



## Joe Hodge

Joe Edward Hodge, 83, of Newark, Ohio passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the Heath Nursing Care Center surrounded by his wife, son and future daughter-in-law. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 P.M. Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova, WV. with Pastor John McSweeny officiating. Interment will follow in Spring Valley Memory Gardens in Huntington, WV. Joe was born August 5, 1932 in Fort Gay, W.Va., a son of the late Arnold and Blanche Wellman Hodge. He was a 1950 graduate of Ceredo-Kenova (CK) High School. Three years after graduating, Joe was drafted into the US Army and spent two years serving his country during the Korean War. After receiving an honorable discharge from active duty in 1955, he enrolled at Marshall University, where he would eventually graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Joe would begin a career with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, which took him to many different employment destinations in the next several years. While working in St. Mary's, Ohio for Goodyear, he was given an opportunity in 1969 to come to Newark, Ohio, along with his partner and friend, Richard (Dick) Crowe and a third associate, to open their own store, which would become Newark Tire Center. Joe and Dick would become sole owners of Newark Tire Center, and they ran a very successful business for 20 years from 1969 to 1989. Joe spent many years coaching little league baseball, helping coach Babe Ruth baseball, and never missed a game his son played whether it was baseball, basketball, or tennis. During his retirement years, he tremendously enjoyed playing golf

with his son, watching OSU football and basketball, Cincinnati Reds and Bengals games, eating out with his family, and annual summer trips to Myrtle Beach. Joe was a member of the American Legion Post 93 in Kenova, WV. whose Honor Guard members will conduct military graveside rites. Besides his parents he was also preceded in death by sisters Joyce Hodge, and Carole Ann Heck (Franklin D. Heck) and brothers, Phillip Hodge and Larry D. Hodge (Brenda Hodge). Surviving is his loving wife of 56 years, Mary Margaret (Bocook) Hodge, whom he married June 26, 1959; son Brian A. Hodge of Newark, Ohio, future daughter-in-law, Tina (Puccetti) Brenner, and many nieces and nephews. Joe loved his wife 'Marg' very dearly, and a man could never love a son any more than he loved his son, Brian. Friends may call from 1-2 P.M. Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova, WV. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“*Marg and Brian...So sorry to hear of your loss of joe. He was a great man. My thoughts and prayers go out to you both. In case my name is not ringing a bell, I am thalias daughter.*

*Much love*

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**kathy peterson lonas** - September 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*To Marg, Brian and ALL who loved Joe, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved! I KNOW your pain and grief but I too, know that God will Give you Peace and Comfort and Ease the heartache. I remember Joe but mostly through my older brother John Hampton, who graduated in 1952 from Ceredo-Kenova High School and is now deceased also. As a tribute to my brother, John and to his friend Joe, I bid him farewell and pray that they are together on God's celestial shore, reunited, as all of you will be!*

*Sincerely,*

*Judie Pruitt Smith, Sons & Families*

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**Judie Pruitt Smith** - September 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“*It was an honor to be part of the care-team for Joe. He was a good man. I enjoyed getting to know Brian, Tina & Mary in those final days. Please know you will continue to be in our prayers.*

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**Greg Rosser, Tridia Hospice Chaplain** - September 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Margie, Brian and Tina,

*I want to extend my most sincere sympathies to all of you on the loss of Joe. He was a great man that was an outstanding example of both a husband and a father. I am so thankful that he is no longer facing the health problems that he had in the latter part of his life here on earth. I will be praying for each of you in the difficult days to come that God will give you strength and comfort to get through each day.*

*We love you all,*

*Gabe, Kerry, Anna, Emily, and Isaac Bocook*

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**Gabe Bocook and family** - September 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM