



Joe M. Showalter

October 31, 1950 - November 17, 2020

Joe Martin Showalter, 70, of Thayer, Kansas, died Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Robert Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. Joe was born on October 31, 1950 in Parsons, Kansas, the son of Charles Marion Showalter and Wilma Helen (Bailey) Showalter.

Raised on the family farm near South Mound, Kansas, Joe attended South Mound Grade School through 8th grade. He graduated from Erie High School in 1968. He attended Neosho County Community Junior College and Wichita Technical Institute where he studied Television Communications. He enjoyed working as a cameraman at a TV station in Wichita during and after his studies.

Joe joined the Army in February 1970. After basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey for Radio/Television Communications training. Joe was honorably discharged in December 1971.

He owned and operated Joe Showalter Construction until his retirement due to health issues. He was a fair and honest businessman, answering calls day and night to help customers with HVAC problems.

Joe was a member of Faith Bible Church and the American Legion Post #170,

both in Chanute, Kansas. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, racing cars, and playing golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Charles Marion Showalter, Jr and his wife Joyce (Burnett) Showalter, and brother-in-law, Joseph Cook.

Joe is survived by three daughters: Michele Showalter, Olathe, Kansas, Mary Showalter-Osborn, Adel, Iowa, her children Christian Swiler (Kelsey Farmer-Swiler), Adel, Iowa, and Kiley Osborn, Ankeny, Iowa, and Cortney Kante (Moussa Kante), and son Nasir, Dallas, Texas. Also surviving are sister, Ronda Cook, Manhattan, Kansas, and brother, Ren Showalter (Carrol Showalter), Parker, Colorado, daughter Kristen Andrews (Chris Andrews), and granddaughter Aubree, Parker, Colorado. Joe and his dry and witty sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved him!

Cremation has taken place. The family will have a private inurnment in the Thayer Cemetery at a later date. No flowers please. Memorials suggested to the American Legion Post #170 and may be mailed to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas, 66720.

Tribute Wall



“ Donna Dye lit a candle in memory of Joe M. Showalter



Donna Dye - November 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ Wow Thayer has lost a man who would help anyone when they called and needed him . A man of few words but he knew his stuff on heat and air and sometimes he would never charge you but later I would always make it good some how. He was always willing to help you.... This picture of him was our old pick up he restored it and looks fabulous it had been in our family for many years. Our whole town is mourning your loss and will miss him forever!!!! But God called him home!!!!

Janet Rehmert - November 20, 2020 at 06:10 AM

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“ Joe and I had been friends for several years. We played golf every week during men’s league with Bob and Chester. Joe also did some work on my house, and was in the planning stages to do more. I borrowed tools from him, and still have scaffolding that belong to him. He was always ready and willing to help me out. He came to our home for thanksgiving last year, and we shared meals more than once. I was shocked to hear of his passing and will miss him. He was always welcome in our home, and often stopped by to visit, even though he was very busy. God bless you Joe for all the sharing and caring of your friends for your time here. Thanks for being a good friend.

Gerald Walters - November 19, 2020 at 06:55 PM