



Obituary

Died: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Woodland Hills
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Joseph "Joe" Rademaker, 77, Mankato, died Tuesday, April 20, 2021 unexpectedly at his home. There will be no services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. To remember Joe please think of the last time you spoke with him. Memorials for Joe may be sent to Woodland Hills Funeral Home, 1605 Woodland Ave, Mankato MN 56001 in care of Joe Rademaker. Online condolences may be left at woodlahillsfh.com.

Joe was born October 4, 1943 at home in Guckeen, MN to Henry and Anne (Salic) Rademaker and was 7th of 16 children. He was united in marriage to Sandra Spear in Sherburn. Joe served in the United States Navy from September of '61 – August '64. He worked as a Plumber and Steam Fitter for 50 years. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, fishing, gambling, coaching Golden Gloves, and in his younger years softball and bowling. He had many dogs and cats over the years and was a "true dog whisperer". His dog Rose was his best friend the last 9 years. Joe was a member of the American Legion, the Eagles Club, DAV, and the Local 34 Plumbers Union and the 455 Steam Fitters Union.

He is survived by his wife Sandra of Mankato; son, Joseph P. (Lyn) of Mankato; daughter, Kim of Mankato; grandchildren, Brad (Ashley) , Dan (Amanda) , Abby, and Nigel; step grandson Jake (Emily); sisters, Pat, Joyce, Sharon, and Kate; and over 50 nieces and nephews.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Delores, Helen, Jim, Bob, Bill, Mary, Richard, David, Tom, Shirley, and Dennis.

Joe has had a long medical history dating back to a welding accident in 1971 that left 80% of his body burned. In 1993 Joe survived prostate cancer which required surgery. Then in 1999 Joe had kidney cancer which left him with only one kidney. In 2017 he had an accident that lacerated his remaining kidney which lead to advancing kidney failure and dialysis. In 2020 he then had lung cancer that required radiation therapy which left him weakened. Congestive heart failure was the last illness that he couldn't overcome no matter how strong his will was.

Service Summary

No services to be held

Location: - *Not available* -