



Joseph Nathaniel Summers

February 8, 1947 - June 10, 2014

Joseph Nathaniel Summers, 67, of Kepley Road, Salisbury, died Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the VA Hospice Facility in Salisbury.

Joe was born February 8, 1947, in Rowan County, and was the son of the late Odell and Lucille Summers of Rowan County.

He was a graduate of R.A. Clement High School in Cleveland, N.C., where his classmates were like family to him. After graduation Joe joined the U.S. Marines, serving in combat in Vietnam. He was severely injured in service and subsequently returned home with a Purple Heart. Joe often said he joined the military when he thought it was the right thing to do but had since learned that God does not condone war. After returning home he began studying the Bible at the encouragement of his brother, Odell, and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in June of 1976. He served as an elder in the Hurley School Road Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, an appointment he greatly valued; and had been a full time minister of Jehovah, along with his wife, for three years prior to his declining health. Joe derived the greatest satisfaction and joy from helping others to learn to appreciate his wonderful God Jehovah and to look forward to the promises He holds out to all who will listen.

Joe is survived by his wife, Trish Summers; four children, Varonica Godfrey, Eric Summers and wife, Christy, Lynda Summers, and Keith Summers and wife, Lori.; four grandchildren, Mahogane and Magenta Godfrey, Zaria Summers, and Bianca Summers; two sisters, Pauline Young and Patricia "Susie" Summers; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

The family will receive friends at the home of Varonica Summers, 295 Joe Summers Road, Woodleaf. Visitation will be from 1:30-2 p.m. Saturday, prior to the memorial service at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 820 Hurley School Road, Salisbury. The memorial talk will be delivered by Brother Gary Pelzer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made by check payable to Jehovah's Witnesses - Worldwide Work, and sent to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 820 Hurley School Road, Salisbury, 28147.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
Salisbury, NC 28147

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sister Varonica, Brothers Eric and Keith, we are the Fisher family from Kannapolis, parents and brother of Aaron Fisher @ Patterson. We are all saddened by Joe's death, but know he is only asleep from Jah's standpoint, according to John 11:11. We enjoyed sharing a meal with you @ Captain's Galley over the past year, and going fishin" with him and the bros a month ago. Never have I met such a spirited and cheerful brother despite his hardships. With such a strong love for Jehovah, we should all be proud and ready to welcome him back in the resurrection. We send you our sympathy and love, Karl, Betty, and Patrick Fisher

Karl,Betty,Patrick Fisher - June 13, 2014 at 11:42 AM

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Thank you so much for your kinds words about our father. We too can't wait to see him again this time running.

varonica godfrey - July 02, 2014 at 05:12 PM