



## Joseph Leon Predzin

February 20, 1925 - July 16, 2020

Joseph (Joe) Leon Predzin, aged 95, of Gainesville, VA passed away peacefully on July 16, 2020 after a brief illness. An only child, Joe was born on February 20, 1925 in Scranton, PA, to Polish immigrants, Joseph and Regina. After graduating high school, he entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and served in Europe until the end of World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. After the War Joe enrolled in Penn State and graduated with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in History and Languages. He met his loving wife, Anne (Hay), while both were students at Penn State, and married in 1951. Joe was predeceased by his beloved wife Anne in 2002 after 51 years of marriage. Upon graduation, Joe began his Federal law enforcement career as a Special Agent with the FBI in 1951 and worked on several high-profile, counterintelligence cases. He later served in the Inspector General's Office for the Department of Agriculture and finished his career as the Special Agent in Charge of Criminal Investigations and Training for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Joe retired in 1983 after 32 years of dedicated and distinguished public service. He was fluent in many languages including Polish, Russian, and German; and was also familiar with French and Spanish. Joe and Anne adopted and were devoted parents to their two children, Dave and Gail, making their home in Springfield, VA. Joe was very active in and a founding member of Grace Presbyterian Church. Joe was a deeply caring and involved husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman, hobbyist, collector, student of history, and enjoyed working around the house,

garden and in his workshop. Joe loved sharing these passions with his children and grandchildren and was very supportive and influential in their career choices in public service.

Joe is survived by: son, Dave (Karen) Predzin of Gainesville, VA; granddaughter Kelli (Bryan) Cook of Dallas, GA; daughter, Gail (David) O'Flynn of Gainesville, VA; grandchildren David (Annalice) O'Flynn of South Mills, NC and their children Aidan, Cole, and Parker; James O'Flynn of Houston, TX; and Erin O'Flynn, of Brooklyn, NY.

A memorial service and celebration of Joe's life will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110, on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 2 PM with an on-site reception to follow. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions in Joseph L. Predzin's name be made to:

- Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath Street, Springfield, VA 22150

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/gracepresby>  
and/or

- Tunnel to Towers Foundation <https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/charity/tunnel2towers/0?widget=1&>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **24.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Leon Predzin*



Pierce Funeral Home - July 24, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Leon Predzin.*



July 22, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *My condolences to Dave & Karen and Gail & David and to all of the grandchildren and family members. I have known Joe for almost as long as I have known Dave. He was a great father, great husband and a great guy. Though I have not seen him in years, I will certainly miss him. Rest in peace Joe, thank you for your service to your country and to the legacy you left behind.*

Bing Crosbie - July 22, 2020 at 01:19 PM



*Thanks so much Bing that was very nice of you*

Gail O'Flynn - July 22, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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*Thanks Bing. My Dad liked and respected you very much.*

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**Dave Predzin** - July 25, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ *To the family,  
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss.*

*Bless his heart,  
Susan Musgrave*

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**Susan Musgrave** - July 20, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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*Thank you Susan*

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**Gail O'Flynn** - July 22, 2020 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Rest in peace, sir. I never had the privilege of meeting you, but am proud to call your son, David, a friend.  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Pat Aigner*

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**Patrick Aigner** - July 20, 2020 at 06:44 AM

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*Thanks Pat.*

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**Dave Predzin** - July 25, 2020 at 12:59 PM