



Joseph Calvin Hinson

December 12, 1937 - June 25, 2020

Joseph “Joe” Hinson (82) passed away on June 25, 2020, and is now with Jesus in heaven. He was born on December 12, 1937, in Mount Olive, NC, fourth of five children to Joe and Eva Hinson. He grew up in Mount Olive, NC where his father worked for the Mt Olive Pickle Co., which Joe was a fan of his entire life. Joe joined the Air Force when he was 17, which took him all over the world.

Joseph “Joe” met Pat (Sullivan) Hinson in Wenatchee, WA while cruising around the A&W with his airmen buddies. They were married on October 2, 1957 in Coeur D’Alene, ID. They enjoyed a happy marriage of nearly 63 years, and welcomed the birth of three children: Terri, Christy, and Joseph (“Joey”). During their marriage, the Air Force took Joe and Pat to many different places to live, including Libya, Las Vegas, Kansas, and North Carolina, before ending up at Fairchild Air Force Base, and settling permanently outside Cheney/Medical Lake, WA. Joe served a long career in the Air Force, that took him all over the world, and included his service in the Vietnam War as a B-52 Gunner. He retired with the rank of Master Sergeant in 1983, and then started a long career with the U.S. Postal Service, working at the Cheney Post Office until he retired in 2007. Retirement ended quickly when he started working part-time with the DAA auction, just so he could socialize with other people. He was a hard worker, a proud Veteran, and involved in the B-52 Gunners Association, the Walleye Club, and the Cheney

Church of the Nazarene.

Joe was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, family member, friend, and Christian. He was an incredibly kind and joyful person, who loved to laugh, told many jokes and stories, shared his blessings generously, and would talk to any stranger he met as if they were lifetime friends. He deeply loved his wife and family, and devoted his life to helping. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, video games (especially with his grandsons), movies, watching sports, traveling, planning riddles for the family Easter egg hunt, and spoiling his dog Sadie. Joe had the best hugs and stories, and a deep love of candy and dessert (especially pie!). When asked how he was doing, he would always respond, "I'm blessed! Happy to be here!" He loved his children, and adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, showing up to support everyone however he could, and never missing a chance to tell his family he loved them and was proud of them.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Eva Hinson, and his sisters Margaret and Grace. He left behind a loving legacy with his family: his beloved wife Pat Hinson; his sisters Faye Fore and Lovey Jackson; his children Terri Rushton (Jeff), Christy Blount (Danny), and Joseph "Joey" Hinson (Tammy); his grandchildren Matthew Phelps (Tami), Jesse Rushton (Adrienne), Sarah Phelps, Jeremy Phelps, Kalie Rushton, Jessica (Hinson) Spracklen (John), and Joseph Hinson (Chrisann); his great-grandchildren Austin Lashley, Romeo Randles, Malaysia Cantin, Johnny Spracklen, Braydan Cossey, Andrew Phelps, Teagan Cossey, Fisher Rushton, Joseph Hinson, and Emilia Hinson; and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, July 7th at 11 am at Cheney Church of the Nazarene (338 Betz Rd, Cheney, WA 99004). Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the funeral will be socially distanced, masks will be

handed out to all participants, and there will be no reception. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the American Cancer Society (<http://Donate3.cancer.org>) in memory of Joseph "Joe" Hinson and his battle with liver cancer.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Cheney Church of the Nazarene
338 W. Betz Road
Cheney, WA 99004

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Joe was a wonderful, loving Christian man. I worked with him at DAA. His countenance always cheered me. May peace and grace be with the family as I know he will be missed.

Jill guest - July 13, 2020 at 07:23 PM

CS

“ What a great guy; what a nice man! Like so many in Cheney, we experienced such wonderful service at the Cheney Post Office from Joe. His retirement was a disappointment because he didn't live in Cheney. BUT ... he would shop Cheney so every now and then there was an encounter of the wonderful smile and "hello" from Joe :-). His faith was always evident and we trust remains a blessing to his family! We are among the many who will miss him ...
Chris & Jerry Stewart

Chris Stewart - July 09, 2020 at 02:03 PM

RH

“ Joe was my first gunner when I had just upgraded. His experience was invaluable to me in learning crew management. We'll meet again someday on Fiddler's Green.

*Richard L. Hartman
CDR, USNR (Ret)*

Richard L. Hartman - July 06, 2020 at 02:46 AM

JB

“ Always enjoyed our visits at the Post Office. Jo

John and Barbara Boots - July 05, 2020 at 01:08 PM