



Khamis "Joe" Kassissieh

April 23, 1937 - April 16, 2013

Khamis "Joe" Kassissieh age 74 of Bloomington passed away at his residence early Tuesday morning April 16, 2013. He was born April 23, 1937 in Jerusalem Palestine to Issa Kassissieh and Malakeh Shamieh Kassissieh.

Joe attended Purdue University briefly before entering the United States Army from 1961 to 1963, and then completed his studies at Indiana State University where he received both his bachelors and masters degrees.

He spent his professional career firstly with Stran Steel in Terre Haute before moving to Bloomington to work with Otis, RCA and ultimately General Electric.

Joe is survived by his wife Linda L Van Meter Kassissieh to whom he was married to June of 1960; daughter Angela Kassissieh; daughter Pamela Wines and husband Shaun; daughter Sheila Smith and husband Forest, and son Anthony Kassissieh and wife Kathy. Joe was grandpa to 7 grandchildren who also survive. They are Brandon, Katherine, Lauren, and Evan Wines, Nicholas, Emma, and Hannah Kassissieh. He was one of 10 children. Najib, Anis, Naheel, Salwa, and Dalhi survive. Kahalil, Jamahil, Rifka, and Suhelia have preceded him in death along with his parents, and his brother in law Allen Van Meter. Darlene Van Meter, a sister in law along with several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Joe will be held Saturday April 20, 2013 at 1:00PM at Holmes Memorial Chapel in Sullivan, Indiana. Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:00AM until the time of the service at 1:00PM. Visitation will also be held on Friday April 19, 2013 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 Bloomington. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

HL

“ *Linda, Very sorry about your loss, but I could tell that Joe was a wonderful life companion and I'm sure you have many fond memories and lots of family around for support.*

Harold Long - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DA

“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Tony for a number of years. God Bless all of you.*

Dan Reynolds - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

MA

“ *Linda:*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for the loss of your Joe. He was a good man and a good father.

John & Margaret Ryan

Margaret Ryan - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

AN

“ I am saddened by the loss of a very dear friend Khamis. We grew up together in Jerusalem. He was my classmate in high school. The last time I met him was in 1961 when he visited me at the American University of Beirut dressed up beautifully in his army uniform. The years passed by and I was always wondering where he could be when recently I came to live in the USA and got his phone from a common friend Anthony Khamis and was able to talk to him by Skype. It had been a great joy for both of us to reconnect and reminiscent the old days after 52 years just to lose him to God's will. My wife Zoe & I present our warmest condolences to his wife and children.
May his soul rest in peace.

Andre Batarseh - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

CS

“ Linda and family, Please know I am so sorry for the pain and suffering Joe went through, but I do know that he always knew his family was the best and that he loved all of you very much.
Please take care of each other.

Charlene (Renner) Sykes - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DJ

“ Linda,
So sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed. Maybe I can talk to you later on. Would be glad to hear from you. Call if you need anything. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Darrell and Judy McCammon - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

ED

“ To Khamis Kassissieh Family,
My name is Edgar Araish. I was in the same class with Khamis at the Freres in Jerusalem.
Anthony Khamis, who was very diligent in keeping tab of our classmates, gave me the sad news.
I would like to convey my deepest sympathy and all my respects to Mrs.Kassissieh, her children and grandchildren, and wish you courage to cope with your great loss.

Edgar Araish
Montreal, Canada

Edgar Araish - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BF

“ I worked with joe as an inspector at stran steel years ago. I am sorry to hear of his passing from us to a glorious life in the next...our love goes out the family...I enjoyed working with joe in our small group of inspectors. friend bernie frye/ President LU#3489, United Steelworker Of America/ Stran Steel 1970's

bernard frye - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DM

“ Tony, so very sorry for your loss.
Dorman and Marilyn Clark

Dorman and Marilyn Clark - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

MI

“ I cannot say anything to make your grief more bearable. But I can tell you my heart breaks for you. I'm so glad you all are friends of mine and I'm happy that your marriage was an example to those of Ellettsville of "one man for one woman for life"! That is a great family example you set. You and Joe are to be commended for that! I hope soon you can have peace and good days again. Love, Michael Sater

Michael Sater - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You are all in my thoughts at this difficult time.

Sherri Clarke (Smith) - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM