



## Joel "Joe" Steven Hartney

March 20, 1941 - February 8, 2016

Joel Steven "Joe" Hartney, 74, of Scott Depot, passed away at home on Monday, February 8, 2016, after a long illness.

Joe was born in Charleston on March 20, 1941, to the late Golden "Goldie" and Loral Taylor Hartney.

He grew up in North Charleston (aka Dogtown), attending Grandview Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High, and Stonewall Jackson High School, where he graduated in 1959.

As a youth, Joe loved and participated in sports. He played football and baseball at SJHS and was the catcher for the 1958 SJHS State Champion baseball team. He was a 4-year letterman in football and baseball at West Virginia State College and was inducted into the WVSU Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. He was a former Golden Gloves boxing champion. After college, he played independent baseball in Charleston and fastpitch softball in the Elk-Kanawha men's softball league at Bigley Avenue for Heck's, FMC, Martin & Tabor, and Save Supply teams.

Joe earned his bachelor's degree at Morris Harvey College in 1969, and began his teaching and coaching career at the new Braxton County High School. Over the years he also taught and/or coached at Hayes Jr. High,

Superior (AZ) High School, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High, Lincoln Jr. High, Spring Hill Jr. High, St. Albans High and Stonewall Jackson High. He coached the offensive line for the 1986 SJHS State Champion football team. After 31 years of teaching (and 25 years of coaching), Joe retired from Kanawha County Schools in 2000. During his retirement and while his health permitted, he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending events in which they participated.

Joe is survived by his wife of 52 years, Karen (Meadows) Hartney; son, Joel Edward "Joe" and wife, Lisa; daughter, Mary Beth Browning and husband, Jim; two grandchildren whom he dearly loved, Ethan Hartney and Emma Hartney; sister, Darlene Starkey; brother-in-law, Ivan (Sally) Meadows; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Bob Starkey.

Joe had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized on April 18, 2015. He was a member of Teays Valley Church of God.

Service for Joe will be 4:00pm Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Teays Valley Church of God, 6979 Teays Valley Road, with visitation two hours prior.

Joe's family is grateful for the care provided to him by Hospice and its dedicated staff. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kanawha Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W. Charleston, WV 25387, or Teays Valley Church of God Capital Campaign, 6979 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

The family would also like to thank those who continued to pray for Joe and the family, sent cards, called, visited or helped in any way.

You may visit [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share sympathies with the

family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned, located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the Hartney Family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Church of God  
6979 Teays Valley Road  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

## Memorial Service

FEB 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Joel "Joe" Steven Hartney

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ To Joe's family: So sorry to hear of my friend's passing. I knew him as a coach. Jim McGehee, Mount Airy, NC.

**Jim McGehee** - February 13, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

**Kan. Co. Retired School Employees** - February 12, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel "Joe" Steven Hartney.



February 12, 2016 at 09:22 AM



“ What a man to look up to.

**Allen Lucas** - February 12, 2016 at 07:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I attended Stonewall with Joe. He had a very successful life and I am sure he will be missed by all his family and friends. Colleen Godfrey Craft.

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**Colleen Craft** - February 12, 2016 at 03:50 AM

FK

“ Joe and I worked together at Hayes Jr. High School coaching and teaching. I was so impressed with how Joe did both jobs. Then later when I became an administrator I evaluated all coaches and Physical Education teacher based on how they compared to Joe Hartney. He was always proud of his family.

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**Fred Keeling** - February 11, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ *A Tribute to my ole friend Joe Hartney*

*I hear the trumpets from Heaven  
I feel your earthly spirit leaving  
The Angels wait with a golden whistle  
And Coaches clothes you'll be receiving.*

*They have gathered all your children  
They anxious await your command  
They stand in quiet obedience  
They know you will lead, like a concert band.*

*Your influence upon their earthly lives  
Cannot be measured in gold  
Your tender patience and understanding  
You witnessed the young men unfold.*

*Your kind and considerate spirit  
Now ascends into a vast paradise  
Where man suffers no ills  
Where he loves and coaches without sacrifice.*

*One day soon, I will see you there  
When I come to join my loved ones that have gone before  
We will love and rejoice and praise the Lord  
We will praise Him forever and ever more.*

*Amen*

*Jim Swigger*

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**Jim Swigger** - February 11, 2016 at 09:58 AM

DH

“ *What a quiet, wonderful person. As the dependable catcher on our 1958 state baseball championship team, he did it all for us - defense, hitting and a little humor. Glad I was able to renew our memories at our recent reunions.*

*Dick Hart*

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**Dick Hart** - February 11, 2016 at 08:41 AM

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“ *Joe and I grew up together in dogtown as neighbors, attending school together at Grandview, Lincoln and SJ. Always will remember the summer pony league baseball team, the Optimus Club, we played on. So Joe, rest in peace with your Lord and Savior. And may God bless your family.*

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**Kendall Rogers** - February 10, 2016 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Enjoyed working with you at Hayes Jr. High. You were a good man and a great friend. Your friends and family will miss you. - Gary Osborne*

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**gary osborne** - February 10, 2016 at 09:29 AM