



Joseph D. Bryan

February 2, 1957 - January 26, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph David Bryan announces his passing on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the age of 60 after a brief battle with cancer at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Joe was born in Lafayette, Indiana on February 2, 1957. He grew up in a loving, Christian home with his beloved parents, Joseph and Lucille Bryan, and his five sisters: Cheryl, Karen, Kathy, Debbie, and Patti. Joe often spoke of his fond childhood memories and maintained a very close relationship with his entire family throughout his life. He considered his sisters to be some of his best friends. Joe grew up to be a wonderful, caring father to his two children, Scott and Angie. Their home was always filled with love and laughter. They really enjoyed spending time together as a family, often going camping and fishing at Lake Travis and swimming at Barton Springs in Austin. He loved to go fishing and swimming. He spent many wonderful years going to the cabin in Chinquapin with his wife, Barbara, and her family. They taught him how to be an avid fisherman until he surpassed Barbara and then she didn't want to teach him anymore. Joe also enjoyed watching his favorite sports teams, the Houston Astros and the Dallas Cowboys, and visiting the casinos in Louisiana with his loving wife, Barbara. They dreamed of winning the "Big One" and then being able to travel the country in an RV making memories with the kids and grandkids. While he may not have ever hit the big jackpot, he was definitely rich in regards to love. He was loved by everyone he ever met. His kind heart and larger than life personality always shined

through. It was hard to resist his big smile and hearty laugh.

Joe was also a very hard-working man. He had an extremely strong work ethic. Joe served in the United States Air Force for 6 years, including one year overseas in South Korea, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his time in the service, he worked for the United States Postal Service in Richmond and Rosenberg, Texas for 31 years. Once he retired, Joe decided to go back to work as a school bus driver for Lamar CISD which turned out to be the perfect job for him since he always had a great love for children. Joe was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 3903 serving as Commander for 4 years and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church serving on the church council for several years. He was very committed to helping his community, his church, our veterans, and his family. That brought him great joy.

Joe will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Barbara Bryan, son, Scott Bryan and his wife, Mandy, daughter, Angie Mendez and her husband, Jason, his precious grandchildren who called him "PawPaw", Ethan and Katie Bryan and Joshua and Morgan Mendez, beloved dog, Diamond, and by his sisters and extended family, Karen Valikonis and husband, Steve, Kathy Bryan, Debbie Adams and husband, Michael, Patti Barnard and husband, Mark, nieces and nephews, Natalie Grubbs, Michelle DeSpain, Craig Tomaski, Chad Essex, Bryan Essex, Greg Valikonis, Christy Harmon, Kelli Picasso, Patti Pollard, Melissa Grise, Sky Adams, Cameron Adams, Leah Hirsch, Jeremy Barnard, Taylor Barnard, and countless other friends and family members. Joe is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Devern Bryan, mother, Lucille Bryan, and sister, Cheryl Tomaski.

The visitation for Joe Bryan will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg, Texas and the funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with the burial at Morton Cemetery in Richmond, Texas. Tributes and words of condolences may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlwnfh.com.

Those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Joe Bryan to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 1208 5th Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph D. Bryan*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - January 30, 2018 at 09:06 AM

HF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bryan Family.*

We were so saddened to hear of this great loss, Joe was indeed a great human being.

Herb Copeland Family



Herb Copeland Family - March 01, 2018 at 03:21 PM

RB

“ Here’s a huge hug to all of Joe’s family who are missing him right now. I’m his cousin in San Diego who got reacquainted with him while visiting my Dad (Joe’s Dad’s brother) who Kathy Bryan took excellent care of. What a treat for my Dad to have his nephew deliver his mail!
And,...Joe and Barb took me to a country place where I country western danced with my cuz.
Love abounds in his family and will continue to bind you all together with memories, tears and laughter.
I believe his spirit will be close to all of you.
Much love and prayers for all of your comfort.-Rhoda Bryan

rhoda bryan - January 31, 2018 at 09:24 PM



i knew joe when he lived in ohio one of the best man i ever knew

December 29, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JW

“ Barbara and family, Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear!. We will always remember Joe's great smile and fun spirit.

We share in your sorrow and pray that you will all be wrapped in the comfort of God's love.

Sincerely, Kevin, Janice and John Wile

Janice Wile - January 30, 2018 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Bryan family. Joe was a very kind, considerate person. A true patriot and beloved friend that will be missed by many. It is hard to believe he is gone.

Bill & Barbie Benton

Bill & Barbie Benton - January 30, 2018 at 04:23 PM

MH

“ I was truly saddened to hear Joe has left our world. He is one of the nicest guys I have ever met . Always happy to stop and talk sports or what not while delivering my mail. He will be missed. Just glad he got to enjoy seeing the Astros bring home a world series victory.

Mike Hewitt

Mike Hewitt - January 30, 2018 at 10:23 AM

NM

“ **NALC BRANCH 283 OFFICERS AND MEMBERS** purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.



NALC BRANCH 283 OFFICERS AND MEMBERS - January 30, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.*



January 29, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.*



January 29, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.*



January 29, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of Joe's passing. He was a truly nice guy with a great sense of humor. My deepest sympathy goes out to Barbara and all of the family. May you be comforted in the days ahead by sweet memories.*

Margie Beard - January 29, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.



January 29, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ I remember first meeting Joe many years ago and immediately knew he was a genuine person with heart. Him and his beautiful wife Barbara were two of the sweetest people you would ever want to know, treating you like you were special. Joe with his smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed, he was a good man. May God always Bless you Barbra.

Jim & Janie Street - January 28, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph D. Bryan.



January 28, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ I remember meeting you the first day I stepped foot into the VFW post more than a decade ago. You took me under your wing and treated me as a son ever since. I called you dad, and you always called me son. You are great person and I will miss you very much.



mark shimala - January 27, 2018 at 08:38 AM

SS

He had an infectious smile and sense of humor like no other. He always had a joke to tell. A really good friend. He will be sorely missed.

Shirley Schultz

Shirley Schultz - January 29, 2018 at 07:07 PM

JT

I grew-up with Joe, and was best man with his marriage to Debbie. We lost contact with each other, but never stopped thinking about the times we had together as boys. Was so sad to hear about his death, but will always remember the time we had together.

Joseph Bertrand Todd - March 02, 2018 at 02:20 PM