



Joseph Eli Hess

June 21, 1956 - November 24, 2025

Joseph "Joe" Eli Hess, 69, passed away on November 24, 2025, in Perryville, Missouri, after a long battle with cancer.

Joe was born in Morgantown, West Virginia in June 1956. In 1960 his family moved to Anchorage, Alaska. He graduated from East Anchorage High School in 1974. After graduation Joe worked as a commercial fisherman and then on the Alaska oil pipeline as a roughneck. This was the start of a forty plus year career in the oil and gas industry with Halliburton. Joe earned two degrees, a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering. Joe is a named inventor on twenty-one United States and foreign patent applications and patents in the oil and gas industry.

Joe lived various places including Alaska, Texas, Louisiana, Canada, and retired in Missouri. He traveled the world with his work to Europe, Africa, Indonesia, the Philippines, the Middle East; and East Asia. He enjoyed the outdoors through hunting, fishing, and travel.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jeanne (Rohlfing) Hess; daughters Lindsey (Clinton) Browning, Tonya Vincent and Brittany Trahan; sons Eli (Amber) Hess, Andrew Hess and Aaron Hess; Chad (Andrea) Beckert, Carl (Leslie) Piatt; several grandchildren; sisters Melinda Dewey and Karen Parks; brother Andy (Dianne) Hess; and many extended family members.

A memorial service/celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

In memory of Joe Hess, contributions may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or online at MDAnderson.org/Gifts.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Joe Hess

Good friends since 1st grade. We kept in touch off and on throughout the years. Last time we spoke; we were supposed to meet up while he was in Anchorage. I had an emergency and had to cancel. Sure wish now that we had met as planned 😞. Lifelong friends are hard to make and even harder to keep. Glad Joe was one of mine. I still remember his message in my yearbook-“like a fine wine”

Joe’s wife and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurakate Matheny Jansen - December 08, 2025 at 02:48 AM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear of Joe’s passing. I worked with him at Halliburton in the ‘90s and he was one of the brightest people I ever knew. His stories were legendary. I remember him telling me that after he brought his first house, he hated having a mortgage so he lived on black bear and beans until he paid it off in a couple of years. He advanced several technologies that are still key to well completion methods in the industry today. He will be remembered.

Jim - December 03, 2025 at 11:26 PM

LI

“ I was sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I was one of the fortunate one's to work with Joe at Halliburton. I always referred to him as the 'evil genius' due to his knowledge. He was one of the first people I met and was always very kind to me.

Prayers to the Hess family.

Lisa - December 01, 2025 at 08:33 AM

MB

“ *Many prayers for the Hess family. It was truly an honor to have the opportunity to meet Joe and to hear all the stories he had to tell* ❤️

Mikayla Brant - November 26, 2025 at 10:08 PM

AH

“ *Brother Joe,
Rest in Peace.
Miss you lots.
Brother Andy*

Andy Hess - November 26, 2025 at 09:44 AM

LB

“ *Joe is my Dad. I have so many memories with him. He's is him already. You can take it easy now Dad, I love you* 💔



Lindsey and Clinton Browning - November 25, 2025 at 11:56 PM

SH

“ *May your faith sustain you as you await a blessed reunion in heaven.*
Sid Hemmann

Sidney Hemmann - November 25, 2025 at 02:43 PM

BB

“ *Jean. So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.*

Brenda Bohnert - November 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM