



Joe Burkey

April 6, 1925 - August 22, 2018

Joe Burkey, 93, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 5:35 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Joe was born in Jackson County, Illinois, near the Poplar Ridge area, to John Lester Burkey and Ada (Leone) Leach) Burkey.

He was saved at the Poplar Ridge Methodist Church at age eleven and served the Lord ever since. He loved the Lord with all of his heart. His and his wife's greatest joy were raising their family and working for the Lord. He loved woodworking.

He had served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II.

Mr. Burkey owned Jackson County Tractor in Murphysboro, and also worked as a general contractor until he turned the business over to his son.

He was a member of the Mt. Carbon Christian Church in Murphysboro.

Joe married his wife Beatrice "Bea" (Wyatt) on February 15, 1947, in Vergennes, Illinois, and she survives.

Other survivors include four children Frances (John) Burkey Lindeman,

Joseph L. (Jan) Burkey, Sam (Sara) Burkey, and Julie (Scott) Bridges, all of Murphysboro;

twelve grandchildren Jennifer Edwards, John (Jana) Lindeman, Jared Lindeman, Vicky Lindeman, Ryan (Marci) Burkey, Jason (Ellie) Burkey, Christy (Charlie) Etherton, Bradley Burkey, A. J. (Ashley) Burkey, Ashlee Burkey, Candice Kennedy, and Leslie (Clay) Fuson;

and eighteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson Tommy Joe Burkey, two brothers Wayne and Paul Burkey, one sister Ruth Haury, and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at Elm Street Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Allen and Rev. Gary Darnell officiating, with burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park, with military services conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127 Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Campus Outreach for Clay and Leslie Fuson, P.O. Box 2044, Dept. 2300, Memphis, TN 38101 or Southern Illinois Christian Conference--Christian Youth Camp, % Donna Stearns, 5052 Old US Hwy 51, Makanda, IL 62958. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Joe Burkey

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for you loss. I very blessed to have worked with Joe during his therapy sessions. It had been so many years since I had seen Joe and Bea. Joe had such a sweet gentle spirit that shined on his face, truly a man of God. God bless, love and comfort to your family.*

Rebecca Lipe - August 29, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Burkey family. Very faithful, hardworking man who loved the Lord. Keep his legacy in your hearts, souls, and minds. Always a treasure to see this fine soul helping wherever and whenever He could thru the years.*

Karen McNeely McMinn - August 29, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ Hi,

*I am so sorry about Joe passing away. I remember Joe and Bee Burkey at Mt. Carbon Church. My family went there a few years. And also them living out on RR1. A few times I would stay at there house after school until my parents would come pick me up. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.
Roger*

Roger Pierson - August 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM

CH

“ Joey,we have good memories of your father and you building our family room. It is obvious that you inherited your father's hard work ethic and his great personality. We offer our condolences.

Charlie and Lynda Homan - August 28, 2018 at 12:02 PM

GK

“ Aunt Bea, So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

Gina King - August 28, 2018 at 11:21 AM

ST

“ Dearest Bea, I just heard that Joe has gone to be with the Lord. I wish I could be there with you in this time. Please know that my prayers are with you and I offer you my heartfelt hope that you are comforted by family, friends and your faith most of all knowing that Joe is now in the arms of his father, savior and king. I have always counted it a great honor to know you both, love and be loved by you both and to have served a community of believers along side you both. One day, we will be standing together in His Presence singing great praises that only can be sung by the redeemed. I love you my dear sister and friend.

Stephannie Tebow - August 27, 2018 at 02:42 PM

JR

“ Julie,you are in our prayers.So is all your family ,your mother.may god bless you all! Joe was a very wonderful person, he always love all the people that worked for him. I just want to let you all know that he is going to be missed by many.God Bless You!!

Joe&Regina Reiman - August 26, 2018 at 03:00 PM

DC

“ We're sorry to hear of Joe's passing and your loss, but rejoicing with you also, knowing that he is now rejoicing in the presence of his Lord and Savior. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

David and Kathy Clutts - August 26, 2018 at 10:05 AM

DP

“ Sam, So sorry for the loss of your Father. I lost my Dad when I was 16 years old. Though you had Joe for a lot of years it is never easy saying good-bye. God Bless you and your Family at this difficult time. Here for you if you should need anything or if you just need to talk.

Dave Phillips - August 26, 2018 at 08:30 AM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss, rejoicing because you know were Dad is. Such a BLESSING to know a loved one is HOME with JESUS. Your family is in our prayers.

Robert & Pam Poston - August 25, 2018 at 02:13 PM

CN

“ Joe and family, sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family. Hugs to you all.

Cindy Norris - August 25, 2018 at 07:00 AM

MB

“ It is difficult to put into a small paragraph the feelings that come to me on hearing of Joe's passing.

My earliest memory of Joe is in the early 60s when he came to Grand Tower to build a closet for my Mom.

Joe was a real craftsman with wood. He was a carpenter and also a cabinet maker, too. My house is filled with custom made oak trim that he made for me from oak that he dried and sawed and planed before he formed it into furniture quality paneling and trim. He was also generous with his great knowledge which I sought over three decades, as an adult.

Joe was a calm, extremely kind and steady person who one instinctively trusted without reservation.

His Christianity was not something on his truck bumper, but it lived in shoe leather where the rubber meets the road, every day of his life that I observed.

I was always amazed at his ability to work hard and his positive great attitude. We are all diminished at Joe's passing, but his example lives on in our hearts and specially in his family, who have been molded by his love for Christ and his character and devotion to his children and grandchildren.

We are all richer for having known and touched by Joe and heaven is richer for his arrival there. The words "Well done, good and Faithful Servant surely was heard above the rejoicing.

Thank you Joe, for all the kindness you have shown me and for the example you set as a man and as a friend and as a brother in Christ.

Mike Burke

Mike Burke - August 24, 2018 at 04:36 PM