



## Joe Rex Bishop

*December 24, 1945 - March 11, 2014*

Joe Rex Bishop, age 68, of Allen, Texas, passed away March 11, 2014. He was born on December 24, 1945, in Cooper, Texas to Lawrence Ray and Julia Edna (Moon) Bishop. On April 7, 1967, Joe married Vicki Lynn Stenzel, in Durant, Oklahoma. He grew up in McKinney, but spent most of his life in Allen. Joe was a graduate of the University of North Texas and did his post graduate work at East Texas State University and TWU in Denton, Texas. His hobbies included making canes and knives; he loved working with his hands. Joe loved to write poetry and play the guitar; he was a real renaissance man. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Plano, where he taught Sunday school.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Bishop of Allen; daughters, Ellen Bates and husband Jonathan, Valerie McDonald and husband William all of Allen; granddaughters, Jordan Roman and husband Eric of McKinney and Kelsey McDonald of Allen; great-grandchild, Violet Roman; sister, Sandra Gilbert of Leonard, Texas; brothers, Teddy Bishop of Melissa, Texas and Damon Bishop of Henderson, Texas; numerous other family members.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Edna Bishop and brother, Gary Bishop.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas with Dr Leon Aduddell officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation being held from 6:00 -8:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

## Memorials

*I had Joe Bishop as my writing teacher back in 2012 at North Lake College. He was an excellent professor, definitely one of my favorites. He will be missed.*

**JOSH BISSONETTE, MARCH 25, 2014**

*I was out of town & didn't hear the news until today. I will pray for the repose of his soul. We were best friends in high school and we were in "The Tempest" which was our entry in the 1 act play festival. Joe got best actor. I shall miss him.*

**STEVE POWELL, MARCH 17, 2014**

*At this time of sorrow, may these truths sustain you... Your loved one will always be as close as a memory, and the God of all comfort will always be as close as a prayer.*

**ED PAYNE, MARCH 14, 2014**

*I am sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you during this time and give you strength.*

**TOMI LYNN LIGHT, MARCH 13, 2014**

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