

Justin Joseph (Joe) Zinn
May 3, 1939 - September 25, 2019



Joseph Zinn

Alumni Records has just advised that **Justin J. “Joe” Zinn** died on September 25, 2019, in Ft Myers, FL, where he was living out his days with his sister Vicki Langdon & family.

He was born May 3, 1939, in Lansing, MI; his dad Justin “Jud” was a math professor at Michigan State University and his mom Angie co-owned a gift shop with MSU football coach Duffy Daugherty’s wife Fran.

Joe was an accomplished football and track athlete at East Lansing High School, and was involved in other class of 1957 activities.

He was recruited for Dartmouth by legendary assistant (ends) coach Elmer Lampe, and matriculated with us in the fall of ’57.

He played football for Hall of Fame coach “Bullet” Bob Blackman for two years until injuries and studies ended his sports career; he was a math major, member of Phi Gamma Delta, and Dragon senior honor society.

At the Phi Gam house he roomed with [the late] **Jack “Beaver” Kinderdine** and **Tom Conger (tc)**, and was elected Vice-President senior year. It was observed by fellow fratbros that Joe “Rat” not only marched to a different drummer, but perhaps also had his own percussion section

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After graduation, he joined IBM in their commercial training program, working out of the Hartford, CT, sub-branch of the Boston sales office. He spent many weekends with tc & Sonja in their rented Marblehead bungalow.

From there he went to work for Memorex, along with dear friend **Oscar Arslanian**, and later devised a computerized Human Resources system which was attractive to many large business concerns.

Sometime after that, he became attached to Swami Muktananda (of Beatles repute) and - with former football standout Joe Don Looney - followed the guru to India to continue to gain his wisdom/counsel (the swami did not speak English...).

He eventually went back into mainline business and retired from computer tech service with the State of Washington in Olympia.

While working in New York, he married Christine [?], they had no children, divorced, and remained friends.

Having spent many, many hours in JJ's company, tc was stunned by his passing and deeply mourns the loss of both his treasured roommates within 3 months of each other.

Mai poina,

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p.s. Survivors include : 2 sisters: Vicki Langdon and Connie Stuppig, Memorial service will be held at a later date.