



Joseph Looney

November 7, 1936 - March 29, 2018

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“ Posted by Amanda Simpson-Bilby from BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma
Joe Looney was one of the most kind and intriguing people you could ever cross. He found joy in sitting on his porch watching our town travel to and from work! He had a wild and crazy book of life and would tell you, proudly, all about it. His eyes beamed as he spoke of his days a journalist and all the places he has seen. I was blessed to know him. Anyone who knew him was. Joe may not have any immediate or biological family nearby but, I assure you, this beautiful community was his family. Fly high Mr. Looney. We will miss seeing you on your front lawn. Until meet again! I hope Joe truly knew the impact he had on our little town. I pray we had the same impact on him! He will be greatly missed.

03/30/2018 at 10:36pm

Posted by Vivian Edersheim from Raymond, Washington
Joe and I were married for 12 years, from 1974 to 1986. He was a remarkable writer, editor and caver. He was virtually fearless in everything he did, a trait that I did not share. One year on a vacation to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, he stood at the unfenced edge of the canyon and looked over at the bottom, a mile down. His memory and recall amazed me, traits he shared with his mother. He could talk for long periods on all sorts of things – politics, history, birds and bats and flowers and all things natural. Once, on our way to an Audubon bird count in southwestern Oklahoma, he talked for 20-30 minutes about hoarfrost. He was a walking Google before there was a Google. Joe should be remembered for the many good things he did: Bringing four children into the world who are doing their own amazing things; inspiring entire communities with his sometimes off-beat journalism; nurturing others in the world of writing, editing, photography and – always – caving. That is his legacy.

04/01/2018 at 01:05am

Posted by Vivian Mccorvey from Bartlesville , Oklahoma
I only knew Joe by seeing him sitting on his porch every time I drove by his house.. it always make me wonder what his life has been like

ending up in such a simple little place. He made me smile and feel love for humankind rest in peace you will be missed.

04/01/2018 at 07:32pm

Posted by Mary King from Salem, Oregon

My husband and I met Joe many, many years ago. He was such an interesting, knowledgeable person. I'll always remember his explaining about different papers and why a particular type of paper was used for newspapers. I wish I could remember everything he'd said but I remember the impression I had of his vast knowledge.

There were several other impressive chats about a wide range of things. He was also a character in that he wasn't terribly influenced by others but lived his life as he felt he should. He seemed to follow his own path. Happy trails and paths to you, Joe!

04/05/2018 at 04:40pm

Posted by Sue Bozeman from The Village, Oklahoma

John and I caved with Joe for many years, beginning in 1973. He showed us transplantee newbies the ropes and taught us where the caves were in Oklahoma and how to survey caves. A storyteller and journalist, he regaled us with cave stories during the drives to and from the caving areas -- all of which were 3 hours away from OKC. He taught me to take notes and make maps and was happy to have John the Geologist along for information, although he was well read and already knew his cave strata and formations very well. We will always remember Joe with a smile.

04/28/2018 at 04:59pm

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