



## Joe K. Briggs

October 18, 1937 - June 15, 2020

Joe K. Briggs of Willcox, Arizona died 15 June, 2020 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 82, with the loving support of his wife Maria Sayers-Briggs and his caregivers who were vital part of his excellent care till the very end; Sandra Durazo; Patricia Q. Barron, and Maria (Lupita) Moreno. Joe was born in Lubbock, Texas on October 18, 1937 to Hinds and Alice Marie Briggs. He had two brothers: Don and Ronnie. Both his parents and brothers preceded him in death. His favorite sports were hunting and fishing. Joe was recognized for his 50th year as a Mason (a very high and distinguished honor). Joe met Jean Gammon and they were married August 31, 1957. In 1964, they moved to Willcox, Arizona, where they raised three children: Melissa, Melinda, and Dave. As a team, Joe and Jean successfully operated a 500-acre apple orchard in Willcox, Arizona for 52 years. Jean went on to meet her Creator on December 15, 2013. They were married for 57 1/2 years. Joe was one of the first to start an organic orchard in 1968 and then started commercial growing in 1978. He later partnered with his daughter Melissa and son-in-law Lance Eggers, which became Briggs-Eggers Orchard. Joe is survived by his children Melissa (Lance) Eggers of Willcox, Melinda (Fred) Andrews of Kendal, Ont., Canada, Dave (Sue) Briggs of Scottsdale, Arizona, and his grandchildren: Janelle, Daniel, and Stephanie Andrews, Noah, Nate, and Ethan Briggs. Joe remarried on June 27, 2015 to Maria C. Sayers. They were married for 5 years. Joe was cherished by Maria's daughter Christy (John) Utz and their children Grace, Sienna, and Jack Utz. Contributions may be made in Joe's

name to J-6 Church of Christ, 552 J-Six Ranch Rd., Benson, AZ 86702.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at the Willcox

Church of Christ, 445 W. Maley St, Willcox, Arizona 85643 with a viewing

starting at 12 noon. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmo](http://www.westlawnchapelmo)

rtuary.com Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory

of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 19. 11:59 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Church of Christ  
445 W. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe K. Briggs*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *I'm also sorry I'm only now seeing this; prayers for his family.*



**D Hinson** - July 14, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Briggs Family. When I hear your name, I will always think of apples!*

**LaDonna Burgess** - June 20, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Condolences to the family your in our prayers*



**Carol Case** - June 19, 2020 at 05:45 PM

LC

“ *Such a great man! Thank you for always being great to my grandma Josie Torres for those twenty years that she worked for you and to all of my family! I wish God would have given you more time to spend with your wife and on this Earth but h needed his son.*



**Laura Candelas** - June 19, 2020 at 11:21 AM

FM

“ *from Johnny, Mary Lou, Marisa and Mariela purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Joe K. Briggs.*

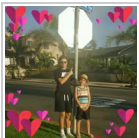


**from Johnny, Mary Lou, Marisa and Mariela** - June 18, 2020 at 01:26 PM

CB

“ *Wonderful neighbor, friend, business man, farmer, boss, and person. He will be missed greatly. Blessings and prayers for his family.*

**Craig and Joan Bull** - June 17, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Joe K. Briggs*



**Betsy Ajeman** - June 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Joe K. Briggs*



Trey Moses - June 16, 2020 at 10:43 PM

MV

“ *Michael R Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Joe K. Briggs*



Michael R Valenzuela - June 16, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Joe K. Briggs.*



June 16, 2020 at 06:01 PM

SS

“ *Sherrie Sohl lit a candle in memory of Joe K. Briggs*



Sherrie Sohl - June 16, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Joe K. Briggs.*



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June 16, 2020 at 03:33 PM