



## Joe M. Shepherd Jr.

September 5, 1941 - June 4, 2015

Joe M. Shepherd, Jr., age 73 of Alhambra, IL, died Thursday, June 04, 2015, at Lamy, NM.

He was born on Friday, September 05, 1941, in St. Louis, MO, the son of Joseph M. and Phena M. (nee Cribbs) Shepherd, Sr..

On Saturday, May 05, 1962, he married Carol "Jane" Shepherd (nee Wilkinson) who passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2013.

He was a member of Soaring Society of America (SSA); Silvercreek Glider Club (President), New Douglas, IL

Joe was born and grew up in St. Louis. He was a graduate of Central High School. He earned a degree from Parks College in Aeronautical Engineering. He worked several years at McDonnell Douglas; then Storz Surgical Instruments, which became Bausch & Lomb as Manager of Manufacturing. He retired in early 2000. He lived in Oakville, MO until 2002 and moved to Alhambra, IL. He rebuilt cars, Mustangs, 57 Chevy, and built gliders (sailplanes). He loved his grandchildren. He won many Glider Competitions over the years. Soaring was his passion and he died while soaring in his plane in New Mexico.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Pamela S. (Terry) Nelson, Arnold, MO

Son - Jeffrey A. (Holly) Shepherd, Troy, IL

Grandchild - Andy J. Groh, St. Louis, MO

Grandchild - Brad M. Nelson, Arnold, MO

Grandchild - Claire E. Nelson, Arnold, MO

Grandchild - Sean K. Kukowski, Troy, IL

Grandchild - Jacob A. Shepherd, Troy, IL

Surviving Brother and Sister

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Joseph M. Shepherd, Sr.

Mother - Phena M. Shepherd (nee Cribbs)

Wife - Carol "Jane" Shepherd (nee Wilkinson) (died 6/16/2013)

One Sister

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Friday, July 17, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2015, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Parkinson Disease Research.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My grandfather, Charles Bonte, still talks of Joe and his memories with him. As far as I understand he was a big mentor in Joe's life. My grandfather is 95 and was very sadden to hear the news of Joe's passing. He often tells me still that he wishes he could get in touch with his son or daughter to talk about memories. He had tried to send a letter a while back that we are unsure if it reached Jeff. I'm not sure if this is still active, but if there is any way to get in touch, I would love to pass on the contact information to my grandpa.

Stacie - August 08, 2016 at 12:58 PM

VF

“ Vicki (byram) Fenner lit a candle in memory of Joe M. Shepherd Jr.



vicki (byram) fenner - July 20, 2015 at 07:31 PM

Angela Burson

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Angela Burson - July 20, 2015 at 07:00 PM

BD

“ *Betty Shepherd Davis lit a candle in memory of Joe M. Shepherd Jr.*



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**Betty Shepherd Davis** - July 18, 2015 at 06:57 PM

GR

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I knew him from the Soaring Clubs at New Douglas and Highland. Joe was an exceptionally nice and easygoing man.  
He will be missed by all who knew him.  
May he always be soaring!!!  
Gail Reissen*

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**gail reissen** - July 18, 2015 at 12:44 PM


JK

“ *Janet Shepherd Kloeber lit a candle in memory of Joe M. Shepherd Jr.*



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**janet shepherd kloeber** - July 14, 2015 at 10:25 PM

 Carla Shepherd

“ *Carla Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Joe M. Shepherd Jr.*



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**Carla Shepherd** - July 14, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ Pamela and Jeffrey, I'm so terribly sorry to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. My deepest Condolences and Sympathy to you and your Families during this difficult time. Your Cousin, Carla Shepherd

Carla Shepherd - July 14, 2015 at 01:20 PM



Carla,  
Thank you for your kind words. Dad was an awesome guy and will be missed! Pam

Pam Nelson - July 17, 2015 at 07:02 AM



“ I love you my big brother. You will be missed!!

Jane Shepherd - July 13, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ I was very saddened to learn of Joe's death. I worked with Joe at Storz as an instrument maker, and also participated in several contract negotiations as a member of the Union committee. Joe was a great promoter of craftsmanship and American made products. He had a unique sense of humor.

You have my deepest condolences. May he R.I.P.

Kathy Ireland

Kathy Ireland - July 09, 2015 at 08:14 AM



Thank you! My Dad was most definitely one of a kind.  
Pam Nelson

Pam Nelson - July 09, 2015 at 08:18 PM

BT

“ My sister loved this man for over 50 years. They were happily married and produced two children they dearly loved. We continue to mourn Jane's loss and now mourn Joe. God Bless them and the loved ones left behind. Loving family members, Barbara and Micheal Taketa

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**barbara taketa** - July 04, 2015 at 11:11 PM

DG

“ I worked with Joe at Storz. I am an instrument maker and still work there. I got to know Joe pretty well. I was on the Union committee and negotiated 3 contracts on the other side of the table. Joe ran that shop like it was his. We didn't always agree, but the day he left I told him I was afraid we were going to miss him. And we did. Sorry for your loss. Dave Goddard

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**Dave Goddard** - July 01, 2015 at 07:08 PM

PN

Thank you for your kind words. Dad was very proud of "his shop" and the people in it. He will be very missed.

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**Pam Nelson** - July 03, 2015 at 08:35 PM

PN

“ My dad loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren! We were always loved and very lucky to have had two amazing parents. My brother and I won the "parent lottery"! I will strive every day to make them proud!

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**Pam Nelson** - July 01, 2015 at 05:44 PM



Pam, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm his cousin but haven't seen him since you were little. My prayers go out to you and your brother.

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**Betty Shepherd Davis** - July 14, 2015 at 01:20 PM

JK

*Sorry for your loss! Joe is my cousin, haven't seen him in many years. I have pictures from when we was kids at your great gma & gpa's house. prayers sent*

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**janet shepherd kloever** - July 14, 2015 at 08:11 PM