



JOSEPH ARCH TUCKER, SR.

January 10, 2014

Joseph Arch Tucker, Sr., 78, passed away on January 10, 2014. Joe worked at TCI in Fairfield, AL and after a 44 year career retired from Moore Handley in Pelham, AL.

Joe was well known in the softball arena. Anyone with any knowledge of fast pitch softball would know the name Joe Tucker. He was, by far, one of the best pitchers in this sport. Joe had numerous awards including being inducted into the West Alabama Hall of Fame and The Alabama ASA Hall of Fame. He had over 75 Most Valuable Pitcher Honors, over 100 tournament wins, 12 perfect games in a career that included over 1300 victories. His teams have advanced to eight Regional Tournaments and four National Tournaments. Joe always had the respect and love of all players he played with and against. When talking about his accomplishments in the sport of fast pitch softball he was always quick to say his ability to pitch was a God given talent and he used it well and loved the sport.

Throughout his life he loved all of the memories and the people he met, making lifelong friendships along the way. Joe also stepped over the plate and refereed many sports as well. In his later years Joe took up golfing and as with everything else he didn't do it halfway. Again Joe was well loved by his many golfing buddies. You could always count on finding Joe 4 to 5 days a week at Coosa Pines Golf Course.

Out of all of his accomplishments, to Joe, his family was his finest one. His love for each and every one of them was great. Truly he was the glue that

bound his large family together. He was much loved and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Delene of 33 years and they have 6 children together. Sons Joe Jr. (Renee), Martin, Dan (Tracey), Pat (Julie), Keith Vick, and daughter Kim Vickery (Donald). He had 12 grandchildren Matt, Jessie, Catherine, Austin, Alex, Shanna, Drew, Slade, Vince, Ashley, Sabrina, and Mike. There are also 5 great grandchildren, and his brother Charles Tucker (Lou).

Visitation will be Monday, January 13, 2014 at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, Hueytown, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The funeral service will be Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Funeral Home at 10:00 AM, with Neil Hodo officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

GK

“ On behalf of the Clearwater Bombers' Legacy Project, we share in your bereavement. We dreaded going up against Joe in any setting, not only because of his superb talent, but he was a great friend to many of the Bombers. We would cherish one of his jerseys to display in our future museum if possible.

Gary Kane - January 15, 2014 at 05:42 PM

TM

“ I always thought the world of Joe. He was someone to talk softball with even though he was before my time. I enjoyed playing golf with him at Coosa Pines and on the trips to Dothan. It breaks my heart to here he is gone. May God bless each of you at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tracy Milam - January 14, 2014 at 01:49 PM

KH

“ On behalf of the Alabama 60+ Golf Association we send our heartfelt condolences to the Tucker family. Joe will be missed. Because of Joe you have many memories, cherish them.

Ken Hawkins - January 14, 2014 at 09:39 AM

RW

“ Our prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. I have many fond memories of the softball playing days that Joe and I shared. Ronnie

Ronnie and Pam Weathersby - January 13, 2014 at 07:40 PM

PJ

“ To Joe’s family, I am one of many who had the pleasure to know Joe from one of his numerous golf connections. Our group of 12-20 guys from all parts of the country converge in McRae Georgia to play annually. I knew Joe from that annual four days of fun for the last 13 years. He quickly became everyone’s friend and was a person everyone looked forward to seeing each year. Everybody loved Joe, his wit, talent, charm, and endless stories. He always had a twinkle in his eye, and was a stranger to no one...and one heck of a golfer who could keep pace with guys ½ his age. I will surely miss him, we all will. I mourn for your loss.

Pete Johnson - January 13, 2014 at 03:43 PM

JC

“ My condolences to the entire family. Truly a legend in the sport he dominated!

Jeff Campbell - January 13, 2014 at 12:37 PM

EL

“ We are grateful to have known Big Joe and sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ernie and Mike Lovelady - January 12, 2014 at 05:13 PM

GM

“ May God bless you Joe for all the fun and enjoyment you brought to so very many.

Gary C. Mercer - January 12, 2014 at 02:38 PM

AB

“ Joe was married to my cousin Ann from an early age. They both loved to entertain and have company. It, like at her parents house, was where everyone wanted to be.

alice kellum bradley - January 12, 2014 at 02:30 PM

NR

“ The world list 'one of a kind' with the passing of Joe Tucker. called Mother Tucker by so many and adored by all. I shall remember him for his wonderful and constant smile and his fabulous and inspiring laughter. A good man is gone, but never to be forgotten. G

Nancy Q. Roberyts - January 12, 2014 at 02:19 PM

LP

“ We are so sad to say goodbye to this wonderful person! Our love and prayers are with Delene and his family. Lynda and Butch Powell

Lynda and Butch Powell - January 12, 2014 at 11:49 AM

KQ

“ Everyone loved Big Joe. He always kept you smiling.

Keith Quinn - January 12, 2014 at 11:29 AM

TH

“ Deepest sympathy to the Tucker family. So sorry for your loss. Love, David & Terri Hydrick

Terri Hydrick - January 11, 2014 at 08:54 PM

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in our God, Jehovah.

Michelle A. - January 01, 1753 at 06:57 PM

TS

“ *God bless all of you in this trying time. I'm so sorry for your troubles.*

Tina Watson Sponder - January 01, 1753 at 08:36 AM