

## Jobe O. Breeden Jr.

Jobe "Joe" Oliver Breeden Jr., 87 of Rohrsersville, MD, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 at Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, MD. Joe was born on Nov. 5, 1938 to Jobe O. Breeden, Sr. and Lela C. (Simons) Breeden Willard in Brunswick, MD, where he was raised. He attended Brunswick High School and graduated with the class of 1958.

Joe worked at Cage's Willards Motors, construction for LJ Keller, and as a railroad fireman in 1959. Joe was drafted into the army (1962-1964) and was stationed in Germany. After serving in the army, his patriotism carried on. He then worked for the railroad from 1964-66, NIH in Germantown doing HVAC work, and returned back to the C&O/B&O Railroad (CSX) for 34 years, retiring in 2000.

Joe leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth (Betty Lou), daughters, Terri Hollingshead, and Toni Wetzal (Rob), and son, Jody Breeden (Shelley), son-in-law, Kenny Linton, grandchildren Hope Routzahn (Jayme), Heather Wysong (Ross), Katie Deatrich (Tyler), Ryan Wetzal (Amanda), Cody Linton (Torri), Sara Breeden, and Joey Breeden.

He loved spending time with his great-grandchildren, Anthony Hoffman, Jay Routzahn, Trevor and Trent Deatrich, Dylan, Harley and Emory Wysong, Aliyah and Grayson Linton, and many nieces and nephews who were dear to his heart.

Joe was a member of the Eagles Club in Brunswick, MD. He loved spending time at Charlestown Race Track where he owned some race horses. He also liked spending time hunting with his



buddies and enjoyed getting together with his railroad friends regularly for a country breakfast. He loved reminiscing about the olden days, and attended annual Nifty Fifty get-togethers. He coached his son's baseball team for many years in Brunswick, and could be seen supporting his grandchildren at their baseball and softball games, and also helped his son, Jody coach his grandson at South Mountain Little League.

Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by his siblings, Lorraine Layman, John Breeden, Betty Smith, Drucilla Lake, and Robert Breeden.

There will be a memorial service at Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church, 134 S. Main Street, Boonsboro, MD on Friday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. There will be visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch will be served following the service at the church. There will be a private graveside interment at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joe's memory to support the Brunswick or South County Little League organizations (Brunswick Railroaders LL, P.O. Box 98, Jefferson, MD 21755, or South County LL, P.O. Box 31, Boonsboro, MD 21713).