



Larry Joe Carey

January 10, 2017

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Larry “Joe” Carey, 74, died peacefully at his home on December 20, 2016. He was born on July 17, 1942 in Picher, Oklahoma to Mildred Leona Kennedy and James Howard Carey. He graduated from Picher High School in 1960 and enlisted in the US Navy on June 6, 1960, serving his Country for a total of 3 years, 20 days. He served at the US Naval Station in Keflavik, Iceland as an aircraft Mechanic Apprentice, where in his words, his primary duty was “de-icing the planes.” Joe told many stories about Iceland, including how he and his Naval buddies had to dye the bed sheets with black dye and hang them up in the windows, so they could sleep at night, because it was “daylight all the time.” He was discharged with Honors on June 6, 1963, when he received word from home that his mother has passed away.

Joe worked for Bendix of Kansas City, MO for a number of years; he helped close the very last zinc mine in Picher, OK, in the late 1960’s, then during the early 1970’s, moved to Broken Arrow, OK, became and invested over 22 years as an Area Supervisor for Goldie’s Patio Grill. He often bragged about the fact that during all of those years, he only missed one day of work. After leaving Goldie’s, he was employed by Bama Foods in Owasso, OK, on the food production line, until his retirement, after over 11 years of service, in 2008.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, James Howard and Mildred Leona Carey of Picher, OK; brother James Howard Carey, Jr. (known as Jr.) of Bartlesville; brother of Richard Lee Carey of Kansas City, MO; brother Donald Ray Carey of Salt Lake City, UT; sister Doris Imogene Carey of Picher, OK; sister Sharon Kay Staley of Colorado Springs, CO; sister Marjorie Sue Reeves of Picher, OK; and brother Kenneth Leroy, (infant) of Picher, OK; He is survived by wife of 19 years, Darla Carey, of Tulsa, OK; daughter, Kristi Carey of Wagoner, OK; three sons that he helped raise over the years: Raymond Morris of Broken Arrow, OK; Randy Carey of Broken Arrow, OK; and Steven Bogle (wife Christina) of Skiatook, OK; and 5 grandchildren: Aaron McHenry, Tayah McHenry, Ray Ochoa all of Wagoner, OK; and Cadence Kinney, & Abigail Bogle both of Skiatook, OK; One surviving brother, Robert Wayne Carey (wife Carlene) of El Paso, TX; Brother in law Danny Meyers (wife Robin) of Broken Arrow, OK; Brother in law Randy Bogle (wife Kathy) of Sand Springs, OK, and many nieces and nephews; whom he thought of as his own children.

Joe was involved in many Community Projects over the years, such as Park Clean-Up events, Neighborhood Association meetings, Teens Against Crime Organizations, and working the booths at the Tulsa State Fair, with his wife. His favorite volunteer job was through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Through RSVP, Joe worked for several years as an Airport Ambassador on Saturday afternoons, at the Tulsa International Airport. At the Information Desk, he would greet patrons before departure and after arrival to the proper concourses, baggage claim, the coffee shop, or nearest hotel. He would hand out snacks, information packets, maps of the City, or rental car company. He often said his favorite part of the job was that he could “tell people where to go.”

There will be a celebration of his life on Friday, January 20, 2017 @ 2pm, at Serenity Funerals and Crematory, 4170 East Admiral Place, Tulsa, OK,

including flag presentation ceremonies, in his honor by the U.S. Navy and the Patriot Guard Riders. Homily worship provided by Rose Rock Hospice of Tulsa. Family members invite offerings of food and fellowship immediately following.

Joe's ashes will be interred at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery on his 75th birthday, July 17, 2017.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I may have not know Joe in short time of knowing Joe's beautiful wife..but words about Joe were loving words from her heart..Prayers for Joe's wife Darla Carey and his Family..God Bless.

Jacalyn Stansbury - January 19, 2017 at 03:39 AM

SC

“ Darla and family, I'm sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort, peace and thoughts of the many good memories you and Joe shared.

Susan Connor - January 18, 2017 at 05:35 PM

LR

“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.

Larry & Lana Hurt (Patriot Guard Riders) - January 04, 2017 at 02:44 PM

TC

“ To Darla & Family, (I have known Darla most of my life). ~ We met Joe through their marriage. Although we are saddened about the loss of Joe, we have been blessed abundantly to have shared friendship with him. George always enjoyed the times they visited & talked. Joe always had a way about him that made me smile. Yes, he & Darla have been the picture of true friendship to us. Thankful that we made some great memories. Our prayers for peace & comfort will continue to go up for Darla & family during this time, as well as the days, weeks & months to come. We are very sorry for your loss of such a good man. He will be missed so much. We love you all.

Terrie, George & Cody - December 22, 2016 at 05:27 AM

MS

“ I loved you so much and you will be missed, Hugs and kisses forever. Mary

mary stephenson - December 22, 2016 at 12:53 AM

KG

“ I may not be his oldest or closest friend but I'm honored to have known him. Joe was my friend, my buddy, my story teller, and my joker. He made me laugh and smile every time I saw him. What a guy. He will be missed and remembered. RIP my friend, we will meet again.

Kathy Goff - December 21, 2016 at 09:38 PM

SJ

“ We will miss you, Uncle Joe! Darla, thank you for taking care of that wonderful man. You are truly a wonderful woman.

Shelley Carey Jansen - December 21, 2016 at 09:24 PM

LI

“ so very sorry for your loss, hugs and prayers

Linda - December 21, 2016 at 08:03 PM

SC

“ Joe was such a great many that was loved by everyone who knew him. He will be missed greatly. Darla you and the kids and grandkids are in our prayers. Love and miss you all.

Shari Cody - December 21, 2016 at 05:39 PM

NC

“ Joe was my uncle, and I was his first niece. To me he was always just a skinny kid, the little brother of the family. He was born on my dad's 15th birthday; Dad always said that Joe was the best birthday present he ever got. A typical Carey, he was kind and loving with a big heart. Even though it was at my dad's funeral that I last saw him, he and every other member of the family were and are never far from my thoughts, dancing lightly on top of my memories and bringing me joy in loving recollection. I love you, Uncle Joe. Peace be with you, Darla. Thanks for being a good wife to him and taking such good care of him. Nancy

Nancy Carey - December 21, 2016 at 04:32 PM