



Mr. Joe Tyson

October 18, 1931 - February 7, 2018

In Remembrance of Our Beloved Joe Tyson:

Joe Tyson was born October 18, 1931 in Arkansas City, Arkansas. He was the only child born to the union of the late Gus Tyson and Nancy Tyson. When Joe's mom died, his father remarried someone with several children. Feeling ostracized and unloved by the new stepmom, Joe ran away from home at the tender age of 9. Being taller and stronger than your average fourth grader gave him a more mature look, so he was able to make his way to Michigan and find work.

He was known as "Big Joe" to family and friends. Joe's keen ability to raise himself and learn new skills opened many doors for him throughout his lifetime. For instance, he was given a job at General Motors in 1953 when he wasn't even there to be interviewed. But Joe could get attention, "stand and deliver."

Joe was also a devout family man who loved and cared for his daughter, Yolanda Tyson. He made it a point to remain a nurturing presence in her life supported by an amicable split from her mother -- his first wife. He continued to work as a highly recognized certified hammerman for GM-Chevrolet. During the summer months Joe served the community as an entrepreneur at the annual state fair by selling his legendary, savory bar-be-que ribs! He retired from GM in 1982.

Big Joe's solid sense of responsibility and grand work ethic would not allow him to sit still. With this, he picked up a new job as a truck driver for Karr Food Service and stayed with that company until retiring yet again.

In 1992, Joe fell in love with a young woman who would ultimately become the love of his life.

Big Joe and his wife Helena Jacqueline, who he affectionately called "Jackie," started with a true friendship and began matrimonial partnership after being wedded December 4, 1992. They shared a strong and committed bond until Joe departed this life of 86 years from natural causes on February 7, 2018, surrounded by family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation Only

Thursday, Feb. **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joe Tyson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beatrice Roland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Tyson*



Beatrice Roland - February 08, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Love your mother- in-Law Marie, Sister In-Laws, Denise, Sharon. Brother In-Laws, Anthony, Larry, Kenny, And your extended Family that will miss you most, Cuz Big Kenny and Jackie, Cuz Anita and family, Mommy Roland, Cuz Beatrice and the entire Roland, Brown, Davis Family, We love you Joe and going to miss you.*

Beatrice Roland - March 08, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ *Beatrice And Frances Roland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Tyson*



Beatrice and Frances Roland - February 21, 2018 at 11:13 AM

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“ *The Griffin-Futch Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joe Tyson.*



The Griffin-Futch Family - February 15, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Tyson.*



February 12, 2018 at 07:54 PM