

ROSE
CPO J.S. Rose
September 17, 1930 - October 7, 2006



Retired U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman Joseph "Joe" S. Rose passed away at his home in Meridian Texas after his long courageous battle with cancer.

Joe, proud of his 22 year Naval career, especially loved to talk about his 18 months as a horse trainer at President Eisenhower's farm in Gettysburg and teaching Ike's granddaughter Susan Eisenhower how to be a horsewoman. His gift for gab and fantastic memory for details amazed all. He received numerous decorations, served in the Korean conflict, three tours in the Vietnam War, which included invaluable aid during the horrific crash and fire aboard the USS Essex, the day before his 21st birthday.

He was born in Delaplane, VA and preceding him in death are his parents, John Thomas Rose and Opal E. Lunsford; two brothers, John T. Rose and Martin E. Rose; and a son Michael J. Rose.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie "Rosie" of Meridian, Texas; daughter, Linda Utton and husband Ken of Meridian TX; sons, Larry Rose of Corpus Christi, TX and Lt. Col. David Rose and wife Katharine of Henderson, NV; and stepson, Michael Gray of Capistrano Beach, CA; four grandsons: Christopher Utton and wife Shana of Glen Rose, TX; Brian Rose of Chula Vista, CA; Kevin Rose of Corpus Christi TX; Jonathan Rose and soon to be born brother Michael Joseph Rose of Henderson NV; sister, Barbara Jane Dean and husband Sam of Atoka, VA; numerous nieces and nephews; and Aunt Mae Rosie Russell of Warrenton, VA.

A memorial service will be on October 21, 2006 at 1:00 PM at the flag pole on the family ranch in Texas. Representatives from the U.S. Navy and a Masonic Lodge will be officiating. On Wednesday, October 25 at 1:00 PM his ashes will be laid to rest in the Rose Family plot at the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Upperville VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorial donations be made to the non-profit agency, Hospice of the Heart Inc., PO Box 2081, Whitney TX 76692.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the oncology staff at the VA Hospital in Temple TX and to the nurses at Hospice of the Heart.