### Joseph Splingaerd

Kiatchouang, China, 1919 – 2011 Huntington Beach, CA,

# Joseph Splingaerd was born on May 21, 1919 in north China



Joseph's father, Remy, was the second son of the Belgian Mandarin, Paul Splingaerd





His mother was Anna Zhang, from Lanzhou, in Western China.

#### He had 8 sisters: Elizabeth, Augustine, Marguerite, Suzanne, Marie, Rosa, Clara and Lucie.



## After Remy died Joseph was sent away to a boarding school at the age of 11







#### **Joseph Meets Mary**



Mary Wardrope Anderson was the beautiful daughter of Scotsman Alexander Anderson and Lucie Liu Kweifen Anderson.



### They were married on April 11, 1942, at St. Louis Church in Tientsin





John Peter Joseph was born Dec. 30th

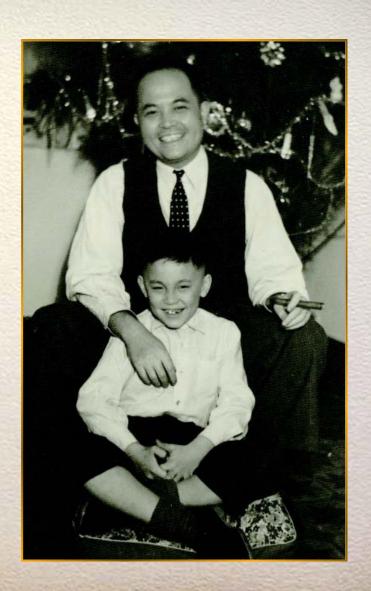


Mary Anne came 22 months later

#### **Hong Kong**

In 1947 the family moved from Tientsin to Hong Kong.

This picture of Dad and Peter was taken at our apartment on Mosque Road.



## In Hong Kong Joseph taught accounting at Jesuit-run Wah Yen College

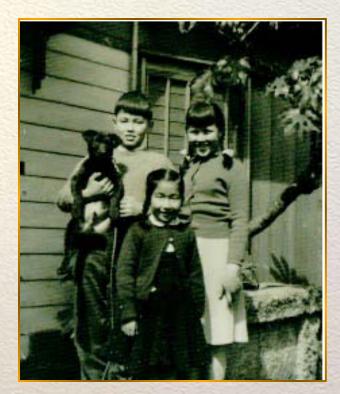


After taking classes at London Bookkeepers Institute, Joseph taught for two years at Wah Yen College. He later became a CPA and member of the AAIA.

#### To Japan in 1953



The house at 141 Heiraku in Yokohama had a beautiful garden with a view of Mount Fuji.



Peter and Anne with Mari Machida, who lived next door. Peter is holding Blacky.

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#### Five years in Japan



Working as an auditor at Peat Marwick in Tokyo brought many new friends. Picture taken at wedding of Margaret and Terry Teraoka in 1953.

Dad's sister Marie and brother-inlaw, Lucien Pourbaix, had a beach house at Hayama Beach, where the families spent many weekends.

#### ¡México!



In 1958 the family moved to Mexico City where Joseph was the new comptroller for Encyclopaedia Britannica of Venezuela and Enciclopedia Barsa.

## Business trips to South America allowed for Visits with sisters Rosa and Clara in Venezuela

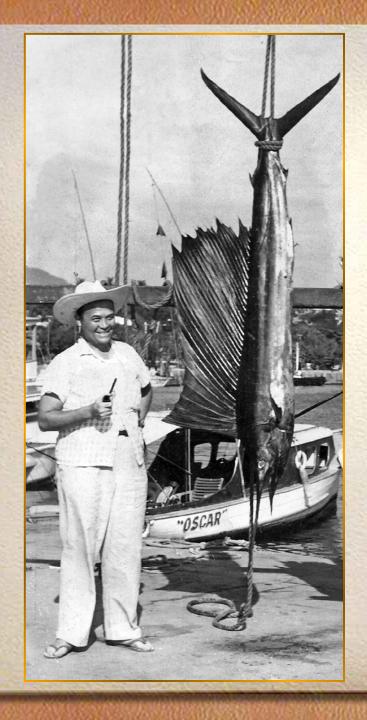


# Fishing and hunting have been favorite sports





Showing off results of fishing trip with Mike Collins (left), and duck hunting with John Smith (above)

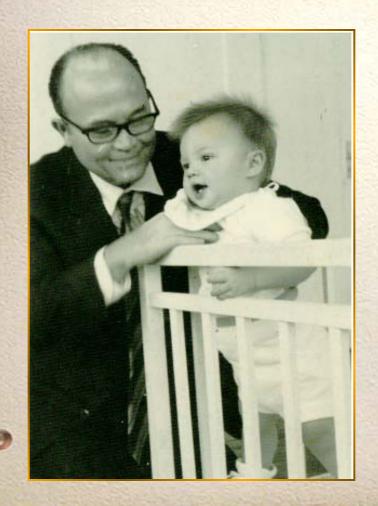


Happy
fisherman
with his
sailfish
in Acapulco

#### Dad and Mum in Mexico City November 10, 1972



#### Grandchildren





My son, Andrew (left) was Joseph and Mary's first grandchild.

Cynthia (above) was next. These pictures were taken on visits to Mexico.

