



Joseph Paul Richards

May 6, 1941 - December 20, 2020

Joseph Paul Richards, age 79, of Stover, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2020, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born May 6, 1941, in North Adams, Massachusetts, a son of the late Joseph D. and Bertha Francis (Root) Richards.

On November 23, 1963, at the Lutheran Church in Petaluma, California, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Betty (Merkel) Richards.

Joe served in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1964. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Airman First Class.

For over twenty-five years, he worked for Pacific Gas and Electric Company until his retirement.

Joe was an active member of the Stover United Methodist Church. He mowed the lawn there for many years and was always willing to help where he was needed. He also assisted others in the community by painting, cleaning yards, hanging Christmas lights and mowing. In his spare time, he loved spending time outdoors in the woods.

In addition to his wife, Betty, he is survived by his children, Debbie Henry and husband Kenneth of Versailles, Missouri, Donna Hall and husband Steven of

Lakewood, Washington and Andy Richards and wife Jennifer of Salida, Colorado; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his brothers, Burton Richards and wife Gloria of Flat Rock, North Carolina and Mahlon Richards and wife Simone of Chatham Center, New York and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 23rd, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Funeral services with full military honors will follow at the funeral home at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor Diane Cutler officiating. Social distancing will be observed and masks are suggested. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Andy Richards lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Richards*



Andy Richards - December 21, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Jessica lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Richards*



Jessica - December 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ *SHIRLEY ROOT lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Richards*



SHIRLEY ROOT - December 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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Joe will be missed by the Morgan County Library staff. Thoughts and prayers for Betty and the family.

SHIRLEY ROOT - December 20, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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Joe "Paul" as he was called when we were growing up....was part of our family and our growing up years and beyond. We kids had a lot of fun back in those days and later on in life. Joe Paul you will be sorely missed. RIP brother and brother in-law Mahlon and Simone .

Simone Richards - December 21, 2020 at 05:36 PM