

JOSEPH GETSUG

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Funeral services for Joseph Getsug will be held on April 6, 1999, at 2 p.m. at B'nai Congregation, 3116 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton, with Rabbi Norman Golner officiating. Graveside services will follow in Hebrew Cemetery.

Joseph Getsug died April 4 at Riverside Regional Hospital after a short illness. Joseph Getsug will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him. He was the oldest in a family of six children. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mollee, devoted parents, Julius and Mattilda, and loving brothers, Bertram and Sydney.

He is survived by his daughter, Judith G. Margulies of Virginia Beach; his son, Stephen Getsug of Hampton; granddaughter, Shelley Margulies of Atlanta; and grandson, Michael Margulies of Virginia Beach. He is also survived by sisters, Beatrice G. Shepard of McLean and Doris Getsug of St. Paul, Minn.; brother, Earl Getsug of Eagan, Minn.; and Pauline Getsug, dear sister-in-law and widow of Bertram Getsug. Joseph is also survived by many nieces and nephews, Julian and Jody Shepard of McLean and June and Reed Banet of St. Paul, Minn. He is also survived by cousins, Judy and Scott Canaugh of Mendota Heights, Minn., Bernie Wetizman of Mendota Heights, Minn., Ethel and Norman Smith of Mendota Heights, Minn., Bert Getsug of South Dakota, Sidney and Francine Jerson of St. Paul, Minn., Timmie and Bill Rosen of Edina, Minn., and Esther Getsug and family; and special friend, Marie Collins of Hampton.

Joseph Getsug was a devoted, loving husband, and loving parent of Judith and Stephen, and loving grandparent of Shelley and Michael Margulies. His friends, acquaintances and colleagues found Joe to be an interesting and knowledgeable person. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, receiving a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1933, and completing all academic credits toward a master's degree in theoretical physics. Joe was a member of Eta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honorary society, and also was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers.

Joseph contributed much to the outstanding safety record held by the Langley Research Center for many years. There is much in Getsug's record of accomplishments, contributions and achievements which have brought him numerous Certificates of Recognition and commendations, including his being honored with three Presidential Awards from Presidents Carter, Reagan and Clinton, together with a letter of recognition and commendation noting Joseph's electrical expertise from NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

Joseph was a loyal, conscientious and dedicated employee of NASA. He considered "Langley" as his "baby" to love, cherish, protect the lives and property of the Langley Research Center from the time he first received his job appointment in 1940 in the early days of NACA, now called NASA.

Joseph participated in the growth and development of "Langley" like a proud father during which time, as a pioneer, he founded the first training school for apprentices out of necessity.

Joe's devotion to his "job" is such that he once told his family he loved his work so much that he would work for nothing. He loved the challenges, which perhaps explains one of the reasons he was spending almost 60 years of his life with NASA.

Joseph was probably NASA's longest tenured and oldest career employee in the United States at age 87, working until the last week Feb. 27, 1999.

Among Joe's hobbies were his interests in the fine arts, music, ballroom dancing, literature and sports. His high school coach, years after retirement, remarked once to his family that he considered Joseph to be the most outstanding all-around athlete he ever coached. While pursuing his academic coursework at the University of Minnesota, Joseph engaged in intramural sports and was awarded medals for his excellence in wrestling and track.

Please join the family this afternoon at Judith Margulies' home in Virginia Beach following the services.

Memorials may be made in memory of Joseph Getsug to B'nai Israel Congregation, 3116 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton, Va. 23661.

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