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Joseph E. "Joe" Williams joined the Kiwanis Club of Traverse City in 1966. In 1973, he became the Club's secretary, an office he held until his death in 1985. During that 12-year tenure, he was eight times named Distinguished Club Secretary by the Michigan District of Kiwanis International.

Joe's interests and community involvements extended beyond Kiwanis, and included at various times the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, and the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. But for those of us in the "K" family, he will be remembered especially as a Kiwanian, and especially as "Secretary Joe" of the Traverse City Club.

Joe was, to a good many incoming members, the personification of the Club, and to a succession of club presidents he was the indispensable store of Kiwanis knowledge and experience, the ready and willing helper, and the tireless worker who made the president's job a pleasure and the Club's year a good one. True to form, whenever Joe was recognized by the Club for his contributions, he passed the credit along to his able "assistant," he wife, Betty.

Behind Joe's gruff exterior was a kind man who believed in and lived the Objects of Kiwanis. A Kiwanian for whom man-hours of service were more significant than dollars of budget, he not only held the idea that people in general, and Kiwanians in particular, are on this earth to serve others; he put feet on that idea by rendering that service himself through various club committees and on countless club projects, and by diligently and faithfully performing the detailed and ongoing administrative work of the Club so necessary to the accomplishment of the Club's service to the community. Challenged by his example, Joe's home Club remembers him with gratitude and affection.