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VIRDEN - Wayne (Jake) L. Joplin II., 63 of Virden, IL, died March 30, 2011, at home.

He was born on April 17, 1947, in St. Louis, MO the son of Wayne L. and Mary K. Jopin. He married Elizabeth A. Griffith Elliott on July 27, 1984. His parents preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Kirkwood (MO) High School and Blackburn College. While in college he played with the rock band Mystery Meat. He taught and coached in the Virden School District his entire career and received numerous awards. He was a life member of the National Education Association and the Illinois Education Association. He was an award winning sports announcer for different radio stations and cable TV. He was a founding member and president of Prairieland Ambulance Incorporated. He gave back to his community while serving as a member and chair of many committees. He was named Citizen of the Year by the VAAC in 2002 and served on the Virden City Council and as Mayor of the City. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Virden.

Surviving are his wife Elizabeth, two sisters, Betty (Sonny) Fischer of Des Peres, MO, Linda (Gery) Kotthoff of Kirkwood, MO; four step-children, Tami (Alan) Brumfield of Thayer, Nancy (Terry) Kelly of Virden, Susie (Richard) Boston of Albany, IL, John (Tina) Elliott of Thayer; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

As he requested, his remains were cremated and ashes will be buried in the Virden Cemetery.

A celebration of his life will be held April 9, 2011 at the First Christian Church of Virden. Greeting and visiting begin at 9:00 a.m. The memorial service begins at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor John Huxtable officiating. Memorials are suggested to Prairieland Ambulance or the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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