



## Joe Billy Cowan

June 12, 1937 - May 9, 2023

Joe Billy Cowan was born between Slaughterville & Noble, June 12, 1937. He lived in the Byars, Peavine area growing up. He went to several different schools in the area. Joe graduated from Byars High School in May of 1957, with the last graduating class of Byars High School. Joe started working at John Deere in Paul's Valley when he was 12 yrs old. He helped his family and neighbors farm land in his youth. Joe married his high school sweetheart, Virginia Ruth Short on June 21, 1958 at Rosedale First Baptist Church.

Joe and Virginia had 3 kids. Donna was born March 13, 1960 in Altus. Billy was born January 14, 1962 in Purcell. Unexpectedly, 16 years later, Jennifer was born September 11, 1978 in Purcell. Joe worked several jobs in his life, including working for John Deere in Altus Ok. While working for John Deere, he attended the John Deere school for Mechanic in Moline, Iowa in the 60's. He drove a truck, hauling aircraft scrap for Purcell Alloys for over 20 yrs. Joe was a member of the Rosedale First Baptist Church in Rosedale for many years. He was Baptized in the church June 3, 2001. He retired from York International in 2003. After retiring from York, he rebuilt around 300 Ford 8 & 9N tractors and sent them to California.

He later worked on tractors for locals and rebuilt and painted many tractors for friends. Joe was a humble legend in the tractor world to those who knew him. He was a great husband, dad, papa and friend. His greatest accomplishment was his family!

Joe was loved by everyone who knew him. He was the greatest man we ever

knew! Joe passed away on May 9th 2023, at the Integris Burn Center in OKC., after a 6-week long battle from being burned.

He was preceded in death by His parents, Hiram & Lora Cowan, brother Jake Cowan, Sisters, Francis Carlin and Louis Mumford

He is survived by, wife Virginia of the home, 3 Children, Donna Schoemann and husband Danny of Wanette, Billy Cowan and wife Carol of Wayne & Jennifer Morgan and husband Tony of Byars. 9 grandkids and 12 great grand kids, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many more family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 12, 2023, at Rosedale Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Hopping Cemetery in Wayne. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ *This awesome man has always held a special place in our hearts. He will be deeply missed. Praying for his amazing family. Love the Lang's*



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**Adrienne Lang** - May 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Joe has meant so much to us over the years. We are very thankful to have had the opportunity to know such a wonderful man. There are surely tractors in heaven! We are thinking of and praying for Virginia and their children.*



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**Doug and Cindy Fowler** - May 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Joe was a great coworker to my dad James and myself at York and after their retirement an even better friend and tractor guru. Joe always provided the best advice when it came to tractor repair and had a host of interesting stories to back up his expertise. He will be missed.*

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**David Mason** - May 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle Joe, David and I will miss you very much. RIP my uncle Joe.



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**Joyce McBroom** - May 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Prayers for Joe's family. We enjoyed working with Joe at York. The Middleton family kids and grandkids grew up with all of Joe's kids and have so many memories We all played ball together and Joe was in the stands cheering us on. The Williams family also sends prayers to the family. Let any of us know if there is anything you need we will come running Love Yall

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**Dean and Bev Middleton** - May 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ RIP

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**Stanley Cowan** - May 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ What a great man and friend. I had my first coaching job at Wanette and Joe was there every step of the way helping with little league. He and Virginia were and are great friends. Prayers for the family.

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**David and Connie Shannon** - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and loved his family. Prayers for comfort in this difficult time.

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**Deborah Page** - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Joe was a truly great man! I always loved getting to visit with him and Virginia and have some great memories. I know my grandparents Evert and Sue really treasured their relationship with him. I will be holding all the family close in my thoughts and prayers! Love to y'all!

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**Diana Miller** - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM