a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries; an Enrolled Actuary of ERISA, & a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Acoustical Society of America, & American Arbitration Association. Joe was an internationally recognized guest speaker/lecturer at hundreds of industry events on systems architectures, networking & health information technology; & for integrating technology & business strategies; publishing more than 300 articles, including *A Users Guide to Project Management* with Robert Gordon; *Pipe Majors Handbook*; *The Sudoku Compendium*; *Rubik's Cube for Children*, & a 6000-page *Genealogy: the extended family of Brophys from Loais & Mitchells from Sligo*, among others. He was Technology Editor, *Actuarial Digest*; a member of the Editorial Board, *Health Data Management*. Joe served as Trustee of St Joseph College, West Hartford CT; Trustee of RPI - Hartford Graduate Center CT; chairman of the Visiting Committee & the Information Technology Committee for the Fordham University School of Business; as an Advisor for Actuarial Studies at the Barney School, University of Hartford; & as an epidemiological advisor to the Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Harvard School of Public Health; as a director of LIMRA; as a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, & The Wizards of the Upper Valley, with a serious interest in the theory & neuroscience of magic & cognition. Joe maintained a private sound engineering studio at his home & contributed to the development of the first Bagpipe Synthesizer with George Boyd. He conducted his research at the anechoic chamber, Bell Laboratories, Murray Hills NJ with the renowned Max Matthews, on the harmonics of the bagpipe. He maintained a fully automated Astronomical Observatory with a 12.5' Ash Dome, a top his 35' steel reinforced pier & silo which he designed. He was a digital train enthusiast with large collection of Marklin HO & "1" Scale locomotives, as well as 400' 1/32nd" electric racing car track.

Joe received numerous accolades: was cited in 1981 by the State of CT "...contributions to the needs of both the public & private sectors." 1986 he was given the Distinguished Information Sciences Award by the Data Processing Management Association. In 1987 Carnegie Mellon & American Management Systems recognized him as the first recipient of the Award of Achievement in Managing Information Technology. He was designated a member of "Telemedicine 200" as one of the 200 most influential people in telemedicine.

Joe was active in the Sunapee Region, as a member of the Lake Sunapee Yacht Club, & the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. He was a member of the Kearsarge Marines organization; and the Country Squires of New London. He Joe attended numerous ILEAD & AIL study programs & courses & taught similar courses on Advanced Sudoku, Nature of Reality & others. He was a published poet, & a poetry fan & collector of Seamus Heaney works, & bagpipe music, & maintains the [www.BrophyBlog.net](http://www.BrophyBlog.net) where he vets his Libertarian views.

Joe will be cremated, & funeral and/or memorial services will be held at St. Joachim Church, Route 11, Sunapee, NH on [month, day, year] at 11:00 AM followed by a memorial luncheon the Sunapee Golf Club and or xxxx, West Hartford. His ashes will be laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford, CT/ Joe and Carole's tombstone reads: **"He never read the instructions!"** end.

**Stuff from older resumes:**

As President of Travelers Insurance Company, since 1988 he restructured the Group Insurance business of The Travelers from a monolithic, hierarchical, and red ink company with losses of \$88 Million, into a decentralized and fully empowered enterprise of 16 business units generating record sales of \$1.7 Billion and \$100 Million in profits in 1992, and laying the groundwork for expected earnings in excess of \$150 Million in 1993.

As a late entrant into Managed Care, Joe led the strategic planning and internal funding campaigns necessary to contract with 55,000 physicians and 900 hospitals to build 42 Managed Care Networks serving 130 metro areas. The award winning, technology based CareOptions Point of Service product offering grew from start on 1/1/91 to 600,000 members at year-end 1992. The Travelers has been rated by Towers Perrin among the top three managed care companies; the Group's technology system - CareOptions received the Summit Award from the National Managed Health Care Congress; and through TQM initiatives, Medicare Operations received a perfect score of 1000 - the first company to achieve this milestone.

Prior Travelers' assignments keynoted Information Systems Operations. Joe's mission as CIO was to develop data processing operations standards of efficiency and customer satisfaction. The Travelers' DP Operations were rated by Real Decisions Corporation, Darien CT, a leading independent auditing and bench marking consultancy. Travelers DP Operations received the coveted "Best Standards of Excellence" designation with information processing unit costs 62% less than the average, having the lowest unit cost structure among 26 insurance companies, and the 2nd lowest cost structure among 200 companies in the benchmark data base.

Joe is known internationally as an expert on information processing with special emphasis on integrating technology into business strategy. In 1980, he led the development of COBOL V through ANSI to a more practical scope avoiding the obsolescence of billions of lines of COBOL application code written across American industry. In 1981 the State of Connecticut recognized Brophy for "...contributions to the needs of both the public and private sectors." In 1986 he was given the Distinguished Information Sciences Award by the Data Processing Management Association. In 1987 Carnegie Mellon and American Management Systems recognized him as the first recipient of the Award of Achievement in Managing Information Technology.

