



Joe Von Camp

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It is with deep sadness and also great joy that the family announces the death and celebration of the life of Master Sergeant Joe Von Camp U.S.A.F. retired. Joe Von passed away at the State Veterans Home in Humboldt, Tennessee, after a lengthy illness.

Joe Von was born in Crockett County, Tennessee on June 12, 1932 in the midst of the great depression. He was born the son of sharecroppers. While growing up, Joe Von, along with his siblings, learned the importance of hard work. All of the Camp children wore clothes fashioned from flour sacks and dressed in hand-me-downs. They worked the fields and raised their own food. The manner in which they grew up and their childhood experiences forged a lifelong bond among the siblings. It also created a deep-seeded respect for their parents who insisted they attend school and church.

Upon graduation from Friendship High School, Joe Von did as his brothers had done, and joined the military. Joe Von and his six brothers served our country with pride and their names are displayed on the Crockett County Veterans Memorial at the courthouse in Alamo, Tennessee. During his time in the military, Joe Von's state side assignments included North Dakota and Texas while his overseas locations were in Saudi Arabia, Holland and Germany. Joe Von served our country with honor and distinction and after completing 23 years of military service he retired with an honorable discharge and the thanks of a grateful nation.

Once retired, Joe Von returned with his family to Crockett County, Tennessee where he lived for the remainder of his life. He continued to engage in an active lifestyle which included participation in several years of long-distance running competitions. He expanded his involvement in sports to include bowling leagues as well as participation in the Tennessee Senior Olympics. In 2023, at the age of 91, Joe Von was inducted into the Tennessee Senior Olympic Hall of Fame in recognition of his accomplishments in the sports of Bowling, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis, Horseshoes, Cornhole and Track & Field. Joe Von also received a special commendation because of his inspiration to countless people around him to stay active and get involved.



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Joe Von's lifetime journey lasted 93 years, one month and six days and ended when he died on July 18, 2025.

This benediction is a tribute to a life well-lived and marks the end of Joe Von's faithful journey: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Joe Von was preceded in death by his parents, William Luther Camp and Adell McAlister Camp and by his siblings, Katheryn Burke, Dorothy Wilson, Francis Buchanan, Otha "Mac" Camp, Jack Camp, W.L. "Billy" Camp, Ray "Durwood" Camp and Weldon "Shang" Camp.

Joe Von is survived by his brother, Gene "Grady" Camp. He is also survived by his children, Donna Conley, Michael Camp (Kelli), David Camp (Laura), his nine grandchildren, Blake Conley, Columbus Conley, Jeremy Camp, Austin Camp (Rachael), Benjamin Camp, Katie Camp, Alex Camp (Whitney), Nicholas Camp (Sara) and Suzanna Camp. In addition, there are five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12:00 PM, at Friendship Funeral Home, 152 Main Street, Friendship, Tennessee. Burial will take place at the Friendship cemetery immediately following the completion of the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a veteran's service or any other charity of your choice.

Friendship Funeral Home 731-677-2673






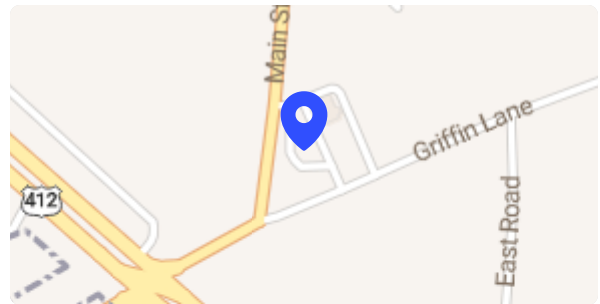
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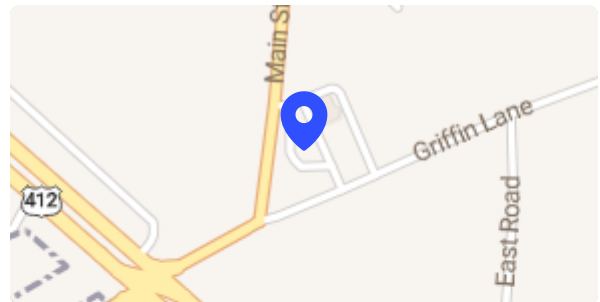
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, July 24, 2025
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
-  **Friendship Funeral Home**
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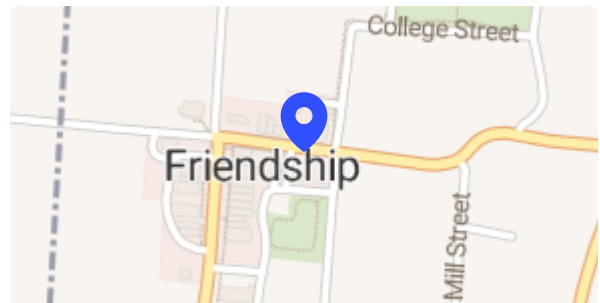
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Cemetery Details

-  **Friendship Cemetery**
Friendship TN





Tribute Wall

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Terry L Meeks lit a candle in honor of Joe.

Mr. Joe, you will be dearly missed. You were an amazing senior competitor who teamed with my Mother, Maureen Meeks. What a team you two were..Unbeatable.. You will never be forgotten and hold a special place in my heart.. So handsome in your dress blues today!



July 24 at 11:22 AM



Janet Randle posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Mr Joe Camp's passing. It was always good to see him setting in church (South Forked Baptist Church) on Sunday mornings. We missed seeing him once he was not able to attend. Prayers for the family! Charles & Janet Randle

July 24 at 3:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Camp family.

July 23 at 5:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Camp family.

July 23 at 3:58 AM



Betty Tyner / Jim Fitzgerald sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Camp family.

July 23 at 2:44 AM





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Della White posted:

Mr. Joe's light and humor will be terribly missed. I am so thankful for the 26 years of companionship he shared with my Grandmother. He met her at the Senior Center after my grandfather had passed and teamed up with my grandma. The 2 have been competing as pairs and traveling for the Senior Olympics ever since. He helped her find a spark when her world was dimmed and continued to fuel that friendship over all these years. He came to Michigan once to visit and I heard all about how walking the Mackinaw Bridge was a horrible idea and how much fun he didn't have. Whenever we'd visit Tennessee, Mr. Joe always stopped by and made sure he got to say hello. Always had a smile and a joke. He was truly a kind soul and our family is better for knowing him.

July 22 at 3:53 PM



The Ott And Duckett Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Camp family.



July 22 at 2:02 PM



The Ott And Duckett Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joe.



July 22 at 2:02 PM



Driftwood Lanes And Friends sent an Enduring Grace to the Camp family.



July 22 at 10:00 AM



Driftwood Lanes And Friends planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joe.



July 22 at 10:00 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Camp family.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joe by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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