



Mr. Joe Richards

April 24, 1946 - May 24, 2023

Harley “Joe” Richards, age 77, of the Scant City area of Arab, Alabama passed away at his residence on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Joe was born April 27, 1946 in Marshall County, AL. His parents were L.B. Richards, Sr. and Rovirta Melvinie Patterson Richards. He and his wife, Sherry Rhea Keese-Richards were married for over 55 years. Joe worked for and retired from Norandal Corporation in Scottsboro where he worked in the shipping department as a fork lift operator. After his formal retirement he started a woodworking and carpentry business which eventually led to residential home building. Joe was a God fearing Christian and loved traveling to and attending Bible conferences. There were many activities Joe found interesting and was actively engaged in at some time. Riding motorcycles and horses, traveling and family vacations, watching TV westerns, and going to the beach were some of his favorite activities. Mostly he enjoyed his family. His wife, children and grandchildren were the loves of his life. Joe will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving family members include: Joe’s wife, Rhea Richards; his son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Karen Richards; his son, Nick Richards; brothers, L.B Richard, Jr. (Bonnie) and Ralph Richards (Brenda); grandchildren, Matt McElyea (Hope), Hayden Richards (Aleah), Jared Taylor (Tisha), and Jaycee Richards; great grandchildren, Noah McElyea, Kayson Richards, Tristan Taylor, Jayden Taylor and Kassie Taylor.

Along with his parents, preceding Joe in death are his daughter, Amy

Richards Alverson and sister, Lois Vaughn.

The family will be receiving friends and extended family at a memorial service on Sunday afternoon, May 28, 2023. The visitation will be between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m and the memorial service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Both activities will be at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, Alabama.

Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Memorial Service

MAY 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was a very special person. I baby sat the kids when they were little while they went to church and have know Joe and Rhea all my life practically. Always had a great smile on his face and so sweet. Your family is special to me and I'm sad that Joe is gone but he is rejoicing where he is now for sure, probably still catching up with Mrs. Richards and Amy too. Prayers for your family. Love and prayers, Brenda King

Brenda King - June 01, 2023 at 09:52 PM

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“ Love the Richards family and pray the comforter the Holy Spirit to surround each one of you with His love ❤️



Wilma and Ray Cobb - May 27, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - May 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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“ Sharon Linsky lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Richards



Sharon Linsky - May 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ My family and I will always treasure our friendship and the vacation times spent with Joe and Rhea, along with Amy, Joey, and Nick. Joe’s love of and faith in the Lord no doubt remain a strong testimony in the memories of all who knew and love him. His love of his wife and family was another characteristic that was obvious to all, along with his strength of character and his sense of humor. We are honored to have called him “Friend”

Sharon Linsky - May 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ Rhea and family so sorry for your loss. Prayer

Peggy and Carl Saint - May 26, 2023 at 03:24 PM