



## Joseph Halbur

February 10, 1955 - March 26, 2016

Joseph E. Halbur, 61, of Carroll, died Saturday, March 26, 2016, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Matthew Malek Mass Servers will be Joe Halbur and Martin Halbur. Music will be by Elise Pick, Joan and Tom Gronstal, Dr. Craig Rowles, and Beth Tiefenthaler. Lectors will be Daniel Halbur, Zach Halbur, and Jay Halbur. Gift Bearers will be Meghan Shelley, Sarah Borkowski, Katie Halbur, and Brooke Dougherty. Eucharistic Ministers will be Dr. Marty Halbur, Denise Mueller, and Mary Ann Borkowski. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Marty Halbur, Kyle Halbur, Jim Halbur, Mary Ann Borkowski, Dr. Pat Halbur, Paul Halbur, Dr. Greg Halbur, Corinne Dougherty, Greg Simons, and Denise Mueller. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. The Carroll County Bar Association will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, after 4 p.m. on Friday, where there will be a Christian Wake Service held at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume at Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, where visitation will continue until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Relay for Life-Team of Hope or the Creighton University Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Online condolences may be left for Joe's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on February 10, 1955 at Carroll, Iowa, Joseph Edward was the son of Robert W. and Mary (Spellman) Halbur. He grew up on a farm near Willey and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1973. In order to participate in wrestling and football, Joe's mother required him to play an instrument. His musical talents were quite limited and he was assigned to 3rd trombone. When the 2nd trombone left Joe remained 3rd trombone. After high school, Joe attended Creighton University in Omaha, earning his BSBA in 1977. He attended Creighton Law School, where he earned his JD in 1979. Joe gained admission to practice law in the State of Iowa and the United States District Courts of Iowa in 1979.

On June 4, 1977, Joe was united in marriage to Claudia Simons at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The couple made their home in Omaha for two years while Joe finished his law degree, before returning to Carroll in 1979. Joe worked a short time for the law firm of Kurth and Bungler. He then opened his own firm where he practiced for 35 years. In the fall of 2015 he merged his practice, becoming partner in Neu, Minnich, Comito, Halbur, Neu, and Badding PC. Joe was known for his integrity and dedication to his clients. He was direct and sometimes exasperating, but his word was gold.

Joe was intricately involved in farming. He enjoyed all aspects of agriculture, especially watching Market to Market and the recruitment, supervision, & over-compensation of rock-picking crews. He also enjoyed his men's bridge group, fishing, traveling, and time at Okoboji with his family. Examples of his

many contributions to the community include service on the Carroll County Compensation Board, the George N. Wernimont Educational Fund, and as a co-Chair of the 2003 Kuemper Ball along with Claudia. Joe was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Carroll County Bar Association, and Holy Spirit Parish.

Left to celebrate Joe's life are: his wife Claudia Halbur of Carroll; son Nick (Joanna) Halbur of Omaha, and grandchildren Grace and Jackson; and daughter Amy (Dr. Mark) Abraham of Dakota Dunes, SD, and grandchildren Mirabel and Lucy. Also surviving are: his siblings Dr. Marty (Dee) Halbur of Carroll, Jim (Barb) Halbur of Carroll, Mary Ann (Bert) Borkowski of Carroll, Dr. Pat (Dr. Therese) Halbur of Ames, Paul (Maureen) Halbur of Omaha, Dr. Greg (Dr. Johanna) Halbur of Sioux City, and Corinne (Greg) Dougherty of Omaha; sister-in-law Kyle Halbur of Carroll; father-in-law Elmer Simons of Carroll; brother-in-law Greg (Connie) Simons of Carroll; sister-in-law Denise (Ron) Mueller of Bettendorf; and many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives, and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Robert W. and Mary Halbur, brother Mike Halbur in 2012, mother-in-law Leola Simons in 2009, and sister-in-law Monica Simons in 2012.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
226 W. 8th St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
(712) 792-4301  
info@sharpfuneral.com  
<https://www.sharpfuneral.com>

## Christian Wake Service

APR 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
226 W. 8th St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
(712) 792-4301  
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## Funeral Mass

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
421 E. Bluff St.  
Carroll, IA

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Rest in peace, Joe. You have been such a wonderful friend to my family. You will be missed.*  
*Kristin (Hoffman) Babb*

