



Joe Dover

September 11, 1933 - April 2, 2022

Joseph Ezekiel Dover, age 88 of Purcell, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Sunset Estates Nursing Home. Joe was born September 11, 1933 in Goldsby, OK, the oldest of 8 children born to Joseph and Pauline (Nelson) Dover. He was raised in the Goldsby/Washington area and attended Washington Schools. Joe married his best friend and life partner, Mary Ruth Andrews, on November 7, 1953 in Purcell. They first made their home in Washington, where they raised their only son, Larry. Joe answered the call of service, and joined the Norman Police Department in 1961. He proudly served as a Law Enforcement officer for 20 years, retiring in 1981. At the urging of some of his department friends, he jumped back into community service as a Deputy for the Cleveland County Sheriff's department. In Joe's heart though, he was always destined to be a farmer. Throughout the years, he and Mary dabbled in it, farming some on the side. Although, Mary recalls that they might starve if it ever became a day job. Away from work, Joe enjoyed traveling. He and Mary liked traveling to Bluegrass festivals, and he never missed a chance to camp the Arkansas river with Lem Nelson. Joe was a good man, husband, father and friend. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by his son, Larry Dover; parents, Joseph and Pauline Dover and siblings, Vera Madden, Margie Yeary and Robert Dover. Joe is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Dover; Sisters, Carolyn Felton of Norman, Linda Bridwell of Goldsby and Ruth Madden of Goldsby; Brother, James Dover of Garfield, AR, and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Washington Cemetery. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

DC

“*Mary, I lost touch with you over time but you and your family were in my thoughts often. Joe mentored Steve as a rookie and then we met through work! Realized I'd gone to school with Larry, I felt you all were family. I am sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I wish you peace.*”

Debbie Cain - April 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*When I was a kid Joe lived up the street and around the corner on Villa Dr. Whenever the neighborhood kids would do something stupid my mom always had Joe talk to us. Must have stuck with me, I spent 26 years at Norman PD as a police officer. You will be missed brother! The watch is covered.*”

Tim Smith - April 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“*I met Joe in 1976 when I started at Norman PD. I always enjoyed talking with him and could tell he was a kind and caring man. He treated everyone with respect and offered help when you needed it. I am so sorry for your loss and know he will be missed by both family and friends.*”

Daniel Prykryl, Detective (Ret.) NPD - April 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. You and Joe were like grandparents to Tiffany and Trevor. We are all going to miss Papa Joe. We are just a phone call away, day or night. I'm praying for God to wrap you in His arms and give you comfort and peace. We love you.. Jim and Tammy*



Tammy Evans - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PS

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary!*

Pam McPherson Fleming Stanlick - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“*Joe was a wonderful man who will be dearly missed! I always enjoyed my visits with him.
Love and prayers,
Lacy*

Lacy Jacobs - April 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DR

“*So sorry for your loss. You'll be in our thoughts & prayers. Just know there's an entire community you can turn to if you need anything.*



Dave Rountree - April 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM