



Joseph "Joe" Kriebs

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Joseph "Joe" Kriebs of Carthage, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Joe was born in Galena, Illinois to Arnold Kriebs and Eleanor Schoenfeld. He was one of fifteen children: five boys and ten girls. Joe has been a resident of Carthage since 1998, when he moved from southern Wisconsin. He was a turkey farmer and a cattleman. Joe lived life with grit and purpose. He loved fishing with his family in Alaska, raising livestock, and never turned down a good card game. Flying gave him a sense of freedom, but his greatest pride was teaching his children and grandchildren his way of life — tough and built on hard work.

Joe is survived by his children: Joe Kriebs, Arnold Kriebs, and Todd Kriebs, all of Belleville, Wisconsin, Eleanor, and Thomas; nephew, Jeff Pfile of Alaska; and his dear friend, Aminta Rosemery Cifuentes.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Eleanor Kriebs.

As per Joe's wishes, he is to be cremated, and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kriebs family, my deepest sympathies for the loss of Joe. It was a privelege to work with Joe in the Turkey business for the past ~22-23 years.

Joe & his former business partner, Elmer Osterdyk, were the first 'new' growers that I had the privelege of bring into the Butterball [ConAgra] turkey-grower family. We did no always see eye to eye but Joe and I (and many others from the 'Company) always worked thru our differences and got the job done! Literally Hundreds of thousands of beautiful white turkeys left the 'O.K. Farm' in the past 22-23 years. I know many family members assisted Joe in the effort to grow these turkeys. I wish to thank you all for sharing Joe and your helping hands with that not-so-easy effort throughout the years and many, many flocks! I will never forget Joe getting out of the car with a hospital gown and hospital wrist bands still on to check the turkeys before going to the house and get in bed where he belonged! (About 2011 after one of his open heart surgeries) I will always be grateful for the limited supply of Red salmon as well - (he doled out a few pounds to me over the years). 'Very healthy and delicious fish!! May the Lord bless you all and memory of Joe !

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