



Joseph Cass Van Dover

April 19, 1939 - December 31, 2016

Joseph Cass Van Dover fell asleep in death at his home in Georgia on Saturday December 31, 2016. He was born April 19, 1939 in St. Louis County, MO.

He was the son of the late James and Ruth Van Dover; the beloved husband of Linda J. Van Dover and dear father of Portia Lynn Howell (Adam) and the late Christian Van Dover and Joseph 'Jo Jo' C. Van Dover. He was the youngest brother of Mary Sue Wiesenburg, Katherine 'Sis' Lindsey, and the late James, Cleveland, Robert, Herbert, Jackson, Donald, Dorothy, and Thomas Van Dover. He was also the uncle, brother-in-law, and cousin to many more loved ones.

As a young man Joe moved from Valley Park, Missouri to Southern California to live with his brother Herb and some friends, seeking the warmth of the sun and a new life. From there he later served a couple of years in the Army and then returned to California and married the love of his life, Linda Rivas on July 14, 1965. They enjoyed 51 1/2 years together in marriage. They were inseparable; working together, traveling often and dining out. After a brief stay working in Tulsa, OK in 1969 their twins, little Joe and Portia, arrived keeping them busy as a growing family. Six months later, work would relocate them to Georgia. Eventually, he and Linda together would run a successful automotive care business, Mighty Muffler & Brakes Inc., while Joe worked for Madison Industries. Joe started his career at Madison Industries in Los Angeles, CA in the late 1950's in the engineering department. He quickly moved from there

into a sales position and then as sales manager. In the late 1960's he moved in to the Director of Sales for the entire corporation, in the early 1970's he moved from California to Conyers, Georgia and became the International Director of Sales for all plants across the United States. Joe travelled extensively for Madison, globe trotting across the world and calling on some of the world's largest petroleum corporations. Joe was not only a business associate but he was a friend to all that he met and he was respected in the industry that he loved for over 50 years!

Joe enjoyed sharing his life's experiences with others. He never seemed to meet a stranger. He was a gifted speaker and story teller; talking on nearly any subject. He had a vibrant personality, a creative mind, and a quick wit. He loyally supported his family in all of their endeavors and would always respect their choices and religious beliefs. He will be deeply missed by all.

A memorial service will be held for him on January 7th, 2017 at 10:00 AM (the visitation will start at 9:30 AM) at the Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens 699 American Legion Road Conyers, GA 30012
Phone: 770-483-7216

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com.

A reception will follow the service at approximately 11:00 AM at the same location until 12:30 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Joseph Cass Van Dover*



Linda J Van Dover - January 10, 2017 at 04:27 PM

JB

“ *I worked with Joe for 17 years. His obituary is so true. Well respected and known by all in the industry. Loved life. I have so many fond memories of time spent with him. Always greeted me with "Brother Brown". You will be missed by many. Rest in peace, my friend.*

J. Chris Brown

J. Chris Brown - January 07, 2017 at 10:11 AM

JW

“ Joe Van Dover, Gone too soon. I remember so well, (Did my sister ever share this with you Joe?) At my parents house in North Hollywood, Ca. before you married, you had bought tickets to the baseball game (Dodgers), for the four of you, my parents, you and LINDA. But something came up and you couldn't go, but still you drove across town to North Hollywood to give LINDA the 4 tickets and told her to give "your" ticket to someone else who might want to go. (very sweet Joe). The point is, Joe, Linda had a few other boyfriends at that time, although she wasn't real sure about any of you? But, Joe when you brought those tickets to her that day so long ago, you kissed her before you left , she told me with that kiss she actually heard "bells" . She knew you were the one for her. The rest is history. Gone too soon, love, Your sister-in-law, JoAnne

JoAnne Rivas, sister of Joe's wife - January 05, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph Cass Van Dover.



January 05, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Cass Van Dover.



January 05, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Connie Roeglin sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Cass Van Dover*



Connie Roeglin - January 05, 2017 at 01:11 AM

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Portia and Adam, sending hugs your way! So sorry for your difficult time.

Connie Roeglin - January 05, 2017 at 01:12 AM

ST

“ *I would like to take this time out to say that we are going to miss a very lovable friend. Mr. Joe was friend to me from the first time I starting working at Mighty Muffler. Mr. Joe was a person who always kept a smile with his jokes around the shops. Joe was person very great ideas an has a heart that never can tell a person no. Am going to Miss a great friend and Boss Mr. Joe Van Dover. My prays going out to the family.*

Steven

steven - January 04, 2017 at 08:15 AM