



Joseph Malena

December 23, 1946 - February 10, 2007

Joe began his life on December 23, 1946, as the first born to Joseph S. and Laura Troutman Malena in Burlington, New Jersey. He began his new life February 10, 2007 at 12:00 a.m. after a short stay in Duncan. He was 60 when he got to enter the pearly gates of Heaven.

He came to Dibble, Oklahoma in July 1972 with his parents. In September 1972, he met Carolyn Cooper while "dragging Main Street" in Lindsay. They were married June 1, 1973 and to this union they were blessed with a son, Joseph Christopher and a daughter, Kandace L?Ann. Christopher blessed them with a grandson; Christopher Russell (nicknamed "Whistle Britches" by his papa.)

Joe started his work career at the J. Chain Toy Factory in New Jersey as a material handler. While in New Jersey he was a volunteer firefighter with Niagara Hose Company #6 reaching the rank of Lieutenant. When he came to Oklahoma he worked as a brick mason?s helper and laying bricks. He helped build the Westmoore High School when he was employed by H & H Masonry. He rough necked for Ratliff H & P, United, Magic Circle and other drilling companies. His position was usually motorman. He started his tenure at the Lindsay Public Schools in August 1989 as a bus driver, mechanic?s helper and all around maintance. His easiest job was being the prize tormentor to his mother-in-law Leora who he affectionately called "trouble"

He was affiliated with the First Assembly of God Church, a member of the OEA and NRA, Former Scoutmaster for Troop 377, and a Magna-Cum-Laude Grad from the School of Hard knocks.

Joe's favorite things to do were to play with his grandson Russell and taking care of his beloved dog Angel. He also enjoyed gunsmith, fishing, hunting, looking at his gun magazines and giving his 2 cents whether it was wanted or not.

Joe is survived by his wife of 33 years, Carolyn Cooper Malena, his children, Christopher of Pensacola, Florida, Kandace of Norman, Oklahoma and Grandson, Russell. He is also survived by his mother Laura Malena and Mother-in-Law, Leora Cooper, sister, Judith Swickard and husband Dean of Springhill, Florida, in-laws, Gary Cooper and wife Debra Sue of Haslet, Texas and Donna Hutchinson and husband Mark and their son Cash Cooper and many kin folk and extended kin.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Carolyn and Family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I just saw your mother in Chickasha about a month ago and we were talking about you and your family. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Patrice McClure - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Carolyn and family, it was a honor to work with Joe at the school. He made the bus barn fun. I had lots of fun with him and I will miss him. The bus barn WILL never be the same. You all are in my prayers.

May God help you all through this tring time.

Deena and Josh

deena - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To the entire family: Joe was the kindest, most thoughtful and hard-working guy I believe I have ever known. He had an integrity and ethic that sets the standard high for the rest of us. He was a great man and it was an honor and a privilege to know him.

Bev Barker - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Carolyn and Family, Our sympathy is with you. May the Lord give you comfort in this time of you loss.

Joe & Nancy Huckby - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ CAROLYN AND FAMILY.I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOE. OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.JUST REMEMBER YOU ARE LOVED.SHERRIE

CHARLEY & SHERRIE CLARK - February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Kandace & Family, You are all in my families prayers. May God see you through this time. Just know you have one heck of a guardian angel. Joe has ran a great race here on earth. Love you guys, Kimberly

Kimberly Williams - February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So to hear about Joe at church Sunday. He will be greatly missed. We are still praying for the lord to give you strength.

Carolyn & Family - February 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Laura and Carolyn,

I am so sorry, Joe was a very fun guy to be around when I drove the school bus. I know that he was the light of your life, when Laura would talk about Joe on the town bus, her eyes would always light up. My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this time.

Tracey Halderman - February 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Carolyn & Family,

I am so very sorry about Joe.....All of you are in my prayers. Joe was a very special person.

Linda Newby - February 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Carolyn and family, You are all in our prayers and thoughts, Joe was very well thought of and know he will be missed by all who knew him. Just remember all the good times you had together.

Betty Foster - February 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Carolyn and family, I am so sorry to hear about Joe. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God keep you in His Care. Cynthia Terry Malicoat

Cynthia Terry Malicoat - February 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Carolyn and family,

I was so sorry to hear about Joe. You and your family will be in my prayers.

DeAnn Robison - February 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Danna & Leora

I wanted you to know that I was thinking of you also. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

DeAnn Robison - February 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Christopher and family, I am so sorry to hear about Joe. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Billie Webb - February 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dear Carolyn & family & Leora,

We are so sorry to hear of Joe's home going. I know the pain must feel unbearable at times but you have the great comfort that he is with his Heavenly Father now. I have known all of you so many years but I have never seen Joe anyway but in a good mood. I know he will be missed as a husband, daddy, brother-in-law and son-in-law by each of you. You will all be in our prayers.

Love

Gary & Shirley Allen

Gary & Shirley Allen - February 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM