



Joseph Edward Wherry

October 9, 1948 - July 2, 2014

Joseph Edward Wherry was born on October 9, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois to Edward Joseph Wherry and Eileen Groth. He grew up in Chicago and then moved to Boys Town where he graduated from high school in 1966. As a young boy, Joe began a lifelong affiliation with the Boy Scouts. He recently celebrated his 50 year anniversary. Joe served his country with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War where he received the Purple Heart for being injured during combat.

Joe married his beautiful wife Marcia Smith in 1974. They made their home in Elkhorn, Nebraska where they were blessed with four children: Rebecca, Joseph, Joshua and Jacob. Joe dearly loved his children and grandchildren and treasured the time he could spend with them.

Joe and Marcia worked as family parents at Boys Town for more than a year before he transitioned into insurance sales. Joe struggled with his post war disabilities but they never stopped him from his volunteer work. He was active with St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Boys Town. Joe was truly dedicated to the Boy Scouts and was a national service officer for the Veteran's

Association, where he could assist veterans in receiving benefits that they were originally denied. He was a fighter, witnessed by his long health battle and a humanitarian witnessed by his relentless volunteerism.

Joe passed away on Wednesday, July 02, 2014 at his home in Elkhorn, with his family at his side, at the age of 65 years, 8 months and 23 days. He was preceded in death by his father Edward Wherry, Foster mother Sophia, brother Mathew Wherry, and his wife Marcia. Joe is survived by his sons Joseph II and his wife Andrea of Elkhorn, Josh and fiancée Candice McDonald of Holyoke, Massachusetts, Jacob and his fiancée Nicole Kaar of Elkhorn; daughter Rebecca Wherry and her fiancée Jose of Slidell, Louisiana; 7 grandchildren; his mother Eileen Groth and sister Marilyn Wherry, both of Olathe, Kansas. Brothers David Wherry and Richard Wherry.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Edward Wherry*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I just want to tell all of your family how sorry I am to find out that Joe passed away. I grew up with Joe & have always thought of him as a cousin. His Foster Mom, Sophie Gofron, was my Mom's Sister. My Dad was his Confirmation Sponsor & I was honored when Joe & Marcia asked me to be Rebecca's Godmother. I spoke to Joe on the phone in June & had no idea that he had passed away only about a week later.. I wondered why I hadn't heard anything from him since our phone conversation so I just looked for his face book page & saw the sad news that he had passed on July 2nd. I want to extend my deepest Sympathy to all of the family.*

MaryAnn Randle - August 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ *Dear Wherry family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. Joe was a great guy. I could always count on him greeting me with a smile at Mass. He helped a lot of people and was a religious man. He will be missed. Please accept my sympathy.*

Cathy Brodersen - July 08, 2014 at 03:34 PM

MT

“ I am truly saddened by the passing of your father, grandfather. Joe was so much a part of St. Patrick's as are the pews and altar in it. In his wheelchair greeting us as we came in, at the altar passing out communion. I will miss his presence. I am sorry for your loss and you have my most sincere sympathy. However, I am also so very happy that he is, once again, reunited with your mother, and together they bask in the light of our lord. With Deepest Sympathy,
Emma

M. Emma Trouba - July 04, 2014 at 03:24 PM

MW

“ Want to send my condolences to all of my brother Joseph's children and grand-children at the passing of this honorable man. A little story I have told some of you was when I went to live with them at Mrs. Goforn's I was probably 14 yrs old. Joe was only about 12 and as nice a kid he was Picked on by the neighborhood kids who would be mean to him until I came and would stand up for him. Then I would get angry at him for crying at the drop of a hat. He became a black belt in Karate. Served his country when others were running away and did a good job as a father alone with 4 children. Will miss your "Skyping" and phone calls. Mom sends her love and wants you to know we will see you again. Love Sis and Mom.

Marilyn Wherry - July 03, 2014 at 05:31 PM

TC

“ Kids, it has been a long time since I have seen any of you, but I want to tell you how sorry I am to hear of your father's passing. Your parents were great neighbors to have when we all lived in the neighborhood. You and your families are in my prayers.

Teresa Carlson - July 03, 2014 at 01:56 PM