



Joe David Leahew

May 20, 2020

Joe David Leahew, age 82, a child of the King. His spirit returned unto God who gave it on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Oliver and Estelle Davis Leahew; two brothers, Donald Ray and Claude Beverly Leahew. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Peggy Jean Leahew, two wonderful sons, Mark Todd Leahew and his sweet wife, Tracy and David Christopher Leahew and his sweet wife, Shannon; three precious grandchildren, Justin Todd, Kaitlyn Joy and Jonathan Taylor Leahew. Joe is also survived by two brothers, John Oliver (Eva), Robert Bereman (Pat); a special sister, Wanda Leahew Barrett; one very special brother-in-law, Glendon Barrett; a loving aunt, Dorothy Taylor; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation with the family will begin 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 23, 2020 until time of funeral service at 12:00 PM, at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home. Burial will follow immediately afterwards at Evergreen Cemetery with Bro. Darrell Whaley, pastor of Kingdom Ministries officiating. Family members will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's honor to St. Jude Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908, 901-595-3300, <http://www.stjude.com>

Arrangements are under the direction of Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave online condolences at <http://www.jenningsandayers.com>.

Cemetery

Events

Evergreen Cemetery

519 Greenland Drive
Murfreesboro, TN, 37130

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

MAY **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I served with Joe in the TN Army National Guard at Smyrna. He and I were in the 130th Aviation Battalion. Joe was the mess sergeant for another unit and I was the commander of a different unit. I did get to know Joe when we went to summer camp in Ft. Stewart, GA. We also would see each other on drill weekends at Smyrna. Over time, Joe heard that I needed a mess sergeant and he came to me and asked if he could transfer to my unit as mess sergeant. I was more than agreeable. I already knew Joe's reputation as an outstanding mess sergeant who did everything with the highest standards in his field. During his service under my command, Joe garnered several awards including the best mess hall in the TN Army National Guard and you don't get any higher than that. His inspection scores from higher headquarters were always exceptional. Those of us who served with him, affectionately referred to him as "Big Joe" or "Big Bad Joe". He had the reputation of garnering respect from his peers and his superiors. Joe supervised his men with firmness but fairness to all. He earned his reputation through his dedication and work ethics and deservedly so. He never asked anyone to do anything that he had not done himself and he continued to do whatever was necessary for our unit. I respected Joe and we always understood each other without having to explain our actions. Joe was an outstanding soldier, superb leader and and very true friend. I will miss him.
Pat Unger, 130th Aviation Battalion, Smyrna, TN.

Pat Unger - May 25, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Can not count the many times Joe stopped at Mom and Dads checking in on them, checking on the house and checking to make sure who was there was ok to be there and to talk to the family many times. He was always a good neighbor with a heart of gold. What a rejoicing heaven had when he got there. Going to miss you Joe.

Dianne Kelton - May 23, 2020 at 02:03 AM



“ Becky Evans lit a candle in memory of Joe David Leahew



Becky Evans - May 22, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Joe David. He was one of the kindest person we have ever known. He will for sure be missed. We wont be able to attend the funeral. But our thoughts and prayers will be there with the family. Sincerely, Becky and Arizona Baskin

Becky Evans - May 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Joe was bigger than life - strong and bold. He loved his family just as big! He has been a part of my life for so long that I can't imagine him not being here - but for those who love one another, we always carry a part of them in our hearts. Rest In Peace big brother - you will never be forgotten. Tell Mama, Daddy, little Ray and Claude we love and miss them.

Wanda Barrett - May 21, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Mr.&Mrs Jimmy Davis lit a candle in memory of Joe David Leahew



Mr.&Mrs Jimmy Davis - May 21, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe David Leahew.



May 21, 2020 at 08:32 AM