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November 6, 1952 - December 15, 2019

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 Joseph Alexander Columbus, 67, of Shermans Dale transitioned to his Heavenly home on December 15, 2019.

He was born November 6, 1952 to the late Thomas & Leona (Sheaffer) Columbus. A gentle, reflective spirit, Joe often reminisced of childhood stories at Grandma's house and times with his siblings, Tom (Gerry), Susan (late), Jim, Allen, Tina and Bill.

He took pride in having kept the nuns busy along his path to graduation at Trinity High School. As an adult, Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force where he fondly told of his time serving in Alaska. There the beauty of nature surrounded him. When he returned to PA, Joe eventually settled into a career with the Navy Depot, Mechanicburg. However, his true calling in this life was being a loving and devoted father to his son, Nicholas. To Nick he gave the gifts of appreciating hunting - especially archery, devotion to country, faith in Jesus and putting others' needs first. In 2006, Joe finally married the love of his life, Teresa (Bailey) through whom he gained a daughter, Alison. With his Treesie he shared their own slice of the woods, many cups of coffee and their faithful dog, Sammi. In his time alone, Joe enjoyed building bows, sketching

cartoons and playing music. A true child of the 60s, Joe loved rock and blues of the era. And while he was often seen in camo, pocketed vests and hunting gear, Joe preferred to shoot wildlife with a camera. While he will be deeply missed by those he is leaving behind, his legacy and spirit will live on through his family, children - Nick (Sarah) and Alison (Jake Russell) and especially his grandchildren - Thorin & Leona Columbus and beloved Ben & Ellie Russell. Services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 18, 2020 in the Boyer Family Funeral Home, New Bloomfield. Rev. J. R. Jones will officiate. Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery, New Bloomfield. Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. A Luncheon will follow

SERVICE DETAILS

Saturday, January 18th, 2020 at 11:00am Boyer Family Funeral Homes, New Bloomfield Location

Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery

Luncheon to Follow

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family. May you all find comfort and peace during this time of bereavement.*

Renee Hinton - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

SB

“ *I never knew Joe, but Teresa has been a close friend to me and my whole family since we were in grade school. I knew how much Joe meant to Teresa and she, after many years found true happiness with Joe. Rest in Paradise dear Joe and thank you for giving my dear friend Teresa the Gift of Love, Eternal Love.*

Steven Edward Blair - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

AM

“ *Oh Teresa, saying I'm sorry never seems like enough, Even though we haven't seen much of each other you have always had a special place in my heart, No wonder Joe fell in love with you, you have always been a loving and giving friend, I will always cherish our friendship. I'm here for you, my thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

Alicia Moritz - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

KC

“ *Teresa you have my condolences you and your family, he was a great cousin I remember the good days when we were kids at grandmas.*

Karen Crow - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

M"

“ When Joe lived along the Susquehanna River on South Main Street in Marysville, I lived just up the street on North Main Street. He was only 8 days older than me, and we were good friends and especially loved playing and swimming in the river behind his house. Even after his family moved to 32nd Street in Camp Hill we remained close and we were in the same group of friends through our time at Trinity High School. We both collaborated on enlisting in the Air Force soon after graduation. We tried to arrange it so that we would enlist on the same day and go to Basic Military Training together. But, he ended up getting his orders to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, two weeks before me. So our plan to do Basic Training together didn't work out. Then he was sent to Alaska and I was sent to Germany. But we have kept in contact all these years; and on the rare occasions when we were able to get together it seemed like no time had passed and we just picked up where we left off. I am sorry that won't happen again. Please know that you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope to see you on January 18th.

Mike Ciccocioppo "Chicky" - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss. Although I hadn't spoken to Joe in many years I will miss him. I have fond memories of him coming up to my father Jeff's house to go hunting. I also remember going to Joe's grandmother's house with my father as a very young child. Joe and the members of his family that I met were always kind to me. My sincerest condolences to the Columbus family.

Tim Maus - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him at NSA Mechanicsburg from 2002 until his retirement. His love for his family was evident every day. As a fellow Air Force veteran we shared many a story. His greeting card creation skills were noteworthy. His love of the outdoors was very evident. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and never forgotten.

Roger Summy - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

TJ

“ Oh my BFF Treesie. I'll never forgot the fun you and Joe and I had many years ago when we were just young adults acting like kids. Joe was such a kind and gentle man. And he never changed. After he came back into your life he was the same Joe we both remembered and loved. I'm so sad that he has left this earth and you and his family. He will be so missed. Prayers continue for you to find healing and peace in your heart again.

Tina Jackson - December 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM