



## Joseph George Nucko Jr.

December 25, 1943 - July 19, 2022

Joseph George Nucko Jr., age 78, of Albia, IA, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Joe was born on December 25, 1943, in Des Moines, IA, to Joseph Sr. and Marjorie (Phillips) Nucko. He grew up and attending school in Albia. Following school, Joe served his country in the United States Navy. On August 9, 1980, he married Sharon Stephens at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia. They shared 25 years of marriage before her passing on January 9, 2015. In 2016, Joe began his relationship with Sharon Stuchel.

Joe worked in construction for 42 years with Weitz Construction Company, which took him all over the United States building high-rise and retirement homes. He worked himself into a supervisory position and the company later became Hy-Vee Weitz, where he assisted with building numerous Hy-Vee stores. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, golfing, and target shooting with his collection of guns. He was a talented woodworker, building cabinets, shelves, and entertainment centers. He was a race fan of all kinds, especially of Nascar racing. He enjoyed his street rods over the years, including a '35 Ford, '29 Bucket T Ford, '57 Chevys and his most recent '55 Chevy. Above all else, Joe loved spending time with his family and friends.

Joe is survived by his significant other, Sharon Stuchel; his children, Dave

(Kathy) Thomas, Debbie (Jerry) Mickles, Rhonda McGee and Zane McGee; 7 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and his siblings, Pat (Joe) Angran, Sharon Boehnke, Eleanor (Richard) Hatfield and Barb (Kenny) Lovstuen. Joe is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; his parents, Joseph and Marjorie; 3 brothers-in-law, Junior Huguen, Phil Boehnke and Roger Stephens and his best friend Tom Stafford.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Joe's family present from 4:00 p.m., to 7:00 p.m., to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 25, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating and military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose. Following services, Joe's body will be cremated per his wishes and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 25. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph George Nucko Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Joseph George Nucko Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Im sorry to hear about Joe we run around togrther my name is Ralph jones we had good times very sorry for yor loss*

**Ralph** - July 25, 2022 at 07:22 AM



“ *I was privileged to meet Joe, and found him a warm and caring man whose thoughtfulness and generosity extended to all he met. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends, and grieve his loss.*

**Lance Krieg** - July 24, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Dean, Michelle, And Addison Fenton lit a candle in memory of Joseph George Nucko Jr.*



**Dean, Michelle, and Addison Fenton** - July 23, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph George Nucko Jr..*



July 23, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Nancy Findley Shilling lit a candle in memory of Joseph George Nucko Jr.*



**Nancy Findley Shilling** - July 20, 2022 at 10:51 PM



“ *Ed McGinn lit a candle in memory of Joseph George Nucko Jr.*



**Ed McGinn** - July 20, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ *I AM VERY SAD TO HEAR THIS JOE WAS A GOOD FRIEND FROM WAY BACK IN THE LATE 50S WE WORK TOGETHER AT UNITED FOOD STORE IN ALBIA JOE LOVE HIS CARS. HE GAVE ME A RIDE IN THE DUNE BUGGY ONCE SENDING OUT PRAYERS TO ALL HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND SHARON STUCHEL .. MAY HE REST IN PEACE IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD .....*

**Ed McGinn** - July 20, 2022 at 09:41 PM

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“ I sure will miss Joe. I was able to work with joe on the job site and attended to many company functions to remember. He was a good friend for many years and his word was solid. He was always ready to lend a hand. Tha Lord has gained one of the finest men I've ever known.

Condolences to Joes family in this time of sorrow, may the Lord look over you in this time of need.

Ray and Barbara Bonebrake

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Ray Bonebrake - July 20, 2022 at 08:16 PM