



## Joe Anson

January 2, 1949 - June 22, 2023

Joseph Ownby (Joe) Anson, 74, died Thursday, June 22, 2023 unexpectedly. He was born January 2, 1949 to the late M. L. And Mary Lou (Ownby) Anson, Jr. in Kansas City, MO. He lived a few years in Odessa, MO and grew up in Higginsville where he graduated from Higginsville High School in 1967. He attended Westminster College in Fulton, MO where he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity and went on to Southwest Missouri State College. In 1970 he joined the Naval Reserve and achieved the rank of Corpsman serving at the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Following military service, Joe worked for John Deere Corporation and in 1978 became a partner of Anson Implement Inc. in Higginsville as the fourth generation owner. He retired in 2003 when the dealership was sold after 102 years in the family.

Joe was active in the Higginsville Chamber of Commerce, served as a two-term alderman and then as Mayor. He worked for the construction of the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville and was a past President and Board Member of the Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council. He was proud of the fact that then United States Representative Ike Skelton asked his father, M.L. and him to testify before the Congressional Agriculture and Business Subcommittee and then he testified at the Pentagon regarding the strong relationship between the Base and Community.

As a John Deere dealer, Joe was a natural to join the American Royal Board of Governors where he served on the Livestock and Parade Committees. He

was proud to be a part of the Agriculture Future of America and help Crosby Kemper establish their scholarship program. He maintained his ties to Higginsville where he was a member of the Historical Society, the American Legion, and continued on the Chamber of Commerce. Joe has always loved sports and was a very enthusiastic supporter of both the Chiefs and the Royals, and was proud to be a shareholder in the Green Bay Packers. He loved history and politics.

He continued to divide his time between homes in Kansas City and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He particularly enjoyed the warmth of being in Missouri in the summers and Florida in the winters where he and Richard enjoyed being outside year round. Joe loved sitting out on the balcony at both homes enjoying the view in Kansas City of the Plaza and the balcony view of the beach and ocean in Florida. He loved animals and enjoyed the companionship of several beloved rescued dogs in his life. They were definitely members of the family!

Joe leaves a legacy as a caring family man. He will be deeply missed by his life partner of 53 years, Richard Sharp; siblings, Jan Weycker, Jennifer (Keith) Gockel, and Jill (Ray) Sutherland; nieces and nephews, Janna Arndt, Tim Arndt, Sarah (Todd) Lindley, Erin Gockel (Rustin Johnson), Megan (Tim) Trigg, and Anson (Melissa) Sutherland; great nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, Byron Weycker, and nephew, David Arndt, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Central Christian Church. A memorial service will follow at 2:30 PM at the church with Rev. Terry Cook officiating. Burial will be held in the City Cemetery directly after the service. Memorials may be made to: Central Christian Church memorial fund or Abandoned Pet Rescue 1137 NE 9th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church  
16 W 20th St  
Higginsville, MO 64037-1709  
(660) 584-2309

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Higginsville, MO 64037-1709  
(660) 584-2309

# Tribute Wall



“ Joe Anson

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Joe Anson

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Joe Anson

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ Rhoda Sullivan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Anson.

Rhoda Sullivan - July 18, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Rhoda Sullivan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joe Anson.



Rhoda Sullivan - July 18, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Joe Anson funeral



Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 16, 2023 at 05:08 PM



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Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc. - July 15, 2023 at 11:03 PM



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Marshall Stewart Sr. - July 15, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Anson.



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July 11, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ We enjoyed visiting with Joe and Rich each year when they came back to Missouri from Florida. Our last visit was in June so we were shocked to learn that weeks later, he was gone. Our condolences to his family and friends.  
Cheryl and Lloyd

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**Cheryl** - July 06, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ Sad to hear of his passing. A very kind man and I loved talking KC sports with him.

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**Eric Schmidt** - July 05, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ A wonderful neighbor and friend He will be missed...Melissa Windju

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**Melissa Windju** - July 05, 2023 at 04:16 PM

GC

*“In a world where getting by is often enough, Joe asked for excellence. In that same world where me first is the rule, Joe wanted teamwork. In a world where cutting corners is common Joe wanted to do it the right way. Joe wasn't just a succesfull business man and city leader he also touched lives, just like he touched mine along his journey. I shall miss him. Gary Cohn*

**Gary Cohn** - July 04, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MH

*“ Joe was always such a dear friend. He was pall bearer at both of my parents funerals. He was a kind, gentle soul. Sending love, hugs and sympathy to Rich, Jill, Jenny and Jan. Keep us posted on when memorial services will be held. Love to all*

**Martha Huffman** - June 29, 2023 at 12:05 AM

AF

*Jennifer sorry for the lost of your brother!*

**Amber Fiegenbaum** - June 29, 2023 at 10:44 PM

AF

*Wayne Fiegenbaum said Joe tried to drive a tractor to school an got stopped by the police!*

**Amber Fiegenbaum** - June 29, 2023 at 10:49 PM

LD

*It is with our deepest sympathy to hear the passing of Joe. Our love and prayers are with you, Rich. In friendship, Liz & Bill Dumortier*

**Liz & Bill Dumortier** - July 03, 2023 at 06:48 PM

RS

*My deepest sympathy to all of Joe's family especially Rich. Rhoda Sullivan*

**Rhoda Sullivan** - July 18, 2023 at 12:48 PM