



## Mr. Joe Edgar Brush

January 3, 1941 - April 10, 2012

Joe Edgar Brush, age 71, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in Plano, TX.

He was born January 3, 1941 in Pittsburgh, PA, to Charles Wallace and Ruth Mittie (Lloyd) Brush. He lived and worked in construction in Western Pennsylvania, before moving to Plano fifteen years ago. Joe was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 66) and very skilled in running all types of construction equipment from bobcats to very large boom cranes. When he arrived in Texas in his mid-50s, Joe was welcomed by the local union and well respected for his ability to operate specialized equipment. He was an operating engineer for more than 50 years - one of the last of a dying breed of multi-skilled equipment operators.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Madelon Issaeff and four children: Mollie Griffith (and Dan) of Phenix, VA; Heidi Covey (and Lynn) of Pittsburgh; Gretchen Brush of Randolph, VA; and Joe Brush (and Melissa) of San Jose, CA; as well as 10 grandchildren.

He also leaves behind his brothers and sisters: Charles Preston Brush and his wife Audrey of Pittsburgh; Rosalie Brush, wife of Jack Richard Brush, Prescott, AZ; Janet Sihler and her husband Chuck of San Diego, CA; and Jacqueline (Jackie) Thomison and her husband Arnie of Copan, OK, as well as many nieces and nephews. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and

brother Jack Richard Brush.

As a young man, Joe had become a member of the Masonic Lodge (John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743) in Pittsburgh in 1965. Just two years later, in 1967, he became a member of the Valley of Pittsburgh Scottish Rite – 32 degree.

Joe continues to honor the Masonic ideals of brotherhood and community service by suggesting, in lieu of flowers, contributions be given to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Donations can be made online at <http://support.shrinershospitals.org> or mailed to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, Office of Development 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

The family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, (918-534-3030), 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, from 5-7 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Brush will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Tuxedo Assembly of God Church of Bartlesville. Rev. Bret Luallen will officiate. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Family Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at [www.davisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfamilyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Dewey Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Tuxedo Assembly of God  
3503 Tuxedo Boulevard  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.tuxedochurch.com>

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ *Madelon, Joe Heidi, Gretchen, Molly;*

*Big Joe was a great friend, and a dedicated Mason. He was always there for those in need. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

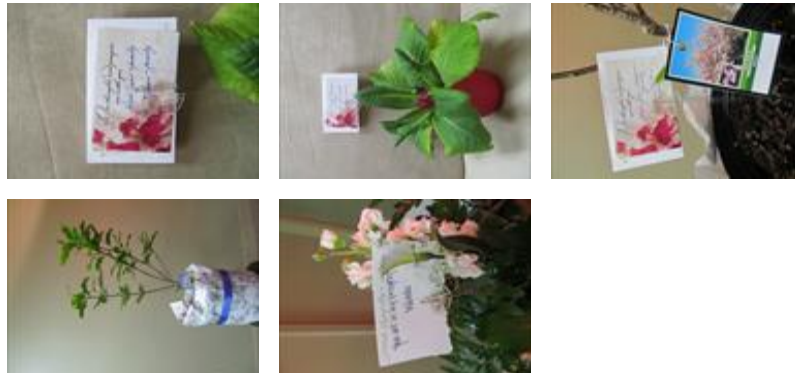
*Lori & Craig Kern*

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**Craig Kern** - April 17, 2012 at 11:15 PM

JD

“ *10 files added to the album Flowers of Remembrance*



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**Jacqi Davis** - April 17, 2012 at 08:49 PM

DG

“ I always looked forward to your visits and hated to see that big white truck going down the driveway and headed back for Texas. As it was then and just as it is now, your visit never seemed long enough. I will miss you "old man". I know you are in a better place now. Rest in Peace.

*"Captain Daddy"*



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**Dan Griffith** - April 15, 2012 at 07:29 AM

DG

*Inspecting the farm in Virginia.*

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**Dan Griffith** - April 15, 2012 at 01:43 PM

DB

“ Madelon and family -- our deepest sympathy on your loss of Joe. --  
David and Robin B.

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**david beatty** - April 15, 2012 at 04:15 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the album Joe Brush



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**Jackie Thomison** - April 14, 2012 at 10:38 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Brush Jr - April 14, 2012 at 03:58 PM

KP

“ Karen Prohaska lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Edgar Brush



Karen Prohaska - April 14, 2012 at 08:11 AM

KP

*Madelon - my long time friend - I have missed you and Joe since we moved and have such smiling memories of Joe kidding me about "the Manhattan skyline in Dallas", look left, look right..... I thank Joe for his warmth and genuineness and I thank you for bringing him into our lives. love, Karen & Bob*

Karen Prohaska - April 14, 2012 at 08:14 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jackie Thomison - April 13, 2012 at 10:26 PM

KN

“ Dear Madelon, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your husband.

*Kris Nielson a friend from JCP*

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**Kristine Nielson** - April 12, 2012 at 03:08 PM

PV

“ I am honored to have known Joe. Despite his constant joking and teasing you could not help but like the man. He helped his family when asked even when it meant he had to enter the least masculine store you can imagine. When he greeted you he had a smile on his face. Though I am not a member of his family he always made me feel like I was. He has touched lives and I will always remember Joe Brush.

*Pedro*

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**Pedro del Valle** - April 12, 2012 at 02:30 AM

JT

“ My awesome big brother. Who teased me unmercifully til I'd cry-- until I learned how not to-- in about--30 yrs But couldn't have had a bigger heart to help you or anyone else that he knew. Distance or inconvenience was no matter to him. He'd be there. Generous to a fault, loyal unto death. And just as wonderful an Uncle to my daughter.

*They don't come any better.*

*He will live in my heart forever.*

*Jackie*

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**Jackie Brush Thomison** - April 11, 2012 at 08:27 PM

MA

*I was so sorry to hear this news. I never really got to know my cousin. Met him at our grandparents when we were young. It's a shame when people live so far apart that this happens. I did live near his folks later in my life, and loved them. Dear Aunt Ruth, his mom, was my daddy's sister. I know there will be many in Heaven to greet him. Love to his children, and his siblings. Cousin Maxie (Lloyd) Anderson. GOD bless you all.*

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**Maxie (Lloyd) Anderson** - April 12, 2012 at 12:22 AM

JS

*Dear Madelon (MAD AD) I was sorry to hear about the loss of your husband Joe. My thoughts are with you....Joanne(Vancouver)*

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**Joanne S.** - April 12, 2012 at 02:28 AM

IW

*Dear Madelon: We were so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We will miss him when we come to Plano for visits with Dawn. Corky enjoyed his visits with Joe and their trips to the shooting range. We have cherished your friendship and wish you peace and serenity. God Bless You*

*Ida & Corky Walker*

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**Ida Walker** - April 12, 2012 at 01:13 PM