



## Joe Kinney Dabbs

October 24, 1950 - October 10, 2011

Mr. Joe Kinney Dabbs, age 60, died Monday, October 10, 2011, at Shepherd's Cove, Marshall County Hospice. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Grant Memorial Chapel with interment following in Free Home Cemetery. Chaplain Benny Seals will officiate. Pallbearers are Tanner Atchley, Ray Dabbs, Delaine Hamilton, Nick Hamilton, Rickey Hardin, and John Phillips. Honorary pallbearers are Jeffery Hamilton and Trey Honea.

Joe is survived by two daughters; Carrie Dabbs and Cherie Dabbs Thacker; six brothers, Wayne Dabbs (Jeanette), Bobby Dabbs (Gail), Bruce Stephens (Darlene), Clyde Stephens, Donald Stephens, and Wayne Stephens; five sisters, Mabel Hamilton, Becky Davis, Juanice Phillips (Johnny), Annette Cash (Mark), and Wanda Williams (Dale); and a special friend, Kathleen Shoaf.

Mr. Dabbs was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Lois Hardin Dabbs; one brother, David Dabbs; and one sister, Nancy Elrod.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Joe's death. He was a great person all through school. I am a classmate. My prayers are with the family.

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**Gay Cushing Campbell** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ What a great inspiration and a legend in the field of Real Estate... I thank both Carol Johnson and Diana Hrouda for introducing me to this man almost 20 years ago! Joe was an Innovator and a CREATIVE Broker Extraordinaire! ....a Rebel with a cause! He helped me in more ways than he ever knew, as I grew my firm from about 20 Agents to 150! He was a MASTER Recruiter like no other! ....and be careful as he is now Recruiting for God! Smiles.... RIP Peace and God Bless Joe ....as you Blaze new Trails in Heaven!

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**Beau Weidman** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ I recruited Joe to be my boss at Metro Brokers. We laughed a lot about that because it is rare for one to have the opportunity to hire their own boss! It sure didn't take long for him to stir things up. He often said, "Let's get this plane up in the air first, THEN we'll learn how to land it!" He took us to new heights in recruiting that we never dreamed of and every employee of Metro Brokers at the time, received the benefits of his accomplishments.

Joe was quite the showman. As a Real Estate trainer, I saw him hold the attention of thousands of people with his charismatic energy. He was really BIG on stage!

He was also a BIG personality. And BIG personalities tend to clash with lesser personalities on occasion. Although I came to learn that clashing, for Joe, did not mean a lack of respect. Joe always had respect for professional people.

I had the rich experience of visiting Joe on October 17th and 18th along with close friends, Alison and Chris Childs and niece, Shelia Hamilton. He was hospitalized during our visit but this did not interfere with the quality of our time together. Joe was sharp and witty and most entertaining as we discussed old times together. I was deeply rewarded with the opportunity to tell Joe what a difference he had made in my life.

Family and friends of Joe feel the loss of someone who lived life big and touched many people.

God bless each and every one of you.

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**Brenda Waters** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ I am very sad to hear the news of Joes passing. He was an inspiration to me and one of the most innovative leaders I've ever had the pleasure of meeting.

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**Brad Pearson** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ In Memory of Joe Dabbs

*To Joe's Family.*

*I would like to introduce myself. My name is Carol Johnson, founder of the Recruiting Network. I just learned about Joe's passing this afternoon. He has been a valued friend and loyal supporter for over 20 years. I want you to know that Joe also had a real estate "family" that loved and admired him. His reputation for innovative ideas, mentoring and team building has influenced the pioneers of real estate recruiting and training for over 30 years.*

*Our members have watched in awe as Joe over came adversity and went on to blaze new trails in management, recruiting and training. We proudly recognized him as Recruiter of the Year in 2008. It didn't take that long for him to earn it.. it took that long for him to agree to the nomination. Joe was a professional's professional. He was gifted, respected and most of all loved.*

*We want you to know about the side of him that you probably never got to see. He was a true leader and trusted advisor. Joe built one of the largest Century 21 companies in the world and then went on to take Metro Brokers, Atlanta from 600 associates to more than 3,000 in seven years. We laughed that he was recruited right out of my Atlanta conference. His systems and techniques are used by companies through out the U.S. and Canada.*

*Last month, Joe called to tell me about his cancer. We had a long walk down memory lane. We laughed, cried and expressed our friendship and love in a touching profound way. He knew he was dying and was looking forward to a big birthday party. I couldn't make the party, but promised to come and visit him next week. Sadly he missed his birthday and I must make this note my final good-bye. Joe Dabbs will be remembered and missed.*

*God bless you all!*

*Carol Johnson*

**Carol Johnson** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Prayers to the family.  
Classmate from D. A. R.  
Pete Crabtree*

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**Pete Crabtree** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM

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“ *So sorry we can't be there to comfort you, but please know you are  
all in our thoughts and prayers. I thought the world of Joe, he was  
so nice and funny. He was so nice to my husband and children at  
Cherie's wedding, and we all think of him fondly.*

*Love and hugs to all of you,*

*Becky, Bill, Alex and Hannah Hines*

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**Rebecca Hines** - December 17, 2012 at 08:20 AM