

Joe McMurray, 1940-2004

Joe McMurray, 64, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, while on vacation in Costa Rica.

Joe was born Feb. 6, 1940, in Ward, Ala., the son of Gordon and Bonnie McMurray. He graduated from Birdville High School in 1958 and Texas Christian University in 1963.

Joe was the founder and Chairman of Star Industries, specializing in the manufacture of construction equipment.

Active in the Fort Worth Horizon Rotary, he served as past president.

Joe was also a philanthropist, contributing generously to numerous charities and organizations.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing weekly with his best friend Gerald. A self-proclaimed "Best Crappie Fisherman in Texas," he also enjoyed the challenge of fly fishing. Joe was an avid road racer and NASCAR fan.

He also was not shy about his political affiliation and was a proud, staunch Democrat.

In words of his wife, he was the most loving, considerate, and generous gentleman anyone could know. He was a wonderful husband, a great friend, a fantastic boss, and, most of all, he was "never wrong."

Joe will be tremendously missed by all who knew him.

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