

Joseph I. Willhite

March 16, 1948 - March 20, 2004

Joseph I. Willhite, age 56, of Joplin, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at a nursing home in Carthage, Mo., after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 16, 1948 in Monett, Mo., and moved to Joplin as a child. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1966 and attended Missouri Southern State University. He was an active member with the local Masonic Lodge No. 335 AF & AM, where he was a past Master in 1984; a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Joplin; was a past Wise Master of the Kadosh; and was a member of the York Rite Bodies, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine of Springfield and the Joplin Shrine Club.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Gene Willhite, who died June 20, 1998.

Survivors include his mother, Ivie Willhite, of Joplin; a brother, Tom Willhite, of Joplin; and a sister, Elizabeth Anne Willhite, of Bellevue, Ky.

Memorial services will be Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 11 a.m. in Parker Mortuary Chapel, officiated by Rev. Bob Allmon. Masonic rites will be conducted by Lodge No. 335 AF & AM. His ashes will be buried in Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, Mo., at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2004.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Masonic Lodge No. 335 AF & AM.