



## Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron

July 26, 1967 - March 6, 2023

Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron, age 55, of Georgetown, IA, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023, at MercyOne in Des Moines, IA, due to complications from pneumonia.

Joe was born on July 26, 1967, the son of Joseph and Kareen (McCarty) Heffron. He grew up attending school in Albia, graduating from the Albia High School with the class of 1985. Following high school, Joe attended NMSU (Northeast Missouri State University) majoring in Communication. On September 24, 1994, he was united in marriage to Carol Tripp at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown and to this union, a son, Cy, was born. Joe and Carol shared 28 years of marriage prior to Joe's passing.

Joe grew up helping his father on the farm. He owned real estate rental properties and assisted living facilities in the Des Moines area. Joe also worked at Cargill and Wacker Chemical Corporation in Eddyville as an operator technician.

Joe was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia. He enjoyed history and collecting historical guns. Joe was a fun loving guy who made lifelong friends in college. He had a big voice but an even bigger heart. Joe was easy to love and loved easily.

Joe is survived by his wife, Carol Heffron; a son, Cy (Shea) Heffron; his parents, Joe and Kareen Heffron; a brother, Kevin Heffron; his mother-in-law, Jerry Tripp; and a brother-in-law, Dave Tripp. Joe is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Joe Tripp.

Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown, with Joe's family present to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown, with Father Tom Holder, Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S, Father Michael Volkmer, C.P.P.S. and Deacon Ed Kamerick officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Georgetown. Following the committal service, Joe's family would like to invite everyone to the Georgetown Hall for a Celebration of Joe's life and a time of fellowship.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Georgetown, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
574th Ave  
Georgetown, IA, IA

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
574th Ave  
Georgetown, IA, IA

## Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 4:30 PM.

Georgetown Hall  
Georgetown, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ Kareen, Joe and Carol. My heart breaks for you. Wish I could be there with you but my driving buddies were all busy and I didn't feel comfortable driving alone. Seeing Joe so healthy on Thanksgiving makes this so hard to grasp what has happened. Sending love and prayers to all the family. Kareen, I will call you when you have had a chance to get rested.



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**Nora** - March 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron.



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March 12, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ I was fortunate to have met Joe in college and become friends for the four years there. I remember playing basketball and playing golf with him. Unfortunately he never could find clubs that were his size and it sometimes looked uncomfortable but he still had fun. He also convinced me to join a gym for 8 months. He was just 180 lbs dripping wet and I was a short fat kid dripping sweat. But what I remember most was Joe was just Joe. His personality was just easy going and fun and he was a guy that you like hanging out with. I always enjoyed the times we had.

To the Heffron family I want to give you my condolences with a heavy heart. Even though I hadn't spoken to him in years, I knew Joe as a good person but I'm sure after college he became so much more. With that it includes the titles he always will be (Son, Friend, Husband and Father)

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David Nudd - March 11, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron.



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March 11, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron.



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March 10, 2023 at 04:32 PM

MB

“ So very sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. He was always kind & had a great outlook on life. Many blessings to the family. Randy & Marla (Main) Bronson, class of 1986

Marla Bronson - March 10, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron.



March 09, 2023 at 08:46 AM

MT

“ I had the honor of getting to work with Joe the last few years. Working with Joe was exciting! He could literally walk into a room full of strangers and within seconds have everyone’s full attention and respect. Joe had a charisma about him that made you feel extremely comfortable to talk to, ask questions to, and trust in. There was just something about Joe that kept you eager to hear and learn more. Besides being a great teacher/mentor to the team, his sense of humor was tremendous. He had a big voice, big smile, and even bigger laugh that we all enjoyed each day he came to work. His attitude and approach towards people and life in general was something we should all strive to emulate. Joe buddy, you will be missed. We enjoyed working, laughing, and learning from you!

Mike Teno - March 08, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ man go with the amgels joe fly my brother

Michael Courtney - March 08, 2023 at 01:39 AM

PN

“ He was always a very special young man so sorry for your loss. May God help you through this most difficult time. Paula Nordstrom

Paula Nordstrom - March 07, 2023 at 10:09 PM

VF

“ Velma Reed Furlin lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Thomas Heffron



Velma Reed Furlin - March 07, 2023 at 07:45 PM

HH

“ I worked with Joe for the past few years. His knowledge was greatly utilized at Wacker. He was genuinely interested in the process, which had a trickle down effect with the people he worked with to be engaged and focused on improvement. He was always pushing to test the boundaries of how hard and how fast we could run the plant. He learned that from his Cargill days, and he had the “let it eat” mentality.

Besides work, I will remember Joe as a family man who loved Carol and Cy more than anything. I'll remember our conversations about life, business, and family. I'll remember playing “Farkle” with the guys and Joe saying “show me the money” every time he rolled the dice.

RIP Joe. I'll miss seeing you around.

Hunter Hastings - March 07, 2023 at 05:28 PM

HR

He was a one of a kind

Harold Rowley - March 07, 2023 at 09:16 PM



Mike  
Burton

*I worked with Joe at Cargill and he was a top notch trainer and super fun person to be around. A very hard worker and super nice man that would go out of his way to help you. Very intelligent and quick witted too. RIP Joe, so sorry to hear your gone! My condolence to Carol and Cy!*

**Mike Burton** - March 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM



CG

“ *Prayers to you Carol and family.*



**Cheryl Gray** - March 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM



LK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you Carol, Cy and family. Prayers and love to you as you morn the loss of this gentle giant of a man and friend. May he fly among the heavens and May our Lord give you peace that passes all understanding. Amen Lana (Kaldenberg) Eells and family*

**Lana Kaldenberg** - March 07, 2023 at 03:03 PM



JW

*Kareen Joe Carol and Cy, our sincerest heart that sympathy is extended to you and your loss. Only God knows the reasoning behind such an for told happenings. And only he can heal your hearts in understand 🙏🙏 Tom and I send all of the love we can to you just know our arms around you 💕💕*

**Judy and Tom White** - March 07, 2023 at 07:28 PM