



## Joseph F. Cobb Jr.

July 4, 1945 - February 16, 2018

Joseph Francis Cobb, Jr., 72

Joseph "Joe" Cobb, 72, of Lac du Flambeau, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children, family and companion on February 16, 2018 at Johnson Lake Adult Care Center in Woodruff, WI.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 22nd from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Bolger Funeral Home – Woodruff Chapel. Catholic Mass with full Military Honors will be held on Friday, February 23rd at St. Anthony's Church in Lac du Flambeau. Father Ronald Serrao will be officiating the service. A public viewing will be available from 9:00 – 9:45 AM. The service will begin at 10:00 AM. Luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall of St. Anthony's. Cremation services will follow at a later date.

Joseph was born on July 4, 1945 in Hayward, WI to Joseph F. Cobb, Sr. and Margaret (Doud) Cobb. He lived in Lac du Flambeau with his family. Joe graduated from Lakeland Union High School and enlisted in the United States Navy immediately following graduation. He married his high school sweetheart, Ruth (Stewart) Cobb, also of Lac du Flambeau, and they had 3 children, Julia, Joseph III and Jolene Cobb. Joe served 3 tours of duty in Vietnam; he was based in Guam, Alameda, CA, San Diego, CA, Bremerton, WA and finished his final tour of duty in McAlester, OK. Joe divorced and was remarried to Patricia (Maynard) Cobb. In May of 1983, he retired from the Naval Ordnance Station Indian Head Detachment Army Ammunition Plant, building 567, McAlester, OK, after 20 years of service as Chief Gunners Mate

Technician. After retirement, Joe moved his family back to his hometown of Lac du Flambeau. He then worked for the Lac du Flambeau Fish and Game Department for 12 years. In Joe's spare time, he enjoyed ricing, spearing, hunting, wood carving, listening to country music and playing his guitar. He divorced and later met his partner of 30 years, Phyllis Werner. Phyllis was his companion and soulmate and remained by his side until his passing.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph F. Cobb, Sr. and Margaret (Doud) Cobb; nephew, George Cobb, Jr. and brother-in-law, George Christensen. He is survived by his companion, Phyllis Werner; his 3 children, Julia Mary (Cobb) Smith, Joseph F. Cobb, III (Shana) and Jolene F. Cobb-Wayland (John, Dylan); grandchildren, Alessa LaBarge, Scott LaBarge, Jr., Joseph G. Cobb, Gale Smith, Justin Cobb, Garold S. Smith, Amber Cobb, Shelby MJ Smith, Sky Rising Sun, Darren Rising Sun, Joren Cobb, Jalen Cobb, Summer Smith, Devin Rising Sun; 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Linda (Cobb) Christensen, Luella Cobb, Gloria Cobb; brother, George Cobb, Sr. and many nieces and nephews and his Aunt Gertrude.

A special thank you to the Johnson Lake Adult Care Center for the compassion and comfort they provided to our family and Bolger Funeral Home for their services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel  
1212 First Avenue  
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 356-6006  
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com  
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's  
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor of having Joe as a customer for a number of years and always looked forward to seeing him. Upon my retirement in 2016, I totally lost track of Joe and he is one of the few customers that I truly missed. I can't say enough about Joe's character and the example he set for all to follow. I can't say this about many people, but Joe was an inspiration to me. RIP JOE.

*Charlie Rice*

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**Charlie Rice** - September 09, 2025 at 11:55 PM

KH

“ Just found out about Joe's passing and I worked for him and with him in my Naval career and learned a lot from him while serving with him. Rest in Peace Joe.

*Kris A. Hobbs CWO4, USN Ret.*

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**Kris A Hobbs** - February 15, 2019 at 07:42 PM

CC

“ So sad, I just found out about Joe's passing. I owe much of my success in the Navy to Joe's special wisdom. I attribute to where I am today to Joe's sound advice. My prayers are with his family and friends. Charles B. Cushman, WTCM, USN Ret.

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**CHARLES Cushman** - December 29, 2018 at 12:32 AM

RR

“ A good friend has passed on. Music, Story, and Song.  
Until we meet again.....

*Rick Roder and Family*

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**Rick Roder** - February 24, 2018 at 01:35 PM

DM

“ Sorry to hear of Joe's Jr.'s passing, I had some nice talks with him on occasion...My condolences to Gloria and the rest of the family. Joe Sr. and Margaret were wonderful folks and would be proud of the family they raised...RIP Joe

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**Don Myers** - February 23, 2018 at 03:36 PM

TW

“ My thoughts are with you and your family in the coming days as you remember Joe.

*I only got to spend a little time with Joe but enjoyed talking with him about shared experiences in the service and adjusting to life after getting out. He lived a full life and certainly had the respect of his peers and the love of his family.*

*Tate Wayland*

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**Tate Wayland** - February 23, 2018 at 02:23 PM

SB

“ Susie Brown lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. Cobb Jr.



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**Susie Brown** - February 22, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Cobb Jr..*



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February 22, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Patti Cuatepitzi lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. Cobb Jr.*



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**Patti Cuatepitzi** - February 22, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Cobb Jr..*



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February 20, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *He was a fine man. Always looking for ways to help everyone. Tried to help kids that veered off course.*

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**Lou Liggio** - February 19, 2018 at 09:16 AM