



## James "Joe" Kenneth Camden

March 28, 1942 - June 12, 2020

James Kenneth (Joe) Camden was born March 28, 1942 to James L. and Elsie L. (Botkin) Camden in Bunker, Missouri. He departed this life June 12, 2020 at home in Salem, Missouri at the age of seventy-eight.

Joe entered the United States Army National Guard on February 25, 1964 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on February 24, 1970.

Joe married his sweetheart, Bobby Lou Hobson, on November 26, 1977 and together they shared forty-two years of marriage and were blessed with two daughters Jeannette Mae Marie and Amanda Jo. They were the delight of his life.

Joe was a hard-working man who worked hard to provide for his family. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for over thirty years. Joe had a passion for his dirt working machines, especially his backhoe and dozer, and truly enjoyed playing in the dirt.

Joe was a fun-loving and caring man who cherished the time spent with his family and friends. He was known for his kind words and joking nature. His greatest pleasures in life were his family, especially his grandchildren.

Joe was saved as a young man and attended Pleasant Valley Baptist Church where he was a devoted member for many years.

Joe was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) #118 and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 513.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Bobby Lou of the home; his daughters: Jeannette Mae Marie Wisdom of Missouri, and Amanda Jo Roninger and husband Scott of Casa Grande, Arizona; grandchildren: Jordan Wisdom Conway and husband Logan of Salem, Missouri, Jared Wisdom of Salem, Missouri, and Jason Wisdom of Iberia, Missouri; great-granddaughter: Addi Jo Conway; "favorite ex-son-in-law", father of his grandchildren: Jeremy Wisdom of Salem, Missouri; aunt: Doilline Camden of Salem, Missouri; as well as many relatives, friends, and church family with whom he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law: Kenneth & Ruth Hobson; many family members and friends.

Joe will be remembered for his big heart, friendly spirit, and contagious smile. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed.

Funeral Services for James Kenneth "Joe" Camden were held Wednesday, June 17, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. Violinist Ally Johnson provided special music and additional song selections played were "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Serving as Pallbearers were Scott Roninger, Jeremy Wisdom, Jared Wisdom, Jason Wisdom, Logan Conway, Fred Howard Jr., Jim Wood, and David Groves. Burial was in the North Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of James “Joe” Kenneth Camden to Phelps Health Hospice online at (<https://phelpshealthfoundation.org/funds/hospice-fund/#donate>) or Riverways Pregnancy Center and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

## Service

**JUN 17.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Bobby

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May you and your family experience God's healing, peace and comfort each day ahead.*

*Mark and Jill Smith*

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**Mark and Jill Smith** - June 19, 2020 at 04:03 PM

RL

“ Ricky & Deborah Land lit a candle in memory of James "Joe" Kenneth Camden



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**Ricky & Deborah Land** - June 17, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SB

“ Bobby,

*Val and I were very sorry to hear about Joe. We won't be able to make it to the funeral but our prayers are with you! Joe was a great gentleman. The world is a sadder place with him gone.*

*Steve & Valerie Botkin*

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**Steve & Valerie Botkin** - June 16, 2020 at 05:40 PM

DJ

“ I am very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was always the calming voice in our sometime hectic work together. I always looked up to Joe and appreciated his honesty and unwavering ethics.  
*David Jones*

David Jones - June 16, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - June 15, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Joe" Kenneth Camden.



June 15, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LL

“ Bobby, So sorry and surprised to hear of the loss of Joe. He was a big part of our class at SHS. He will be missed by many. Know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Gary and Leta*

Leta Lough - June 15, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Joe" Kenneth Camden.



June 15, 2020 at 03:37 PM

TS

“ Bobby, I am so sorry for your loss, Joe was a great man, and a good friend. Your family are in my prayers...



Teresa Stark - June 15, 2020 at 03:23 PM

LW

“ Dear Bobby,  
I am so sorry to hear about Joe. God bless you in this time of sorrow. Please, know you and your family are in our prayers.  
*Laura and Bill Wemhoener*

Laura Wemhoener - June 15, 2020 at 08:45 AM

RC

“ *A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on. Our condolences.* Roy & Nancy Cook



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**Roy & Nancy Cook** - June 14, 2020 at 09:37 PM

CH

“ *Best Cousin EVER... Joe was my favorite cousin and that's saying a lot considering how many we have. I didn't get to Salem near as much as I wanted or should have but no matter the reason for going I always stopped to visit with him and Bobbie if they were home. I'm going to miss him a lot.*

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**Carol Hartzler** - June 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM

HH

“ *Bobby,  
I amso saddened to hear of Joe's death. Knew he had been sick but still a shock. He was always a very kind person and I remember more than anything his smile and the enjoyment one had when around him. The world has lost a special person. Please accept my prayers and condolences for you and the rest of your family. God bless you all.  
Harold Hamilton*

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**harold hamilton** - June 13, 2020 at 05:29 PM