

## Joe Allen Raney

December 5, 1946 - January 21, 2019

Joe Allen Raney AKA “Candy Man”, 72 passed away on January 21, 2019 at Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield, Mo of Pulmonary Fibrosis and Congestive Heart Failure. He was the loving husband of Valorie Raney. They shared Thirty-Four and a half years of marriage together.

Joe and his twin sister Joan were born in Springfield, Mo on December 5, 1946 to Hazel and Harvey (Red) Raney. He attended North Ward Elementary School and graduated in 1965 from Bolivar High School. He played baseball, basketball and football. After graduation he was drafted into the Army from 1966-68. He was a scout, and a gunner on a mortar. His first outfit was the First of the 41st. The “Big Red One”. This was the first armored division which was a mechanized infantry. His second outfit was the 2nd of the 45th. Here he was a recon scout.

After returning from Vietnam, Joe married Barbara Wood, and to this marriage, a son, Eric Joe was born.

Joe drove a fuel truck for his family business, “Raney Oil Company” for some Thirty years, and helped on the family farms, working cattle, raking and cutting hay. For the past fifteen years he was a school bus driver for the Fair Play School District, which he loved.

Joe was baptized and raised in the First Baptist Church of Bolivar and was married in the United Methodist Church of Bolivar in June of 1984.

Joe enjoyed hunting, his annual fishing trip to Canada, watching baseball, a Cardinals Fan, and football, a Chiefs Fan, driving his sports car, going to

coffee with friends, and being with family. His personal traits; T-Shirts with overalls, Hawaiian shirts, beard, handing out chocolate, being able to talk to anyone, and being generous. He never knew a stranger.

Joe shared his birth month and day, December 5, with his older brother Jim, his twin sister Joan, and his wife Valorie.

Joe is preceded in death by; his parents, Harvey and Hazel, his brother; Jim Raney, his sister; Frances Newman, his nephew: Jeff Newman, and brother in laws; David Magnuson and Gordon Kuhn.

Joe is survived by his wife; Valorie Raney of 34 years, his son Eric Joe Raney, wife Dee, and their daughters Ollianne and Autumn Raney. Joe's sister Sue and her husband Dave Hagar, their children, Mike and Linda Hagar, and Kenny and Geneva Hagar, sister in law; Jean Raney and children; Sheila Meador, Lisa and Brad Pitts, Shane and Kelly Raney, and Abby and Dan Smith. Brother in law; Melvin Newman and their family; Kelly and Jim Harris, Lesley Newman, and Carey and Randy Gross. Twin sister; Joan and Firoze Sethna and their daughter; Samantha Sethna. In laws; Ken and Betty Magnuson; and their sons Brad and Chad Magnuson. Linda Magnuson and children Clint Magnuson and Billy Cantrell, Terry Magnuson, and children; Kathy and Eric Magnuson. Melodie Magnuson, Jill Stahl and children; Joel and Clara Stahl, Jennifer and Dusty Cochran, Lori Kuhn and daughters; Mikayla and Maddie Kuhn.

Visitation for Joe will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 25,2019 and Services at 1:00 pm Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Missouri.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Joe Allen Raney

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Joe Allen Raney

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Even though I never “knew” Joe, we talked and saw each other occasionally. I was a student at Fair Play and he was always a bright and happy man. He was fun to be around and always knew how to make people laugh. This is truly a loss and he will not be forgotten. I give my condolences to Mrs. Raney and the rest of their family I wish you all the best and much love 💕

Brooke Wilkes - June 24, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Joe was always friendly, I remember him delivering gas to the Texaco station in humansville when I was a kid and Joe buying a pop for me. Then 40 yrs later having coffee in brenda's with Joe.  
God bless your family.



George Brown - May 21, 2019 at 08:38 PM

HS

“ Dear Valorie & Family,  
I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I was ill & unable to attend Joe's visitation or service. I have so many fond memories of Joe, it's impossible to write in words. I'll miss Joe's hugs, candy & smile @ the coffee shop. Joe, was always like big brother to me. I'm proud of Joe's service to our Country. Joe's kindness will be missed by all who knew him.



*I'm sending loving thoughts & Prayers to all of you.*  
Helen Ann Strack

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**Helen Strack** - January 27, 2019 at 04:12 PM

TB

“ Tammy Bolen lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney



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**Tammy Bolen** - January 26, 2019 at 02:42 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Cathy McNatt** - January 26, 2019 at 11:48 AM

DW

“ Joe  
we had some great times in Bolivar and at Bolivar High  
Rest in Peace Warrior  
Dennis Whitaker USAF Retired 1987.



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**Dennis Whittaker** - January 25, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe Allen Raney.*



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January 25, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *As a young freshman student at Bolivar High School, I looked up to Joe Raney. Joe was a junior and was like The Fonz on "Happy Days:" he was Mr. Cool. Whether on a dance floor, a basketball court, football field, or just in the hallway, Joe had all the right moves. I was fortunate to stay in touch with Joe from time to time over the last 30 years and always found him to be as friendly and kind a person anyone could know. Being both Army veterans, we had shared a few "war stories" together. Joe loved life and enjoyed sharing life with others. I thought of Joe as a man living the dream. In 2014, Joe and his sister Joan came by twice to visit my sister Anna Carol who was dying of cancer and you could see how much he cared for others. Just a real good, honest, and kind man and his passing saddens me greatly. Rest in Peace Joe.*

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**Michael Brewer, LTC, USA, Ret.** - January 25, 2019 at 10:21 AM

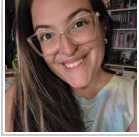


“ *Neoma Stacy lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney*



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**Neoma Stacy** - January 24, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ *Forever in our hearts and memories. I so hope not only Joe, but also Valorie (which is so weird to say cause he name is Mrs. Rainey) know how much they are loved and the impact they have on the children that have passed through their lives. Love and warm wishes.*