#### Many years later, in Kona, Hawaii...



Grandpa Joe sang at Cynthia's wedding to Shawn Olds in 2005

# Grandpa was a frequent guest at Troon Avenue



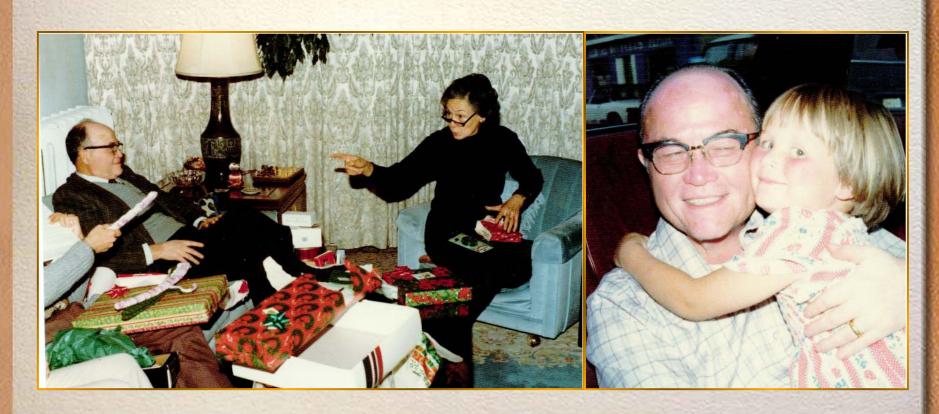
# Grandpa was always the center of family gatherings at holidays and special occasions

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This shot was at Christmas 1999. We were joined by Blair and Lorraine.

#### Retirement in Dunnville, Ontario, Canada



This move allowed more time with grandchild #3, Tara Splingaerd.

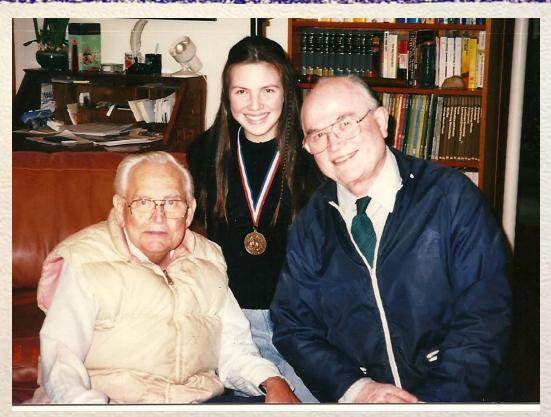
### The birth of fourth grandchild, Christine Megowan, brought Mum and Dad to Los Angeles



Andy (currently in Seattle) and **Cynthia** (currently in Dubai), were joined in 1982 by little sister Christine, now a librarian at LMU. The picture at right shows Christine with her Grandpa on the day of her 8th grade graduation.



#### After Mum died ...



Deacon Ken Potthoff (left) and Dad (shown here with Christine) became friends, and they bought Uncle Ed Megowan's mobile home in Huntington Beach.

#### Life in Huntington Beach, California



Peter, Grandpa, Olivine and Anne in front of #143



Dad's St. Louis College classmate,
Yervand Markarian lived in nearby
Leisure World with his wife Mariam (left).

## Dad Joined "The Singing Goodtimers," and entertained at Senior facilities in Orange County



#### Peter married his college sweetheart, Alice Wright, in Phoenix



# We celebrated Grandpa's 90th birthday on Troon Avenue in 2009



By now Grandpa had two lovely great granddaughters. Here he is with Tara's younger daughter, Katie Rose.



#### Joseph Splingaerd died in his home on Thursday, April 21, 2011

Rest in Peace, Grandpa Joe We will miss you





#### **Awaiting the Service**





#### **Blessing the Casket Before Mass**



#### **Father Steve Performed the Service**



#### Peter, Anne and Andy gave Eulogies



# The Gravesite at Holy Cross Cemetery next to His Wife, Mary



#### The Setting is Quite Peaceful



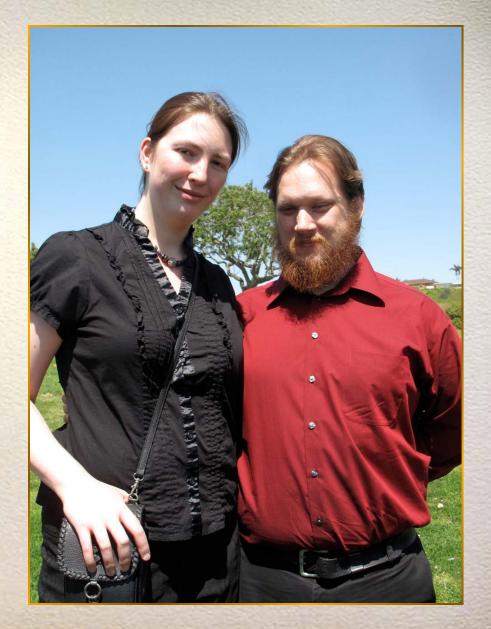
#### A Few Prayers to say Goodbye



# Emilie Collins a Long Time Friend and Granddaughter Cynthia



Granddaughter
Christine with
Her Best Friend,
Steve Warren



## Sophie and Her Mom, Jennifer Kozumplik, Drove in from Sacramento



#### **Father Steve and Anne**



#### The Bouquet Graced the Gravesite Afterwards



## Steve and Mary Riva Hosted a Reception with Help from Stella Sasso and Marge Neary



A tranquil setting in which to share remembrances

# Mike's Brother Blair and Grandniece Sophie Blair



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