



Joseph Eaton

September 16, 1940 - January 31, 2020

Joseph Eugene Eaton was born on 16 Sept 1940 to Denver and Elsie Eaton in Glencoe, OK.

“The Joe,” as his daughters and biggest fans called him, moved to Tulsa at age five. After skipping the first grade in elementary, he attended Lowell Jr. High and Central High School where he played football, wrestled, and excelled in academics.

He declined a full ride to MIT to stay close to family and wrestle for the almighty Oklahoma State Cowboys under Coach Myron Roderick. The Joe served as president of OSU’s Engineering Society before graduating with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

Immediately after, he began serving his country via the draft. A sharpshooter, he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal from the U.S. Army.

As a pipeline estimator with Willbros, The Joe negotiated cutting through mountains, surveyed waterfalls, rode in helicopters across six continents and even spent a little time kidnapped in South America.

Despite heavy travel, The Joe was an amazing family man. Few people witnessed him shed any patience because his family depleted it all. The Joe was a poet and a scholar; a gardener and a cattle farmer; an avid racquetball player and crossword puzzle solver; and a ridiculously beloved father, friend and grandpa.

With a little help from complications surrounding congestive heart failure, The Joe died of a strong will on 31 Jan 2020. In his favorite chair at home with his guitars and snacks by his side, he packed up and headed home to God where he could once again play cutthroat, rake leaves, plant tomatoes and catch fish at ease. He joins his parents and his sisters, Delores Longley and Alene Jones.

The Joe is survived by his daughters and their families, Monica and Sophia Stine; and

Suzanne, Sam and Denver Romine; his ex-son-in-law whom he dually tolerated and treasured like his own son, Daniel Stine; his nephew, Jeff Jones and wife Charlotte; his partners in crime, Mike Little and Swamp Smith; his Woodlar family; and a long list of friends.

Services are at 1pm Thursday, 06 Feb 2020, at Fitzgerald Funeral Service's Southwood Colonial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the co-presidents of his fan club ask that you honor The Joe by doing something he'd love: plant something to reap, vote for anyone but Hillary, or sit by the fire with your loved ones.

Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 918-291-3500.

Comments



“ From two of your Woodlar community who watched our neighbor enjoying his gracious yard, Our deepest condolences to his family on this very sad day.\r\n\r\n\r\nNancy and; Dick Ellis

Nancy and Dick Ellis - February 06, 2020 at 11:25 AM



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Charlotte Jones - February 06, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to Monica, Sophia, Suzanne, Sam, Denver and Daniel and everyone else who loved this tremendous man. Although we only knew The Joe for the last few years, we knew him well because we won the neighbor lottery when they moved across the street. We will always remember and treasure the Joe's stories, his sense of humor and wit, and his mysterious chuckling as we was cracking himself and all of us up during game nights. The Joe immediately brought us into his fold and under his wing and we could not be more grateful that we got to be part of his story, and he part of ours. May his memory always be a blessing.

Nicole Nedom-Pann & Jason Pann - February 03, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ I enjoyed working and playing racquetball with Joe during our times at Willbros.

Bryan Moses - February 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM