



## Joe Tom Reames

July 27, 1928 - December 17, 2011

Joe Tom Reames, 83, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 2:08 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Joe was born July 27, 1928, in Pope County, Illinois, to Clarence and Missouri Reames.

He grew up in Pope County in the town of Rock.

Mr. Reames was stationed in Japan, while serving in the U.S. Army in the 111th Airborne Division, as a paratrooper, during the Korean Conflict, where he also played football.

Joe loved the Lord and preaching. He attended SIU with a desire to go to the Seminary. He was also a sprint car driver and his race car was named "The Flying Irishman". He was a lover of sports, football, and taking care of his family.

He was an iron worker and was an upstanding member of the Painters Union Local # 32 for over 40 years. Joe then retired from SIU in 2000. He also owned and operated Murphysboro Ice Plant for many years.

Joe married Linda Kay Fisher on December 11, 1976, in Marion, Illinois, and she survives.

Other survivors include seven children Kathy and Danny Mayhugh, Lavina and Mike Thomas, all of Carterville, Illinois, Joey Reames and his special friend Vanita, of Forks, Washington, and Mike and Kim McCall, Rhonda and Jerry Collier, Neil McCall, and Angie and Kevin Deaton, all of Murphysboro;

fourteen grandchildren Derek McCall, Jacob McCall, Emilie Collier, Justin Collier, Kasey Deaton, Kody Deaton, Kelsey Deaton, Tiffany McCall, Amy Gentry, Chad Burkes, Mollie Thomas, Tyler Thomas, Destiny Reames, and Austin Reames;

eleven great grandchildren;

one sister Rosebud and Loy Cletcher of Bartonville, Illinois;

many cousins, nieces, and nephews;

best friend Bo Piquard;

and his four-legged kids Rascal and Riley.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Rodney and Randal Reames, one sister Rachel Modglin, and his parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ Joe Tom Reames

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I LOST A very GOOD friend, I thought a lot of him JO Tom from Rock. We worked a lot of days together and had some good times. I went to the ice plant with him at noon on some very hot days in july, and had cold water melon, very good. We were working at CIPS Murphysboro, at noon he would lay down on the concrete floor after he would eat real quick, and he would go right to sleep, and wake up right on time. I lost my wife on 12/11/2011, and I miss her and you will miss him. I am very sorry for your lost.

Charles Pressley - December 28, 2011 at 11:21 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss, Joe was a great guy. I can remember when he owned the old Ice Plant. He would always joke with everyone. Prayers to the family.

Frank Byrd - December 22, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ To the family; I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful man who loved his family deeply. He would give anyone the shirt off his back or last bite of food to anyone hungry. He will be missed by many. My love to the family.

Machelle Mifflin - December 19, 2011 at 11:08 AM