



# Larry Joe Birkhead

May 25, 1960 - April 25, 2024

Larry “Joe” Birkhead, age 63 years, a resident of rural Buncombe (the Mt. Pleasant community), passed away Thursday afternoon, April 25, 2024, at 4:25 P.M. at the Union County Hospital in Anna, Illinois.

Joe, as he was known to family and friends, was born May 25, 1960 at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri. He was the son of Larry Maurice Birkhead and Janet Jo (Gillespie) Birkhead.

Joe is survived by: a son – Blaze Birkhead of Carbondale; daughters – Cindi (Chip) Banks of DuQuoin and Aimie Taylor of Carbondale; grandchildren – Tristan Taylor of Murphysboro, Jadyne (Natalie Knight) Taylor of Carbondale, Chad Carroll of Murray, Kentucky, and Raylee Carroll of Carbondale; a great granddaughter – Nova; a sister – Debra Hess of the Mt. Pleasant community; & nieces – Lottie Jo (Mark) Smith and Rebecca (Ian) Marx.

Joe was preceded in death by: his parents as well as his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Joe attended Shawnee Community College and earned certification as a welder. He was an owner/operator over-the-road truck driver. Joe also was a heavy equipment operator and dump truck driver.

He was an avid outdoorsman. Joe enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley, and shooting pool. He was a member of New Beginnings Community Church in Carbondale.

A graveside service honoring the life of Larry Joe Birkhead will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 1, 2024, at 2:30 P.M. at McGinnis Cemetery, 8365 Illinois Route 146 E., Dongola, Illinois. Pastor Mike Miller will officiate. Interment will follow.

Visitation will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 1, 2024, from 12 Noon – 2 P.M. at Bailey

Funeral home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5 Schiber Port, Suite C.,  
Maryville, Illinois 62062.

# Cemetery Details

## McGinnis Cemetery

Union County, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Graveside Service

MAY 1. 2:30 PM (CT)

McGinnis Cemetery  
Union County, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Joe Birkhead



Bailey Funeral Home - May 01, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Klemp - June 23, 2024 at 01:28 AM

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Kimberly Klemp - June 06, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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“ My name is John Keller, I moved away just after high school to Wyoming. Joe and I always had a thing about hot rods. We were way good friends not to mention. I was there the night when Greg Hunt and Joe swapped rides for the night. Greg had a motorcycle and Joe had a cool ride, it was a Ford maverick, aka Black magic. Greg totaled it out on Bentner hill, Well that's how Joe got a motorcycle 🏍️. Deepest thoughts go out to family and friends. My phone number is 1-318-447-6573 for anyone who remembers me, with all my prayers 🙏 John Keller.

John Keller - May 02, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dennis Yates - April 29, 2024 at 11:48 AM



*Winter time 1986 those were some good times that particular date I was on vacation up here and we were riding four wheelers right after an ice storm so you can imagine but it's a great time we had many great times just some of them you can't tell it's that your limitations you know LOL godspeed Joe*

Dennis Yates - April 29, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Birkhead.



April 27, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ my heart goes out Joe's family at this time. look to the lord for comfort at this time as joe did in final days.after knowing him for over 60 years I have so memories of growing up next door to him he will be missed in my world.till we meet again old friend

Ronald spurlock - April 26, 2024 at 10:28 PM