He is Technology Editor, Actuarial Digest; a member of the Editorial Board, Health Data Management; author of several hundred articles including a textbook with Robert Gordon, A Users Guide to Project Management; a guest speaker/lecturer on several hundred occasions, a director and performing musician with the Saint Patrick's Pipe Band with unpublished works in acoustics and musical compositions.

A Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, Joe is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, an enrolled actuary of ERISA, and a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the Acoustical Society of America and American Arbitration Association.

Joe Brophy was a Director of a number Travelers subsidiaries, many of which he founded or acquired. He is active in industry and community serving as a director of LIMRA, trustee of RPI - Hartford Graduate Center, director of the Connecticut Opera, the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology, Saint Joseph College, and the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce. Joe is co-founder and director of Solution Point, a health information and software company, and Clareos, a database software company. He also serves as a director of Accent Color Sciences, a printing technology company.

Brophy is a cum laude graduate of Fordham completing his degree requirements in mathematics and philosophy in 2.5 years while working at a full time job. He has attended NYU Graduate School and completed the Advanced Management Program at the Sloan School, MIT. Joe serves as Chairman of the Information Technology Committee for the Fordham School of Business, as an Advisor for Actuarial Studies at the Barney School, University of Hartford, and as an Advisor to the Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Harvard School of Public Health.

[address]. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

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## NY Times GUIDE TO WRITING AN OBITUARY

If your loved one just passed away, you may be asking yourself, "How do I write an obituary?" Some people feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of writing an obituary. They worry that they'll forget important facts and information, or that the obit won't fully capture their loved one's life.

To assist, Legacy.com has prepared this guide to writing an obituary. Here are the most important things to keep in mind:

**1. Always check with the newspaper and/or funeral home first.** Many funeral homes provide forms for basic information and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

**2. Include biographical information,** as much as you have available and feel comfortable sharing (the more information you include, the easier it is for acquaintances to identify the deceased as someone they knew). Some items you may wish to include:

- Full name of the deceased (including maiden name, nickname, or any other name by which your loved one might be identified)
- Dates and locations of birth, marriage, and death
- Cause of death
- Predeceased and surviving loved ones' names
- Schools attended
- Military service
- Place of employment and position held
- Membership in organizations (for example, civic, fraternal, church)
- Hobbies or special interests

**3. Consider listing one or more charities to which you'd like donations made.** If you do, be sure to include the address or url for the charity to make it easier for people to make donations.

**4. If services are public, include full funeral service information:** location, day, and time of visitation, memorial or funeral service, and burial. If services are private, indicate so (for example, "Burial will be private" or "Private services will be held").

**5. If the family prefers monetary contributions** rather than flowers, include a phrase such as: "In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family" or "contributions suggested to the family," or "the family is requesting financial assistance for the services."

**6. Plan to publish the obituary at least 1-2 days prior to services** so that friends and family can make arrangements to attend. For information on how to submit an obituary to one of our 1500+ newspaper affiliates, visit the [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com) home page.

Want your loved one's obituary to be more memorable? Consider these tips from Legacy.com experts:

According to obituary writing expert [Susan Soper](#), the founder and author of *ObitKit®*, *A Guide to Celebrating Your Life*, the interesting and memorable obit is in the details.

"If you are in a position of writing an obit, try to dig for the intimate details that will keep the person alive in memory: quirks, hobbies, favorite passions, oft-heard quotes, travels, food or unusual pursuits. **It doesn't matter if the person was a company president, an electrician, a cook or ballerina, everyone has a story to tell. But that story doesn't come together by itself.** Ask friends, children, parents, co-workers and spouses for details they recall and favor. How did the person look or dress? What was his daily routine? Where did she find most happiness? Be creative, look outside the box to find the personality traits and characteristics to recall."

Condolence and eulogy expert [Florence Isaacs](#), author of *My Deepest Sympathies: Meaningful Sentiments for Condolence Notes and Conversations, Plus a Guide to Eulogies*, encourages obituary, eulogy and condolence note writers to reflect on what made your loved one unique.

"Try to remember specific instances where she made a difference in the lives of others, in her profession or field and/or in the community. Instead of just listing her achievements, tell a little story about some of them. Keep an eye out for moments that speak eloquently of her humanity, kindness, zest for life or even her cranky disposition—whatever fits. Did she take tango lessons or play poker in her eighties? Say so. Such information inspires people and helps them connect with the deceased. Before you sit down to write, take a day or so to think about what you want to say, and take notes as ideas come to you. Then get started."

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On this page, you may either click on "Create a Memorial," which appears in the blue banner at the top of the page, or the "Start Now" button that appears in the middle of the page. This will take you to the page where you can begin building your site. The first 14 days are free of charge to you. During this trial period, anyone may sponsor the Memorial Website for a fee of \$36.75 for the first year and \$19.00 for each additional year thereafter.



