



Joey Lavon Cochran

July 22, 1952 - April 17, 2026

Joey Lavon Cochran, 73, of Indianapolis, passed away April 17, 2026. He was born July 22, 1952 in West Plains, Missouri to the late Jewell Geran Cochran and Lois E. Harbour Cochran. Joey was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School, Class of 1971. He married Shirley Mae Herring on July 28, 1973 and she preceded him in death on December 13, 2022.

Joey worked for IPS for 44 years before retiring in 2011. He enjoyed watching and playing baseball & the St. Louis Cardinals were his favorite team.

According to Joey, he was “the plainest guy you’ll ever meet”, but that’s what drew people to him. He had great taste in music and was very funny and had a great wit about him, and he could be charming too. Joey had a sweet smile and a laugh that was unique to him. He was incredibly intelligent and was who you would call in an emergency, he could handle anything!

Most of all, Joey loved his family. He adored his grandson, Isaac, and loved taking him on baseball trips, and spoiling him to no end!

Visitation will be Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Joey is survived by his daughters, Megan Ringley (Brad) and Elizabeth Cruz-Hernandez (Michael Burnham); grandson, Isaac Cruz; sister, Kathy Lueck; brother, Donald Cochran; and several nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Shirley Cochran;

and sister-in-law, Sheron Cochran.

Memorial contributions may be made in Joey's memory to the Salvation Army, Indiana Divisional Headquarters, 6060 Castleway W. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Memorial Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Christine purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.



Christine - May 10 at 03:22 AM

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“ Christine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joey Lavon Cochran.

Christine - May 10 at 03:22 AM

CA

“ Joe i knew you growing up and you was such a nice man to me. Im very sorry for the families loss.



Christine Ashley - May 10 at 03:05 AM

MB

“ Mr . Joe . Your life was a Blessing. Your Memory a treasure. You are loved Beyond Words and Missed Beyond Measure . I'm very thankful to have got to Meet you and Mrs Shirley . I will always remember the good times . Going Deep Sea fishing going to race track and cooking out and a lot more . And I know you loved Coca Cola. Love Michael ❤️❤️

Michael Burnham - April 26 at 09:44 AM

DF

“ Don, Brian, Greg, Laura and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.



Don, Brian, Greg, Laura and family - April 24 at 02:24 PM

LM

“ Love, Nikkii and Eric McNamara purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.



Love, Nikkii and Eric McNamara - April 24 at 01:12 PM

P2

“ Pam, Mom number 2 purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.



Pam, Mom number 2 - April 24 at 10:54 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.



April 24 at 10:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.*



April 24 at 10:11 AM



“ *Elizabeth and Michael purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.*



Elizabeth and Michael - April 23 at 04:14 PM



“ *Pat Hall, Glynn & Donna Amburgey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.*



Pat Hall, Glynn & Donna Amburgey - April 23 at 03:53 PM



“ *Kathy, Gretchen, Julie and our families purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.*



Kathy, Gretchen, Julie and our families - April 22 at 07:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joey Lavon Cochran.*



April 22 at 04:21 PM



“ *I enjoyed growing up with Joe when we were young. Had a great time when we visited each other. It was fun talking sports with Joe. I am sorry for the family's loss. It was good to see him in September when we were in Indianapolis. I will not be able to be at Service Sunday because I have just had bypass surgery. Dallas Cochran*

Dallas Cochran - April 21 at 09:19 PM



“ *When I first met Joe he was dating my sister Shirley. After getting to know him and his wonderful family it was a honor to walk Shirley down the aisle in marriage. Over the years in family functions, playing softball and bowling together we had a great time. It was fun kidding each other about his Cardinals and my Cubs. All of my children and relatives loved him as a great uncle and friend. We all will miss him a lot. I'm really sorry for his family's loss. Rest in peace brother Joe.*

Roger Herring brother in law - April 21 at 04:34 PM