



## Rev. L. Joe Coppedge

June 29, 1949 - April 2, 2019

Rev. L. Joe Coppedge, 69 of Bolivar, MO passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at his home.

Joe was born on June 29, 1949 in Vinita, OK, the ninth of ten children to Lawrence and Agnes Coppedge. Joe attended school in Vinita and graduated in 1967. He then received a Bachelor's Degree from SBU with a double major in Psychology and Biblical Studies. Joe then earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

In high school, Joe met the love of his life Judy Lea Bennett. The couple married on July 30, 1967 and shared 51 wonderful loving years as husband and wife. They had two daughters: Laura Jo and Clara Jean "Jeanie". Joe was later blessed with his pride and joy, a grandson, Jose` Hernandez.

Joe loved the Lord and spent over 45 years preaching the word for numerous churches across Oklahoma and Missouri and was currently serving as Director of Missions for Mid-Lakes Baptist Association. Joe loved spending time with his family and sacrificed greatly for them. Known to have a giant heart, he would help anyone in need. Joe's favorite activity was sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Other activities included traveling and boondocking in his R.V., spending time playing cards with his brothers and sisters, working on the farm, and driving tractors with his grandson.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Laura Jo; three sisters, and 2 brothers. Survivors include his wife, Judy; daughter, Jeanie Hernandez; grandson, Jose` Hernandez; granddaughter, Dakota Hernandez; son in love,

Antonio Hernandez; two sisters Sue Schwartz and Peggy Colquitt; two brothers, Ron Coppedge and Bobby (Barbara) Coppedge; along with numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

Celebration of Life for Joe will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, MO. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in loving memory of Rev. L. Joe Coppedge. At [www.mbch.org](http://www.mbch.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. L. Joe Coppedge*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rev. L. Joe Coppedge*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We meet a lot of people during our lifetime but only a few touch us like Joe Coppedge. Joe was our pastor at Rondo Baptist back in the early 1980's and I liked him immediately. He was real, he was honest, he was fun, and he was serious about his faith in Jesus. It was during this time that I was going through a dark period in my life and Joe was there to console me with a huge hug and a prayer. I will never forget his genuine concern for me and the kindness, love, and advice he gave me in my time of need. Being by Joe was as close to Jesus as I have ever been and I will miss him. The last time I saw Joe was a couple of years ago at the First Sunday in June at Rondo Baptist. When I heard that Joe was the guest speaker for this annual event I made plans to be there and it was so nice to see him. Joe greeted me with that big hug and I just didn't want to let go. I love this man and I will never forget him.*

*Michael Douglas Brewer  
COL, USA, Ret.*

**Michael Brewer** - April 12, 2019 at 08:21 PM

DS

“ Such a joy it was to have Joe and Judy visit our church.....especially when we could share a meal. He was so much fun to have as our driver on outings and never passed a chance to encourage another believer. Prayers to his family and many friends....until we are all reunited.

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**Deb Skinner** - April 05, 2019 at 11:02 PM

DG

“ Joe, my boss for 13 yrs, my friend/brother in Christ, I miss you, but you have reached the ultimate reward - - you are with JESUS!  
Dorothy Gillispie

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**Dorothy Gillispie** - April 05, 2019 at 01:05 PM

RO

“ Joe was a prime example of a God Fearing Servant Leader whose life touched countless others . He was a true friend of my family, and will be dearly missed.

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**Rodney Osborne** - April 05, 2019 at 12:46 PM


KH

“ Kristina Hays sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Rev. L. Joe Coppedge



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**kristina Hays** - April 05, 2019 at 11:50 AM

 Becky Schnapp

“ Judy, and the rest of your sweet family,  
We are so sorry for your . . and our loss. Joe has meant a great deal to my family for years and years. Probably 30 years ago Joe filled in as interim pastor in Humansville at FBC, and he met my parents. I was in college but grew to know him and his funny half smile right before he told you a joke to lighten the mood. He spent and invested a great deal of time through the following years with my parents-J.C. and Elma Piper. . mostly in hospitals and in the home when my father was ill. He moved on, and so did they. Even when my Father died, he tried to come by and see Mom. He wore his heart on his sleeve and I loved that about him. He was so good to us and especially to my Mother and Father. Back a couple of years ago, Mom followed our Dad in death, and Joe did her funeral. He always had a hug and a smile for us during and after that. I was so blessed to have reconnected with him the last couple of years as we moved back to the area. I know he walks with the Father now in heaven, and can't imagine the joy on his face. For you left behind, though, know he was a man who cast a big shadow of love and hope for those he touched. How blessed we are to have known him.

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**Becky Schnapp** - April 05, 2019 at 10:51 AM

DA

“ I send my condolences to Judy and family,Joe married my daughter Donna and Vince,preached my husband funeral, loved this family ,Doris Anderson,vinita,okla

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**Doris anderson** - April 04, 2019 at 10:44 PM

DD

“ Our hearts are broken for Joe's family but comforted with the promise of his new life. We have only sweet, humorous and pleasant memories of Joe. May God surround His great peace and comfort around his family. We love you Judy and Jose, Dwight & Nadine

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**Dwight & Nadine Dyer** - April 04, 2019 at 09:58 PM

SA

“ Precious Judy, you are in our prayers! As is your family! We will miss Brother Joe's smile and encouragement along the way. He and Russell enjoyed tantalizing one another; with such love and respect for their Lord and Savior. Judy, if you ever need to run away ... we have a gazebo out back that is always open for whoever ... love you so much. Hugs and blessings, Susie and Russell

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**Susie Adams** - April 04, 2019 at 11:50 AM

MA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this time.  
The Mid Missouri Baptist Association  
Larry Lewis, DOM

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**Mid Missouri Baptist Association** - April 04, 2019 at 10:44 AM