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Joe Louis Herring, age 75, passed away unexpectedly at Memorial Hospital on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Born May 10, 1936, in Watha, North Carolina to the union of Viola Frances and Joe Edward Herring, Joe was the eldest of eight children. Joe served in the United States Army during the [Vietnam War](#), where he received the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze service Stars; Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Good Conduct Medal - 1st through 5th Award; 2 Overseas Bars and other Medals. His last overseas tour was Germany. He retired after 21 years of honorable service at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was employed with Civil Service as Security where he retired after many years of faithful service. In 1961, Joe met and married the love of his life Lorraine Delores Gittens of Panama. To this union 6 children were born, Jose, Robert, Danelo, Debbie, Donna and Gina. Joe was a devoted husband and a wonderful father. Joe had distress in his life by losing 3 adult sons in a tragic automobile accident, and later his 3 adult daughters. He kept strong faith in God and enjoyed attending Bible Study with his lovely wife Lorraine. Joe made Colorado Springs, CO his home for 39 years where he met and touched the lives of many. His home and heart were always open and he will never be forgotten. He was an active member of Pikes Peak Masonic Lodge #5, Kadesia Temple #135, Pikes Peak Consistory #81 and [Elks Lodge](#) #473. He is preceded in death by his children, parents and 5 sibling; Ralph, Harry, Larry Lee, Barbara Ann and Willa Mae. He is survived by his devoted wife Lorraine, 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brothers Robert (Martha) of Copperas Cove, TX and Wilbert Herring of Philadelphia, PA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and many friends who will miss him dearly. Visitation will be held Friday, March 16, 2012, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with Masonic Services starting promptly at 6:00 p.m., at Angelus Funeral Directors, 1104 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. Funeral

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services will be held at Angelus Funeral Directors, Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Zelna Joseph will officiate. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

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