



William Joseph Saxton

April 13, 1954 - March 7, 2013

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Joe Saxton's journey of life on earth ended at his home in Brighton, IL surrounded by his family on March 6, 2013. He was 58 years old. Joe was born April 13, 1954 to Glenn and Ruth Saxton in Alton, IL. He graduated from east Alton-wood River High school in 1972. On August 26, 1983 he married Cathy Roberts who preceded him in death on May 2, 1995. He is survived by a wife Janet Saxton who he married on July 25, 1997. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Brighton, IL. In the past he served on the church board, was a youth group leader, Sunday school teacher, and sang in the church choir. In addition he taught Automotive Computer Diagnostic classes at Lewis and Clark community college. Joe served on the Lewis and Clark automotive Advisory Board and State of Illinois Automotive Advisory Board for many years. In recent years he owned and operated along with his son Frank Roberts, C.A.T.S (Comprehensive Automotive Technical Services) in Wood River and East Alton. He then became a manager of the Alton Sears automotive department. From there he was assistant manager of the Auto Tire stores in both Alton and Edwardsville. Joe was an avid photographer and always had a camera in his hand. He started Saxton Creations Photography in 2010 along with his wife Janet where he enjoyed photographing families, seniors, and weddings. Joe also enjoyed writing and had two books published, "Genetic Memories" and 'The Treaty". Joe's greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by a son

Chris Saxton and wife April of Broken Arrow, OK, a son; Tim Saxton of Wilsonville, a daughter; Tracy Kahl and her husband Robbie of Mt. Olive, son Frank Roberts and wife Kendra of Alton, son Wes Roberts and wife Christina of East Alton, daughter Karen Chamberlain and husband Andrew of Collinsville, son Jason Roberts and wife Marie of Chula Vista, CA, and daughter of Melanie King of St. Louis. He was preceded in by a son Scott King. In addition he is survived by his loving grandchildren: Daniel Saxton, Donald and James Hardgraves, Austin, Robert and Ella kahl, Jason and Hunter Roberts, Lindsay Chamberlain, Brayden and Gavin Andrus, baby Chamberlain, Kali and Kai Bowden, and Keilani Roberts. Joe leaves behind a sister in law Jeanette Saxton, a brother in law Bob Mitchell and a sister Brenda and husband Paul White, father and mother in law Helen and David Schafer, sister in law Ann Keck, brother in law Wayne and wife Lori Schafer, sister in law Sue Swisher and husband Rork. He was preceded in death by his sister Velda Mitchell and brother Tom Saxton. Joe will be missed by numerous nieces and nephews who he enjoyed spending time with as well. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorials be made to BJC Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, or St. John's United Church of Christ. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 10th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A celebration of life service by Pastor Levering Reynolds III will be held Monday at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ in Brighton, IL. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Saxton*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *William Joseph Saxton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I was shocked to see Joe's name in the paper today. Joe was my brother's best friend and I always thought of him as mine, despite him being 6 years older. He was a good person and did everything he could for others. My sympathy goes out to the family. May God comfort you.*

Tom Dale - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember Joe with a smile and a chuckle :) He was a great guy and will be missed.*

Donna Hedin - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Having known you and Joe for many years I must say - Joe has left this life to a much higher, better life full of smiles. What a wonderful person I had the pleasure of getting to know. Not only in our real estate dealings, but his auto knowledge and his Great Photography. I will cherish the family photos you both took so much time to do for our family. Anything I can do for you or your family- I am always here for you. With much Love Elaine Rhodes

Elaine Rhodes - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Know that my thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Joe was just a little boy the last time I saw him but I still have fond memories of him. May God Bless & Keep each of you throughout this difficult time.

Marilyn Baker - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Would just like to express my sympathy to Joe's family, I knew him and Cathy in Hartford along with Cathy's children. Karen use to baby sit for my daughter her and Cathy. Joe was a unique individual always laughing and living life to the fullest. Can't say that I ever saw him angry one time in all the time I knew him. Prayers to Joe's children and his family

michele fenton jones - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I was shocked to hear of my first buddies passing! Most of my childhood memories were made with Joe. At five, we married and divorced the same day because I couldn't reach the kitchen faucet and I had to go home for dinner. My prayers are with the family. I wish I could have come to the funeral, but I live too far away.

Millie wildt picker - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was a good man and even though we did not keep in touch over the years when we ran into each other it was like we talked all the time.

Bill Simmons - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM