



LeRoy "Joe" James Robbins Jr.

September 7, 1943 - June 6, 2025

LeRoy James Robbins Jr, affectionately known to all as Joe, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 6, 2025. He was 81.

Joe was reunited with the love of his life, Gloria Jean Robbins, who passed in January of 2018. Together for over 50 years, the two were known simply as Mimi and Papa to the many grandkids, great-grandkids, and extended loved ones who adored him.

Joe is survived by his three children - Rhonda Robbins Heaps of McMinnville, Martin (wife Dawn) Robbins of Forest Grove, and Rodney (wife Billie) Robbins of Dundee - four grandchildren, Tessa (husband Andrew) Classen of Amity, Daniel (wife Tizia) Robbins of Newberg, Randall (significant other Ciara) Robbins of Sheridan and Shawn (wife Madison) Robbins of Monmouth and nineteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Ethel (husband Lee) Taylor of Grande Ronde, Sally (husband Jim) Peterson of Dayton, Joyce (husband Jeff) Scarborough of Madras and numerous nieces and nephews. His definition of family extended far beyond bloodlines. So many considered him Papa, because Joe and Gloria welcomed everyone with open arms and hearts.

Born in Baxter Springs, Kansas as a part of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and raised in Oregon since 1954, Joe graduated from McMinnville

High School in 1961 and later earned his Associate of Arts from Portland Community College. He served proudly in the United States Army from 1961 to 1965.

Joe lived a life of service and hard work - from ten years as a police officer at Washington County, to ten more at the Stimson Mill, before spending over three decades as a respected general contractor. He was steady dependable, and always ready to lend a hand.

Joe was preceded in death by his mom and dad LeRoy Robbins, Sr. and Helen Robbins and his siter Patricia Sue and her husband LD Thompson.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no formal service. Instead, a casual family gathering / picnic will be held to honor his life at Hagg Lake's Sain Creek Pavilion on Sunday, June 22. Please contact the family for details.

He was deeply loved, and his legacy of kindness, strength, and family-values lives on in all who knew him.

Previous Events

Gathering / Picnic

JUN **22**. 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM (PT)

Hagg Lake - Sain Creek Recreational Area
Gaston, OR 97119

Please contact the family for details regarding the gathering. Thank you.

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“*Papa, I love you so much. I will always hold close the memories we’ve shared. I remember sitting on your lap watching old westerns or college football (Washington State) don’t worry I wouldn’t forget haha. Thank you for being the only positive male role-model in my life, thank you for teaching me and guiding me and loving me endlessly. I’m so sad you’re gone, it truly has hit a lot deeper than I realized it would, although I’m trying to see the positives: you and Mimi are together now, which makes me really happy for the both of you. I know one day I’ll be reunited with you guys again, for that I can’t wait. I am the loving and caring woman I am today because of you, Mimi, auntie/mom Tessa, and everyone else that was near when I was younger, I wouldn’t change those moments for anything. I love you papa, I’ll tell stories about you and Mimi to my children and grandchildren one day. Thank you for everything. ❤️ I love you.*



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