



## Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz

October 22, 1954 - July 23, 2021

Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz of Ironton, Missouri, departed this life on Friday, July 23, 2021, at the age of 66. He was born October 22, 1954, in St. Louis County, a son of Edward "Ed" and Lorraine Bushman Benz.

In December of 1983, Joe began dating a girl named Kim Elsworth. The two became a loving family and were united in marriage on March 12, 1988.

Joe graduated from Hazelwood High School in 1973 and went on to Carpenters Apprenticeship School. For many years after school Joe worked as a skilled and talented Journeyman Carpenter. This skill wasn't just a job for Joe, this was a passion, and a way for him to show his love to those around him. Joe's skill allowed him to create many types of furniture and other items for his family and loved ones. He was a master "fiddler", not the instrument, but the master at fiddling with projects, and if you knew Joe, you know he was always in the middle of at least four or five. He was the president of the Joe Benz Fan Club, the self-elected mayor of Sunshine Street, an avid fisherman, a music lover, and one of the best guys you could have ever had on your side. He was a loving and devoted husband, a cherished father, brother, and son, and a truly wonderful friend. He was the definition of, one of a kind. Joe will be missed and remembered by all who were blessed to know and love him.

Joe is survived by his mother Lorraine Benz of Elsah Hills, IL, Kim his loving wife of Ironton, MO, four children; Abigail Benz and husband Nic Mertz of Fremont Hills, MO, Nicholas Benz of Springfield, MO, Brooke Benz of Kansas City, MO, and Matthew Benz of Farmington, MO, four grandchildren; Phoenix,

Scylis, Thomas, and Samuel, two brothers; Tom Benz of Farmington, MO, and Ed Benz of Elsay Hills, IL, four sisters; Janice Vespa of University City, MO, Barb Scannell of Jerseyville, IL, Lisa Ferrell of West Alton, MO, and Katie Meisch of High Ridge, MO, and many other loving nieces, nephews, family members and friends. Joe is preceded in rest by his father Edward "Ed" Benz. To remember Joe, a celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at the Lake Killarney Lodge from 1pm to 5pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Lake Killarney Lodge  
Hwy 72  
Arcadia, MO 63621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Shirley Griffin lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz*



**Shirley Griffin** - August 03, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *May your heart and soul find peace in your loving memories. Our deepest sympathy for your loss. RIP Joe.*

**Sandy and Gerry Maddock** - July 31, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sandy And Gerry Maddock lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz*



**Sandy and Gerry Maddock** - July 31, 2021 at 12:00 PM

KM

“ Kelly D Majors purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



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**Kelly D Majors** - July 30, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



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July 29, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



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July 29, 2021 at 11:22 AM

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“ Love always, Ken & Sandy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



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**Love always, Ken & Sandy** - July 28, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.*



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July 28, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.*



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July 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.*



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July 27, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.*



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July 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM

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“ Teresa Allers Milles lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz



Teresa Allers Milles - July 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



July 27, 2021 at 01:07 AM

SW

“ Dear sweet Kim, we're so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We are holding your family close with love & prayers. Kenny sends a special hug to you Brooke.  
Love Kenny & Sue

Sue Wooten - July 26, 2021 at 10:20 PM

JT

“ Joe And Suzi Tripp lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz



Joe and Suzi Tripp - July 26, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Arthur Benz.



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July 26, 2021 at 06:24 PM