



Anthony Joseph 'Tony Joe' Kanallakan

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Anthony Joseph "Tony Joe" Kanallakan, 74, died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2018 at his residence, with his family at his side.

He was born on the family farm in Nutwood on October 30, 1943, one of seven children born to Fred and Stella (Isringhausen) Kanallakan.

Tony Joe was raised on the family farm and graduated in 1961 from Jersey Community High School in Jerseyville.

Aside from an honorable two year term with the United States Army, he has lived, worked, raised his own family, and entered Heaven from the same farm that he began life's journey.

Tony Joe centered his entire life around family and farm. However, it was his deep faith in God that was the foundation of his life. Tony Joe was strongly devoted to his family, and instilled into each of them the important characteristics of love, honesty, hard work, dependability, humility and tolerance. He was a humble man who led by example, and never thought twice about lending a helping hand to whomever in need.

He enjoyed the outdoors and hunting, especially deer, duck, squirrel, and turkey. It wasn't surprising seeing Tony Joe checking his crops and livestock on his gator. He was also an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan.

With all his admirable attributes, Tony Joe was most proud to be that of a loving, caring, supportive and dependable Husband, Dad and Grandpa to his appreciative family.



He married the love of his life Sandra Lazar on February 4, 1967 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fieldon. They have shared 51 years together and raised their family of four children, who in turn blessed them with 13 grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Kanallakan of Fieldon; four children and their spouses: Brian and Traci Kanallakan, Lisa and Ted Jones, Lynn and Chad Goetten all of Fieldon, and Jamie and Matt Wisdom of Winchester; 13 Grandchildren: Ryan and Jessica Kanallakan; Wyatt, Kate, and Mary Jones; Anthony, Owen, Wade and Cash Goetten; Jack, Madilynn, Reese and Joey Wisdom; three brothers and sisters in-law: Delbert and Grace Kanallakan of Jerseyville, Eldon and Grace Kanallakan of Jerseyville, and Darrell and Esther Kanallakan of Rosedale; and two brothers in-law: Dale Snider of Jerseyville, and Mike and Stephanie Lazar of Hardin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers in-law: Norine and Charles Helton, Opal and Junior Cory and Patricia "Pat" Snider; a nephew, William "Bill" Kanallakan and a Godson, Tony Bill Gilman.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fieldon, with Father Marty Smith officiating.

He will be laid to rest in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Fieldon, with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites.

Memorial donations may be given to the Danny Fraley Memorial Scholarship.