



## Joseph Michael Ames

February 17, 1939 - June 18, 2018

Joseph Michael Ames, 79, passed away Monday, June 18, 2018 in Wichita, KS. He was born February 17, 1939 in Winfield, KS, the son of Arthur Malone Ames and Juanita Irene (Hodge) Ames. He is survived by his wife Sharon Higley Ames who still resides in their home in Moline. He is also survived by his daughter Julie Ames McElroy and son, Michael Ames, granddaughters, Alexa McElroy, Amanda McElroy Stoafer, Ashlynn McElroy, Abby McElroy, Ciera Ames Wilson and grandson, Jake Ames; great grandchildren, Elijah Rodriguez, Ezra McElroy and Gracie McElroy. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Malone Ames and Juanita Ames Hodge, his brothers Robert (Bob) Ames and Mahlon (Red) Ames.

Joe graduated from Emporia State University in 1963 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. He started his career with Boeing in Wichita, but his true calling was with the State of Kansas as a Social Worker, devoting 30 years of service.

Joe had a love of music and singing. He was the worship leader at the United Methodist church for numerous years and continued his singing at Howard Twilight Manor and Pleasant Valley Manor on a weekly basis. He provided so much joy to the residents and staff.

Joe was a man who never knew a stranger and always had a smile on his

face. He overcame great obstacles in his life and continued to always have a sweet spirit about him. He was a blessing to all those he came in contact with. He was a very proud father and grandfather and never failed to always remind them how proud he was. The legacy he leaves behind will always be remembered and cherished.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, with Pastor Susan Galvan officiating, burial to follow at Moline City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 5-7 PM at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Memorials have been suggested to either the Moline United Methodist Church or the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

# Cemetery Details

## Moline City Cemetery

Moline, KS 67353

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard  
206 E. Washington  
P.O. Box 1233  
Howard, KS 67349  
(620) 374-2381

## Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Joe was such a kind and wonderful person! Sending love and prayers to Sharon and all of the Ames family

angie may - June 22, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ Always looked forward to his specials at 5th Sunday Services. He always brought a joke, pun with him to put smiles on people's faces.

Robin Kathy Haines - June 21, 2018 at 08:56 AM

CE

“ Cynthia Evans lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Ames



Cynthia Evans - June 21, 2018 at 06:38 AM

EB

“ Ellyse Basler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Ames



ellyse basler - June 20, 2018 at 10:39 PM

DR

“ The first time I met Joe was over 40 years ago at my veterinary clinic. I don't remember the circumstances, I just remember him. I liked him immediately. Then one day I was visiting a friend at Pleasant Valley Manner and this guy went rolling by. "Joe!" We visited then and lots of times after. I would sing sometimes for the residents and he was almost always there. A lot of them would sing along with me including Joe. When I forgot the words, I would always say Joe help me out, and he always did. We will miss him.

*Doc Riggs*

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**Dr. Glenn Riggs** - June 20, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DT

“ Julie and Mike, I grew up just up the street from you in Moline. I also worked with your Mom for a while in Winfield at the Middle school. I cannot convey how sorry I am to hear about your Dad, Joe. He always was so kind. Know you, and the entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Debra Tousley** - June 20, 2018 at 05:13 PM

TM

“ Tina Long McCammon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Ames



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**Tina Long McCammon** - June 20, 2018 at 03:56 PM

AN

“ *Angie lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Ames*



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**angie** - June 20, 2018 at 02:11 PM

DV

“ *our greatest condolences. joe was an awesome person*

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**don and velma** - June 20, 2018 at 09:13 AM