



Joseph "Joe" McKinley Spencer

June 25, 2003 - July 22, 2025

Joseph McKinley Spencer, best known as Joe, was born on June 25, 2003 in Houston, Missouri. Joe departed this life at the age of twenty-two on July 22, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. He was surrounded by family and friends who gathered to honor him at his Walk of Honor as the gift of his organs gave life to three men and two women, as well as his tissue, which helped numerous people.

Joe was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Dorsey McKinley Spencer.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Karen Spencer of Roby, MO; his sister, Rachel Dowden and her daughter, Elsie Dowden of Plato, MO; his maternal grandparents, David Underwood of Roby, MO and Beth Burke of Hinesville, GA; his paternal grandmother, Shirley Spencer-Bogess and her husband, Joe of Plato, MO; Uncle Jeff Spencer of Plato, MO and Uncle John Underwood (Amanda) of Guyton, GA; Cousins Ashley Gyllstrom (Alex), Chelsea Burdette (Kyle), Hayden and Stone Underwood; as well as a host of other family members and friends.

Joe attended Plato Schools and Waynesville Career Center. He graduated from high school in May 2021 and received an Auto Service Technician certificate. After graduation, Joe used his mechanical skills servicing vehicles,

farm equipment and heavy equipment. This led to a love for operating heavy equipment and a job working at a rock quarry and most recently a paving company. While waiting to head back to work with the paving company, Joe enjoyed assisting and working alongside a friend in his fertilizer business this past spring.

Joe grew up on his Dad's heels and enjoyed being his little buddy and helper. He was always in his shadow learning all aspects of the farm. From the moment he was born he kept his family on their toes with his adventurous spirit and his tendency to get hurt. You could ask Joe anything about a tractor, chainsaw or any gun, and he would educate you about it. Joe's hobbies included hunting, trapping, fishing, riding dirtbikes, hanging out with his friends and cooking for anyone that loved squirrel in the pressure cooker or fried deer meat. Joe was instrumental in assisting in the care of his PaPa the last five years and they made many memories.

Joe loved being "My Unky Joe" to his sweet niece, Elsie Marie. He was so full of life and fun and the friend you could always count on. He had the biggest heart and if anyone was ever in need, he was right there to help. Joe was loved by many and will be tremendously missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Cling to the hope we have in Christ, knowing that He is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2025 in the Roby Christian Church of Roby, Missouri with minister Eric Keffer officiating. Alan Clyne read the obituary and the songs "Precious Memories", "Meet You in the Morning" and "Just Over in the Gloryland" were sung. Serving as escorts were Ethan McCown, Case McClure, Jack Morrison, Lane Cotrel, Ashton Chenoweth, Wyatte Cotrel, Isaac Powell, and Justin Collins. Serving as

honorary escorts were Austin Fulmer, Hunter Paddock, Ben York, Garon Miller, Garret McClure, and Levi Johnson. Burial followed in the Palace Union Cemetery of Evening Shade, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in memory of Joseph Spencer to the Gasconade Christian Service Camp and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Palace Cemetery

Roby, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Memorial Chapel Of Waynesville/St. Robert

Funeral Service

JUL **28**. 3:00 PM.

Roby Christian Church

Tribute Wall



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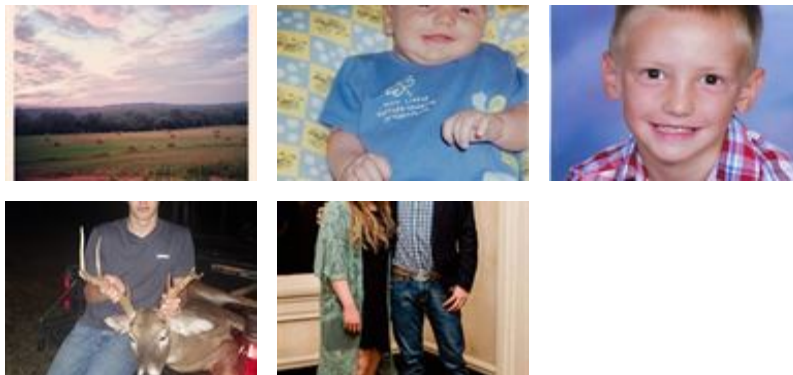
“ *KENNETH BRUCE FAMILY* lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Spencer



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“ *Hold on tight to one another and to the memories of Joe that make you smile. And don't every doubt that God is there to hold you close and give you the courage, strength and comfort you need going forward. I love you!*

-Darla and John Noble

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