



## Joe Dean Kirby

June 5, 1931 - February 1, 2010

Joe Dean Kirby, age 78 of Bolivar, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 01, 2010 after a long battle with liver cancer.

He was born June 5, 1931 at Aldrich, MO, the son of Owen Coy and Mary Lucinda Rowan Kirby.

Joe was united in marriage to Wanda J. Hutchins, February 17, 1952, and to this union two sons and one daughter were born.

Joe was a veteran of the Korean War and after his return from Korea, Joe and Wanda made their home in Bolivar, where he worked for Empire District Electric Co. for 43 years.

He was saved when he was 13, was baptized and joined the Aldrich Methodist Church. He later moved his membership to Mt. Gilead Methodist Church and then the Bolivar United Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member as long as his health permitted.

Joe was a kind and gentle man who found great pleasure in helping a friend or neighbor. He was not a man of so many words but deeds.

Preceding him in death were one son, Steven Wesley, his parents, Owen and Mary Kirby and a sister-in-law, Georgia Kirby.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Wanda, one daughter Janelle and her husband, Roger House, of Clinton, MO; one son David and his wife Kim of Weston, MO.

Four grandchildren: Joel House, Kansas City; Deanna House, Clinton, MO; Coy Kirby of Weston, MO; and Andrea Franklin of Kansas City and one great-grandchild, J.J. Jackson.

One aunt, Helen Rotrock, Springfield, a brother, Lee Kirby of Doniphan, MO and a sister, Mary Lou and her husband Jerry McGeeHee of Springfield.

Funeral Services will be held at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dan Adkison and Rev. James O. Friend officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery with Full Military Honors Conducted by the Fifth District Honor Guard of the AMVETS Post #114, Flemington, MO. Casketbearers will be Leotis Kirby, Derrick Kirby, Devin Kirby, Glen Kirby, Mike Wilson, Doug Weatherly, Bobby Evans and Darin Shook. Family visitation will be at Butler Funeral Home Thursday evening, 5-7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bolivar United Methodist Church, 105 E. Division Street, Bolivar, Missouri 65613 or to the Citizens Memorial Hospice Program, 1500 N. Oakland Avenue, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Dean Kirby*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Joe Dean Kirby*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *David,*

*I am sorry about your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Blessings,*

*Bart*

**Bart Horner** - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. I am currently at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis with Jerald who is critically ill. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Jane Andrews** - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Kirby was such a kind man. We are thinking of you and are keeping you in our prayers.*

**Stephanie & Phil Robertson** - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ A FEW MONTHS AGO WANDA CALLED ME ABOUT A LITTLE BUSINESS MATTER, WHEN JOE HEARD WHO SHE WAS SPEAKING WITH HE GOT ON THE PHONE AND WE HAD A GOOD VISIT FOR WHICH I WAS VERY PLEASED TO TALK WITH HIM AFTER SO MANY YEARS, I REMEMBER WHAT A GOOD BASKETBALL PLAYER HE WAS WHEN WE WERE IN SCHOOL AT ALDRICH, AND WHAT A NICE GUY HE WAS. SORRY I CAN NOT MAKE THE TRIP TO BOLIVAR,BUT YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS.

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**BETTY-BEAN-SPALDING** - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *David and Kim and Family,*  
  
*I am so sorry for your loss.*  
  
*Love, Debbie*

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**Debbie Hopkins** - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Wanda, Jan and David;*  
*I was so sorry to hear the news of Joe's passing. I know Joe's health wasn't letting him enjoy things the way he should have been able to the past few years. I will always remember Joe as one of friendliest, most caring men I will ever meet in my life. Joe was a great friend and we will all miss him greatly. My prayers and condolences are with all of his family and friends.*  
  
*Steve Fullmer*

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**Steve Fullmer** - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Family, I was so sorry to read of Joe's passing. Many family memories are in my heart. Your mom and dad were such great neighbors and fine Christian examples. Your dad, Owen, made us so happy when we hopped onto the school bus with the other hilltop kids.

*With many fond memories, love and sympathy,*

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**Pauletta Toalson Kay** - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Wanda, Janelle, & David,

*Sharon and I are so sorry to hear about Joe. I know he had battled a long time, but it is still hard when they aren't there. I have so many fond memories of trips to the lake and working at Empire. Know that our prayers are with you.*

*Allen & Sharon Hines*

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**Allen Hines** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM