



## Joseph Huskey

October 8, 1949 - May 31, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Van Huskey, age 74 of Marble Hill MO, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends Friday, May 31, 2024 at Mercy Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Dr. Huskey was born in Cape Girardeau MO on October 8, 1949 to the late Freeda VanMatre Huskey and TH Huskey, Jr.

After graduating from Woodland High School in 1967, Joe received a BS In Education from SEMO University in 1971, a Masters in Education in 1976 from SEMO and a Ph. D in Curriculum from SIU at Carbondale in 1993. Joe attended Kage a one room school near Cape Girardeau for one and a half years. While serving in the Education Dept at SEMO he took his classes to visit the old Kage School which Cape Public Schools gave him permission to enter and show the books, desks, etc. that were still in place.

Joe taught 17 years in the public schools of Mo before joining the faculty and staff at Southeast Mo State in 1990. He was the Coordinator of Advising for Education at Southeast University until his retirement in 2010 although he continued teaching part time for SEMO until 2013. In addition to advising he taught courses dealing with the education of special needs students.

He was a member and officer of the local 4-H club in Marble Hill during his high school years and belonged to FFA. He attended the 4-H camp near Lake

Wappapello and later was a counselor at the camp during the summer months.

During the summers of 1968 and 1969 he was employed at the Blue Mountain Methodist Camp near Arcadia, Mo.

While in high school and college, he helped his father on the family farm with hay hauling and other farming tasks. He also helped with hay hauling for other farmers in the community which was one of his favorite memories.

He was a long time member of Harmony Church having joined in 1960. He had been a member the longest of any active members at the time of his death. He liked to reminisce about being baptized near the Hog Creek Bridge when he was around 10 years old. He was a former board member of the church and taught Sunday School. He also was a teacher for the Calvary Hill Top camp during the 1970s and 80s. In addition, he was the president of the Bollinger County Library Board for 10 years and helped implement the use of technology at the library working with Velma Polen who was librarian at that time.

After retirement Joe delivered meals for the local Sr Nutrition Center in Marble Hill.

He was a member of the Cape Chapter of the MO Retired Teachers Association, a former member and officer of the SEMO Phi Delta Kappa Chapter Joe also belonged to Kappa Delta Pi. He sang with the Bollinger County Community Choir for several years and participated in the Harmony Church Choir.

He was the treasurer of the Lessley Ridge Cemetery for many years.

Joe served as a supervising judge at each election held in Marble Hill after

retirement from SEMO.

He leaves his significant other Carole Smith and her two children Justin Smith and Marrie (John) Read and Carole's five grandchildren. Also surviving are his aunts Kay Smith, Sylvia Jackson, and Carol Counts. He also leaves his goddaughter Barbara Macke and her son Tyler.

Visitation will be held at Harmony Church on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 10am to 2pm, with funeral service following at 2pm.

Burial will be at the Lessley Ridge Cemetery near Marble Hill.

Instead of flowers, donations to the Lessley Ridge Cemetery or Harmony Church and can be left at the funeral home or church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com)

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**Lessley Ridge Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Harmony Church  
30073 State Highway 34  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

### Funeral Service

JUN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Harmony Church  
30073 State Highway 34  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Marcia Kilpatrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Huskey.*

Marcia Kilpatrick - June 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MK

“ *Marcia Kilpatrick purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph Huskey.*



Marcia Kilpatrick - June 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

FS

“ *Dear Carole, sending prayers for you and Joe's extended family. His kindness was exceptional, and he was a good friend to so many.*  
*Fran and Lin Scholl*

Fran Scholl - June 08, 2024 at 02:27 PM

CH

“ *So sorry for your loss Carol.*

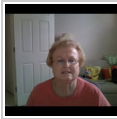


Cassandra Hicks - June 07, 2024 at 01:55 PM

CN

“ To my country cousin Joe,  
I don't know where to start honoring a amazing person like you. So many wonderful memories set into my mind. The family, the farm, church, following in your footsteps are just a few. I will continue to visit your graves and bring beautiful flowers so you know I was thinking of you and the family. I am praying 🙏. I will so miss our texts, emails and catch up calls. From one of the last remaining Huskey clan-“You may be gone, but never forgotten “. See you June 15th😭  
With Love,❤️  
Cheryl and Frank and Family

Cheryl Novak - June 06, 2024 at 11:39 AM



That was a beautiful comment. Joe was missed by all who knew him. He was a loved, by all, especially by his remaining Huskey clan----

Kathleen Simpson - June 07, 2024 at 04:05 PM

JP

“ Joe was an amazing man whom I remember fondly as a fellow teacher and friend. RIP Joe.

Jo Priest - June 06, 2024 at 08:57 AM

CG

“ Many wonderful memories of Joe and Miss Freda and Harmony church! Two of the Godly people I knew. He will be sorely missed.

Chris Garcia - June 05, 2024 at 10:02 PM

WD

“ Wanda Duncan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Huskey.

Wanda Duncan - June 05, 2024 at 11:32 AM

WD

“ Wanda Duncan purchased the Treasured Lilies S  
pray for the family of Joseph Huskey.



Wanda Duncan - June 05, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Joseph Huskey.



June 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CB

“ Joe was a great guy, who cared very much about his family, friends,  
neighbors, and students.

Christy Bollinger - June 04, 2024 at 07:12 PM

DW

“ Uncle Joe, as my grands called him, was such a perfect fit to our  
family! His devotion to Carole is something all of us loved and  
admired him for. His humor and laugh will be missed!  
Love you Joe, Debbie Weaver

Debbie Weaver - June 04, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CG

Joe and a few others in our class attended all 12 years of school  
together. He was a very kind person and very dedicated to serving our  
community.

Cathi S. (Katy) Greer - June 05, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LC

*I remember Joe, back when we were young kids still living on Hog Creek. He was always kind, smiling. Also very nice parents. They were just good people. Woodland Classmate up through 10 grade, my parents moved and I went to school elsewhere. Never the same.*  
*Lynette Leadbetter Clardy*

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**Lynette leadbetter clardy** - June 06, 2024 at 11:15 PM