*Ashton Choate (Elliott)*

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**Ashton Choate** - January 24, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe Allen Raney.*



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January 24, 2019 at 03:49 PM

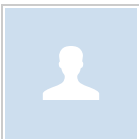


“ *Love, "Butch", Betty, Brad, Chad, Rochelle, Solomon. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joe Allen Raney.*



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**Love, "Butch", Betty, Brad, Chad, Rochelle, Solomon.** - January 24, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Allen Raney.*



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January 24, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joe Allen Raney.*



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January 24, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Val, so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of him (and the happy dog) delivering fuel to the farm. He had a gentle kind spirit which I am sure will be missed. Thinking of you.*

*-John Tummons*

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**John Tummons** - January 24, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Joe. Joe was my children's bus driver and by far their favorite bus driver ever. We really loved him alot, such an amazing kind soul. Fly high sweet Joe, you will be greatly missed by everyone who got the blessing to meet you. Thank you for your service to our Country and for being so good to my Children. Prayers going out to the Family, and friends of Joe as well as to Fair Play School district ajd the students who's loves were touched by Joe. God Bless*

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**Tiffany Taulbee** - January 24, 2019 at 08:33 AM

MN

“ *Mel Newman lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney*



**Mel Newman** - January 24, 2019 at 06:07 AM

KP

“ *Everyone knew Joe. He didn't know a strange. He was such a happy and kind man. He will be missed in the community. Rest In Peace my friend.*



**Kim and James Pruett** - January 23, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Joe was such an amazing man. Every time I saw him he was always smiling and so happy to see us kids. He was the best bus driver ever. Everyone hoped that he would be our driver when we had to go on the bus. Always had candy and a smile. He made us laugh and was one of the kids himself. We joked about how he was a lil kid stuck in an old man's body. He will truly be missed for he was truly loved. Thank you Joe for all the smiles and laughs and good times you gave us.*



**Lara Vann** - January 23, 2019 at 08:58 PM

LM

“ Joe will sadly missed by many. Our prayers go to Val and family.  
Larry and Lisa Meissner



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**Lisa Meissner** - January 23, 2019 at 08:26 PM

KJ

“ Kimberly Moriarty ( Jarnagin) lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney



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**kimberly moriarty ( jarnagin)** - January 23, 2019 at 07:45 PM

JH

“ Ever since I was little I remember him keeping juicy fruit gum in his bib overalls. He would always share. Now him and my dad are laughing together forever. You are loved and he will be missed.



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**Jessica Hicks** - January 23, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *When my girls and I would see Joe, he always gave them a stick of juice fruit gum. If it hadn't of been for Joe and his brother Jim, I don't know where Harold and I would have lived when we first got married. He was just the nicest guy you would ever want to meet. He will be missed greatly. Him and Harold are probably swapping stories and trying to get a slow pitch game going.*



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**Rhonda Hicks** - January 23, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. I knew Joe from a very young age until high school. Had not seen him in several years. Sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**charles orrell** - January 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *I just wanted to tell joes family that I am truly sorry for your loss and you all are in my prayers! Joe was a very sweet man and very funny! When I worked at smiths express joes use to come in and drink tea almost every single day. He always had a smile on his face and always had something nice to say to anyone he came in contact with. I was very blessed to get to know him for the short time that I did and I will never forget him. Joe you will be severely missed and always remembered! Thank you for being such a sweet and funny friend to all of us that got to meet you! Lord please be with his family and friends as we say goodbye to this dear old man!*

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**Bre Hegle** - January 23, 2019 at 06:33 PM

LI

“ Where to start.....I'm so grateful to Val, Eric and Joen for responding to my call and requesting a call back if possible . I felt compelled to let all know ,most especially Joe that I was thinking of him and have loved him as a dear friend for many years. Joe, you always made me laugh when I wanted to cry , you were a great cheerleader of good will and friendship! I'm so honored you took a moment to call me last week and I was able to hear your voice and you mine. I cherish this memory now. God Bless you ,Rest in peace. Thank you for your service to our country my friend. Leah Adams Irvin ,in Texas

Leah Irvin - January 23, 2019 at 06:09 PM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear that Joe had passed away. I will be forever grateful for his service to our country and for his personal friendship. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jerald Andrews

Jerald Andrews - January 23, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ . purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joe Allen Raney.



. - January 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM

MI

“ I will miss seeing him at a store walking around talking to everyone handing out candy.



Missy - January 22, 2019 at 04:50 PM

CA

Will miss seeing Joe at restaurants and visiting with him.

Carol - January 23, 2019 at 06:39 PM

LN

“ Lesley Newman lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney



Lesley Newman - January 22, 2019 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ Deanna Esther Burns lit a candle in memory of Joe Allen Raney



Deanna Esther Burns - January 22, 2019 at 03:05 PM

MW

Oh, the fun we had a kids from sledding, playing baseball in our front yard, or smoking grape vines in their field. Lost touch, but still think of the memories now and then.

Marcia Yeargain Walter - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 PM

PE

*How he showed how much he loved and cared for the kids, mine included was wonderful*

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**Paula Evans** - January 24, 2019 at 12:52 AM

MN

*The great memories of Frances and I had traveling East Coast to West Coast with you and Val, Jim and Sheri. When you and I went to Nascar race in Dayton, Key West and eating Cuban food*

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**Mel Newman** - January 24, 2019 at 06:35 AM

CB

*Ralph Butler and I always loved Joe. He would always see us and had something funny to tell me every time we met. I remember when he delivered gas to the farm. Joe you will be missed by all but dear friend say hello to Ralph for me.*

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**Cathy Butler** - January 24, 2019 at 01:41 PM