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October 7, 1942 - January 12, 2014

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Harold "Joe" Rutter, Jr., 71 of Elm Creek, passed away, Sunday, January 12, 2014 in Zephyrhills, Florida. A Celebration of Life will be held 1:00 P.M. Friday, January 24, 2014 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted by the Thistle Lodge #61 of Lexington. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Elm Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at www.osrfh.com. Arrangements entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes.

Harold "Joe" Rutter, Jr. was born October 7, 1942 in Winfield, Kansas to Harold and Doris (Reineking) Rutter. He grew up in the Udall, Kansas area and received his education from Udall High School in Udall, Kansas. On December 22, 1964, Joe was united in marriage to Linda Pitt in Udall, KS. The couple made their home in Udall, Kansas where Joe was employed as a machinist for Boeing Aircraft. In 1970, they moved to Elm Creek. Joe worked 43 years with Western Alfalfa as the plant manager. He was a 40 year

member of the Thistle Lodge # 61, Shriners, Scottish Rite, 26 year member of both the Elks and Eagles Clubs, Lions Club, Overton Golf Club and served 32 years on the Elm Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Joe was on city council, village board and served as mayor of Elm Creek for 14 years. He had his buddies that he golfed with daily in both Overton and in Lady Lake, Florida. Joe was also active in dancing and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Tosha, Alisha, Keisha and Dalton.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Linda Rutter of Elm Creek; daughter, Serina Sladky and husband, Keith of Elm Creek; 4 grandchildren; sister-in-law, Sharon Maas of Holdrege; brothers, Jim Rutter of California and Dick Rutter and wife, Sue of Udall, KS; brother-in-law, Phil Pitt and wife, Cherryle of Cabool, MO; and many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold "Joe" Rutter Jr.*

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“ *Linda, My maiden name is Christine Inks and I believe that I went to grade school with your husband many years ago. I attended Seltzer Grade School in Wichita Kansas when I was in the 3rd grade until the 8th grade. If your husband 'Joe' is who I think he may be, I offer my condolences to you and your family. If you care to, please e-mail me at cch.chrisb@mail.com and maybe we can connect. I think your husband had brothers, Jimmy and Dick Rutter. My sister and I were just thinking of the kids we went to school with and played with when we were young and we thought of the 'Rutter' family. We have such great memories of knowing them. I lost my husband of 52 years just four years ago and my prayers are with you at this time as I know the days ahead will be difficult for you and your family. Again, please contact me if you care to. Sincerely, Chris Byars (Inks).*

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