Kristin - April 04, 2016 at 12:12 PM

OS

“ *Dear Halbur Family,*  
  
*My deepest condolences for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Orhan Sahin (Iowa State University).*

Orhan Sahin - April 01, 2016 at 04:26 PM

MN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Joe, a man who always had a smile, a kind word and a cold beer. Iowa has lost a devoted attorney and the Creighton University Law School Class of 1979 has lost a great friend. We will miss our brother at the bar and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. While we mourn Joe's passing, we celebrate the life of a wonderful man.*  
*James Jarrard & Mary Lynn Neuhaus '79 Dubuque, IA*

Mary Lynn Neuhaus - April 01, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



March 31, 2016 at 08:08 PM

CW

“ *I served with Joe for several years on the Carroll County Compensation Board and was always amazed at how he was able to chair those meeting without or without controversy into a smooth time efficient event. He was something special for sure. We will all miss him. Clay Winterboer*

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**Clay Winterboer** - March 31, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Sharp Funeral Home** - March 31, 2016 at 11:17 AM

LW

“ *To all of Joes family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, God Bless, Lee and Lori Wuebker*

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**Lori Wuebker** - March 30, 2016 at 10:36 PM

MT

“ *Our deepest sympathy Merlin&Marcia Tiefenthaler*

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**Merlin Tiefenthaler** - March 30, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CD

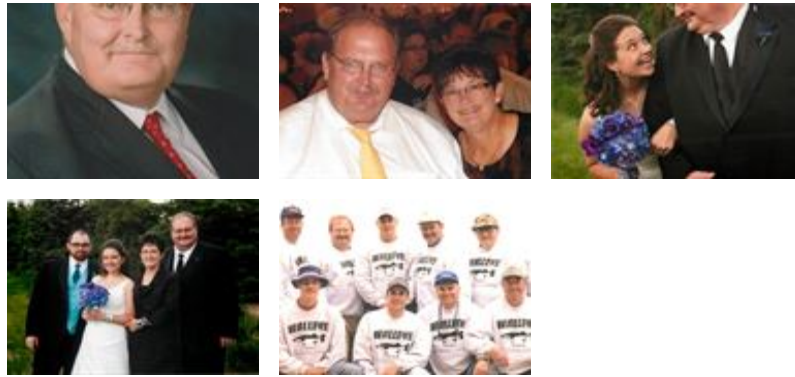
“ *Cristal Dunkerson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Halbur*



**Cristal Dunkerson** - March 30, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Sharp Funeral Home** - March 30, 2016 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ *Our most heartfelt sympathies to you Claudia and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love and Hugs, Jerry & Barb Schumacher*



**Jerry & Barb Schumacher** - March 30, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



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March 30, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *All my sympathy to you Claudia, and your family...*

*Russ Reineke*

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**Russ Reineke** - March 30, 2016 at 01:53 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the family and friends of Joe. He will be missed by many people in the Carroll area.*



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**Julie Valentine** - March 29, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Joe helped our family during the farm crisis in the 80's. JIM ALBRIGHT*

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**Jim Albright** - March 29, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Claudia and Family, I am sorry for your loss my prayers to you and your family.*

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**Dawn Uhlenkamp** - March 28, 2016 at 06:17 PM

DU

“ Dawn Uhlenkamp lit a candle in memory of Joseph Halbur



Dawn Uhlenkamp - March 28, 2016 at 06:15 PM

SR

“ Claudia & family,  
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Shannon Reising

Shannon Reising - March 28, 2016 at 04:46 PM

GM

“ Gary and Rhonda Mart purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Halbur.



Gary and Rhonda Mart - March 28, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.



March 28, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



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March 28, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



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March 28, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ *Union Pacific HR Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



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**Union Pacific HR Family** - March 28, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Joe. Growing up as a neighbor to the Halbur family I remember being driven to Willey for school by Mike and Joe. The Halbur family was always a great example of hard work and family to me. God bless you all, and know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy.*

*Greg and Joni Tigges  
DeWitt, Iowa*

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**Greg Tigges** - March 27, 2016 at 07:35 PM

MS

“ *Our prayers are with Joe, Claudia, Nick, Amy and the rest of the family. God bless - Scott, Martha, Anthony and Ellie Sibbel*



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**Martha Sibbel** - March 27, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joseph Halbur.*



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March 26, 2016 at 10:43 PM