

Formerly of Brown and Doniphan Counties , KS



Joseph Richard, Jr., 50, of Rising Fawn Georgia, formerly of Brown and Doniphan Counties, died from injuries received when the tractor trailer he was driving, collided with another tractor trailer, early Friday morning, February 3, 2012, near the Winston, Missouri exit on Interstate 35 north of Cameron .

Joe Jr. was born at Norwich, CT, July 25, 1961, one of eight children of Joseph Henry Sr. and Evelyn Miller Richard. He came to Kansas at a young age where the family settled at Leona where Joe attended Midway Schools prior to the family later moving to Horton to make their home. Joe Jr. worked as a welder for Rockwell in Atchison before joining the Kansas National Guard at Horton prior to joining the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Ft. Dix before being stationed at Germany in the late 1970's to early 1980's, discharged at the rank of specialist 4. Joe worked in Connecticut and Florida before joining his family in Georgia. He was an over the road truck driver for over 15 years, only had been with Covenant Transportation for the last 3 weeks.

Survivors include his parent Joseph Sr. and Evelyn Richard of Rising Fawn, Georgia; three brothers: Ernest Richard of Dalton, Georgia, Norman Richard of Ringgold, Georgia, Kevin Richard of Chattanooga, Tennessee; three sisters: Evelyn Richard of Lafayette, Georgia, Melodie Coon of Ringgold, Patricia Schroeder of Hayes, Kansas; 21 nieces and nephews; and 43 great nieces and nephews.

Joe Jr. was preceded in death by his sister Karen and a great-nephew.

Funeral services are planned for 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha, with Shane Spangler officiating. Interment will follow at Moray Cemetery, north of Benden. Military Honors will be a courtesy of the Brown County Honor Guard.

The family will meet with friends one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Joseph Richard Memorial Fund which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., 66434.