



Donald "Joe" Easter

January 26, 1948 - March 10, 2018

Donald "Joe" Easter, age 70 of Mattoon, IL passed away Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 4:15 P.M. at his home surrounded by his loving family in Mattoon, IL. The funeral service in his honor will be held at 12:00 P.M., Friday, March 16, 2018 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Pastor Travis Spencer officiating. Military Rites will be conducted at the funeral home by the Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Burial will be held at a later date. The visitation will be held the same day at the funeral home from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service.

Joe was born January 26, 1948 in Mattoon, IL the son of Joseph and Thelma (Shriver) Easter. He is survived by his two children; one son, Brad Easter and wife Julia of Channahon, IL; one daughter, Megan Butler and husband Jeremy of Mattoon, IL; two stepchildren, David Wightman of Mattoon, IL, Teresa Hardy and husband Mark of Mattoon, IL; five grandchildren, Noah, Ethan, and Theodore Easter of Channahon, IL, Brayden and Owen Butler of Mattoon, IL; one special granddaughter, Haleigh Wightman of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Loran Easter and wife Joyce of Virginia Beach, VA, Robert Easter and wife Tana of Mattoon, IL; one special sister, Tielaine Luechtefeld; and special friends, Dennis and Dorothy Anderson of Mattoon, IL. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Mike and Ralph Easter.

Joe honorably served our country in the Army as a Sargent of Infantry during the Vietnam War, where he received the Bronze Star Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, two time Purple Heart Medal and Army Accommodations Medal

recipient, and served in the Black Horse Brigade of First Cavalry Division. He was employed by RR Donnelly's and a member of Mattoon Christian Church. He was a Lifetime Member of American Legion and VFW Post 4325, where he liked to spend his time socializing with friends. There was nothing more that he enjoyed than attending his grandchildren's events and participating in the Veteran's Day Parade at their school. Joe's children and grandchildren were the center of his universe and they will miss him greatly.

Memorials in Joe's honor may be made to family in care of Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

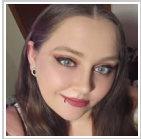
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald "Joe" Easter*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Gonna miss him so much. He always had a great joke and could put a smile on anyones face.*



Hylah Easter - March 17, 2018 at 01:27 AM



“ *Lee Riley lit a candle in memory of Donald "Joe" Easter*



Lee Riley - March 15, 2018 at 09:25 PM



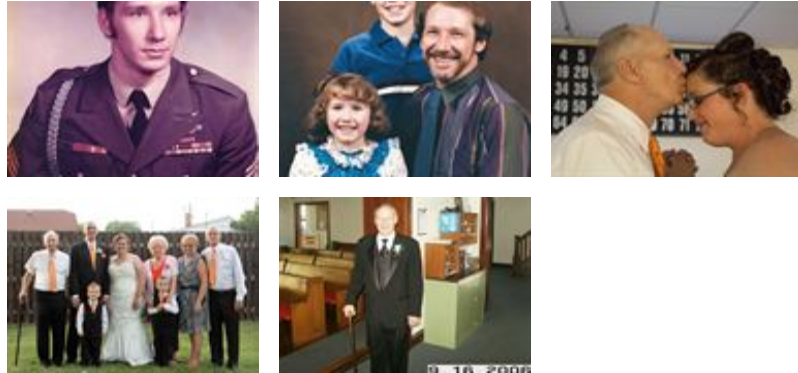
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Joe" Easter.*



March 15, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - March 14, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Joe" Easter.




March 14, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Joe was a very sweet gentleman. He was fun and lovely spirited. He was the life of the party and a loving father. His gentle nature will be sorely missed.

Sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig

rebecca craig - March 14, 2018 at 09:33 AM

 Jayjoy Switzer

“ *Sending prayers to the family in there tume of loss.he will soar high above and be at peace*

Jayjoy Switzer - March 14, 2018 at 09:06 AM

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“ *I have fond memories of Joe in High School. My sympathy and prayers to the family as they go on without him. Cherish your memories and hold them close.*

Diana Strole - March 13, 2018 at 10:19 PM