

Scotty Joe Bitner

February 17, 1938 - June 6, 2021

Scotty Joe Bitner was born February 17, 1938 to Joe & Dorothy Keesee Bitner at home in Pittsburg, Ks. He lived his entire life in southeast Kansas except for a short period of his childhood in Padukah, Kentucky.

Scotty attended Washington Grade School and College High. He started working in the auto business at the age of 13 at Friendly Auto Mart owned by Bill Lemon.

Scotty was an avid stock car driver and operated 69 Speedway in Pittsburg. He was a lifelong NASCAR fan.

He started his own business Bitner Motors in 1972 on East 4th Street and later moved his business to 11th and Broadway working alongside his two sons. The business is still in operation under the ownership of his son, Mike.

Scotty married Colleen Dundee August 29, 1959. They later divorced. On October 10, 1986, he married Phyllis Liposek.

Scotty is survived by 2 sons, Mike Bitner (Lori), Frontenac, and Jody Bitner, Pittsburg, and one daughter, Kay Baden (Andy), Lawrence, and 2 stepdaughters, Missy Andrews, Pittsburg, and Billie McCloud (Gene), Pittsburg. He is survived by 7 grandchildren, Brooke Bitner (Jon), Springfield, MO, Katelyn Standlee (Nick), Frontenac, Jackie Bitner, Pittsburg, Joey Bitner (Brandi), Houston, Zach Baden, Lawrence, Josh Baden (Victoria), Kansas City, MO, Abby Baden (Cody), Topeka and three step grandchildren, Brittany Hughes, Layton, UT, Cody McCloud, Pittsburg, Alex Andrews, Pittsburg and two great-grandchildren, Bianca Kay Alegria, Topeka, Steele Michael Standlee, Frontenac and a step great grandson, Carter Hughes, Layton, UT. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Scotty Michael Bitner, his parents Joe & Dorothy Bitner and a brother Jack.

Upon retirement Scotty and his wife, Phyllis, opened Scotty's Classic Car Museum in Arma which became a well-known tourist attraction throughout the country. They worked

with the local CVB and the State Tourism board to bring tourists to the area and became one of the most visited tourist sites in southeast Kansas. Scotty was well known for his knowledge of autos (both new and classic). He was also an auto appraiser.

Scotty was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Frontenac. He was also a member of KIADA (Kansas Independent Auto Dealers Association), NIADA (National Independent Auto Dealers Association), Kansas State Historical Society, and was a Founding Member of The Jefferson Highway Association.

Services will be at Bath Naylor Funeral Home, Pittsburg and will also be live streamed at <http://www.bathnaylor.com>. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. The rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and services will begin at 10 a.m. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

The family will be at the home at 1015 S. Dittman, Frontenac. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to PSU Automotive Department.

Events

JUN 9 **Visitation** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - Pittsburg
522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

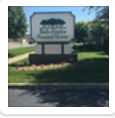
JUN 10 **Rosary** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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JUN 10 **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.

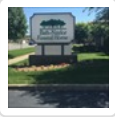


Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - June 09 at 11:03 AM



“ Thanks so very much for letting me see scotty,s funeral I wanted to come up there but I cant hardley walk no where now my legs are really bad I'm in a wheelchair. now but I Loved scotty like he was a wonderful man I'll be praying for you all

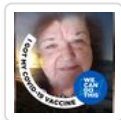
Rebecca - June 10 at 12:03 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - June 09 at 10:54 AM



“ Scotty Bitnet.

Rebecca - June 10 at 11:11 AM



“ Sure going to be missed by family and friends Loved you as a close friend of grandpa Bakers and the whole family

Rebecca - June 10 at 11:15 AM



“ So sorry 2 hear about Scotty.Jack always enjoyed visiting with Scott & Mike. He will b missed. Martha Coomes.

Martha Coomes - June 11 at 12:50 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. We have heard so many stories of Scotty through the years and by all accounts he was an amazing man. Hold tight to the memories and they will guide you through.

Monica Hall - June 11 at 07:10 AM



“ I met Scotty as a your boy. My brother-in-law introduced use on a car lot that Scotty was working at. I was always impressed with his way with people. Then later in life I learned that we were related by his wife and mine. That please me again. Over the years when we were back visiting family Scotty and I would visit. Again he always impressed me with how easy it was to talk with him. I will miss him as I know may others will also. Good by for now old friend, hope to meet up with you again when it is my turn to travel on to meet our maker.

Dan Mead - June 09 at 08:50 PM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - June 09 at 10:47 AM



“ Heather and Jeff Tildes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Scotty Joe Bitner.



Heather and Jeff Tildes - June 08 at 11:12 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Scotty Joe Bitner.



June 08 at 11:07 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Scotties passing. He and his son Mike are personal friends of ours. My family have purchased vehicles confidently from them for 4 generations without regret of any kind. Scottie was a good man who will be missed by the community that he helped thru the years to build.

-Keith and Kathy Coonrod - McCune, Ks.

Keith Coonrod - June 07 at 09:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Scotty Joe Bitner.



June 07 at 09:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Scotty Joe Bitner.



June 07 at 04:30 PM