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IN MEMORIAM

Chief Joseph (Joe) William Mathias
November 12, 1943 — March 10, 2000

For my Brother-in-Law, Joe Mathias

"My Brother-in-Law Forever." That's What Joe Told Me.

Hearing that from a man I admired meant a lot to me. We played golf together. We watched or talked about horse racing together. We discussed a lot about spiritual things together.

I know when Joe met Lisa his life was enriched and extended, Joe was very sick back then and I was afraid for his life. I would like to thank Lisa for all she did, to have him with us for as long as he was.

Joe loved his daughter so dearly. He was so proud of her. When he spoke of her his eyes would light up. He loved his family and friends.

The Way Joe The Great saw Things

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; I believe Chief Joe would say - Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; I believe Chief Joe would say - Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; I believe Chief Joe would say - Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; I believe Chief Joe would say - be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; I believe Chief Joe would say - Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; I believe Chief Joe would say - Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; I believe Chief Joe would say - Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; I believe Chief Joe would say - Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between me, God and my Conscience. It was never between me and anyone else anyway. I believe Chief Joe would leave this message.

If there is anyone here or anywhere who thought badly of Chief Joe, he has forgiven you. Please forgive yourself and continue on in this world with freedom, peace and love. I know that's what he wanted for everyone because of his integrity, loyalty, humility and love he had for his people and everyone else. I Love You My Brother-In-Law.

John Bowcott



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