



Joe William Higginbotham

August 2, 1945 - October 19, 2016

Graveside services for Joe Higginbotham will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 24, 2016, at the Union Center Cemetery, Dacoma, with Rev. Nick Johnson officiating. The services are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Joe William Higginbotham, son of the late Harvey E. and Viola Margaret (Pennington) Higginbotham, was born August 2, 1945, at West Columbia, Texas, and passed away October 19, 2016, at Ashland, Kansas, at the age of 71 years, 2 months, and 17 days.

Joe attended school in Alva graduating with the class of 1963. He attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and then obtained his MBA from Oklahoma City University. Joe enlisted in the United States Army and earned a Bronze Star Medal for his service. On August 1, 1992, he was united in marriage to Diana Doctor at Alva, Oklahoma. They made their home in New York City, Memphis, Tennessee, and Oklahoma City where he was a paralegal for the Justice Department for many years. Joe moved to Ashland, Kansas, where he has lived for the past 5 years.

Joe was a member of the United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing and spending time at their log cabin in Blacklake, New Mexico. His biggest joy in life was being with his wife, Diana.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Diana, in 2001.

Joe is survived by his stepson, Rhett Bouziden and his wife, Becky, of Ashland, Kansas; his stepdaughter, Leslie Buchanan and her husband, Randall, of Derby, Kansas; seven step-grandchildren, Caleb, Bethany, Eden, and Sadie Bouziden, all of Ashland, Kansas, and Eli, Isabella, and Luke Buchanan, all of Derby; a cousin who was like a sister, Suzanne Kurth and her husband, Les, of Austin, Texas; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Union Center Cemetery

Dacoma, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe William Higginbotham*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I think for a time, I lived in the same neighborhood as Joe. We lived on Locust Street. That's the thing about Alva, you always had a connection. I loved that he came to our class reunions. He always had something funny to add to a conversation. Someone mentioned ornery...that's how I remember him..that and quick witted. It was wonderful that he could live a good part of his life with Diana, his one true love. I miss both of them. I hope his family is doing ok. Mary Ann Roepke Bachus*

Mary Ann Roepke Bachus - October 24, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ *Another classmate gone too soon! We will miss you Joe. Kay Coffman Campbell*

Kay Coffman Campbell - October 20, 2016 at 02:11 PM

PW

“ Joe has been on my mind for quite some time and my recent , attempts to locate/contact him were futile. Only a week or so ago did I hear of his health issues, the decline of his condition, and having relocated to Ashland, Kansas.

Joe was a lifelong friend, fun guy to be around, quick witted, and a real character I will not forget. I can see that ornery smile with those devious sparkling eyes every time I think of him.

Be at peace Joe.....Paul Woodson

Paul Woodson - October 20, 2016 at 08:57 AM

CW

Joe and I went to grade school at Longfellow, then Jr. High and AHS. He was always so fun loving and a cutie. He will be missed. Peace be with you Joe and your family.
Cheryl Walcott Waldroupe

cheryl Waldroupe - October 20, 2016 at 02:31 PM

JF

"Little" Joe is a distant cousin to me, (his Dad was also Joe). I have lost contact with him for quite awhile not knowing he had moved to Ashland, Ks. As a child, he was spoiled rotten but grew up to be a mighty fine man. He certainly believed in education, having a line of relatives who taught at Northwestern Univ. My condolences to the family and may he be at peace. Jean (Sowle) Fullgrave, Enid, Ok.

Jean S. Fullgrave - October 22, 2016 at 09:55 AM

JC

I met Joe when we were freshmen at Northwestern and his girlfriend Diana Doctor and I became friends, later we were roommates and lifelong friends. Joe was a brillante, handsome man and a wonderful husband to Diana. I pray they are together again having as much fun today as they had in all their lives together!

Joan Bruner(Burton) Chance - October 23, 2016 at 07:42 AM

KR

My condolences on your loss. I went to school with both Joe and Diana. I seem to remember the dark blue older model Cadillac he use to drive. May GOD wrap his loving arms around family and friends and comfort them during this difficult time.... RIP Joe..... Kathy Walters Racette

Kathy Walters Racette - October 24, 2016 at 07:22 PM