



Joseph De Young

July 3, 1948 - September 11, 2013

Joseph James De Young, age 65, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at his home in Spirit Lake. He was born on July 3, 1948, in LeMars, Iowa, to Joseph and Charlotte De Young.

Joe remained in Iowa, until the age of eight, when his parents moved to California. He graduated from David Starr Jordan High School. Joe came from a family of cooks and he was a meat cutter for thirty years, where he developed a passion for cooking.

In 1993, he moved back to Iowa, where he developed his entrepreneur skills. He raised rats for reptile food, owned and operated Joe's Septic Service, owned and operated the Spillway Drive-In and Rio Pizzeria, where he made many friends and awesome pizzas. Joe enjoyed spending his spare time fishing, golfing and watching any and all sports. He loved being with his family, but most of all, he was known for sharing his love of food with others.

Joe is survived by his wife, Pam De Young of Spirit Lake; daughter, Tina Marie De Young-Moos, and her husband, Mike of Victorville, California; son, Joseph James De Young Jr., and his fiancé, Juliet Berkanyi of Hesperia, California; step-son, Stephen Charles Moreno, and his fiancé, Arith Rodriguez of Ontario, California; sisters, Sandra Phelps, and her husband, Steve of Sioux City, Nancy Smithson, and her husband, George of LeMars, and Janet Vlotho, and her husband, Jay of Ireton, Iowa; brothers, Richard De Young, and his wife, Donna of Riverside, California, and Myron De Young, and his wife, Heidi of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren, Michael Howe, Hailey Moreno and Hannah

Moreno; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Milo De Young and Vernon De Young.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M. Friday, September 20, 2013, at the Faith Evangelical Free Church in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Joseph's name.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Pam, we just received word from our son that Joe passed away. If we had know, we would of came to his service. Rob and I often talk about the times we had at Rio Pizzeria, we always felt at home there. Our friendship with you and Joe is a very special friendship and one that we shall always treasure. We bumped into Joe last year at Walmart, he was smiling and was joking around with me. He did tell us of his cancer, but he was so optimistic. You are in our prayers Pam, as well as Joe is in ours also. If you need anything, or just to chat, feel free to reach out. May the memories of Joe comfort you throughout your life.

Kathy and Bob Frederick - November 03, 2013 at 07:03 PM

SS

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sara schwebach - September 29, 2013 at 08:20 PM

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JL

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Janean and Lary Lasswell - September 27, 2013 at 11:10 AM

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SF

“ Pam, our sincerest condolences. Terry and I are praying for you and your family. God Bless.

Sarah Fude-Huisman - September 23, 2013 at 09:45 AM

GG

“ Pam and family,

I am so sorry for you loss. Seems like whenever I saw Joe, whether at work or out in the community, he always had a smile for me. I will miss him.

Greg Gamble - September 20, 2013 at 03:32 PM

SB

“ Pam and family, we were so saddened to hear of your loss. Our family fondly remembers visits to the pizzeria, where Joe was always ready with a smile and great conversation. Not to mention, the food! In 2009, during my pregnancy, we saw Joe a lot, as I craved Rio Pizzeria all the time! And Joe always sent me home with a pint of ice cream for later! He will be remembered and missed. God bless you all.

Sheila and Greg Tritle, Emily and Bridget - September 20, 2013 at 12:53 PM

DD

“ Pammy,

Richard and I love you. May the Holy Spirit comfort you in the days to come. X-O's Love Your Outlaw sister, Babe.lol

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Donna & Richard DeYoung - September 20, 2013 at 12:34 PM

BS

“ *We love you and will miss you terribly. thanks for giving us a reason to smile and all the good food and good times we shared*

Bob and Kate Shaw - September 20, 2013 at 11:19 AM

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Bob & Kate Shaw - September 20, 2013 at 11:15 AM

KM

“ *I will never forget Uncle Joe's smile and laughter. He was always telling jokes and making everyone laugh (especially himself)! We can all take comfort in knowing there is one more angel watching over us.*

Much Love-Keri

Keri McCulloch - September 19, 2013 at 09:56 PM

PW

“ *De Young Family Sorry for your great loss. I was looking at all the pictures and a saw one of Joe and my Dad John (Jack) Wilmes it brought tears to my eyes of happiness my dad and Joe had great smile. I didn't know how close our family was to the De Young's all I remember growing up going to Long Beach to Joe's Broasted Chicken it was the best and my dad and Joe's dad grew up together in Iowa. After seeing that picture brought back a lot of happy memories. Joe past at a way to young of age all I know that he will be in heaven with great company....*

Pat Wilmes - September 18, 2013 at 11:34 PM

MG

“ *Vaya Con Dios Joe Dear. We loved your wonderful smile and the great food you always had for us. In fact you are probably upstairs giving Earl cooking lessing right now. Love to you and yours from all five Griffins kids and all their families, too. Mitzi*

Mitzi Griffin - September 18, 2013 at 06:51 PM

CH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe. He had a smile that could make your day. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Christi Hutton - September 18, 2013 at 12:40 PM

SS

“ *Pam,
God is praised for His providence in bringing you and Joe into my life. You came as guests of the Hands of Compassion, yet, you served as hosts creating many wonderful meals, many friends, many treasured memories. My greatest memory was at Spirit Lake, a most fitting name as the place of your new birth experience..and that memory I will cherish with you forever. "He shall be the stability of your times." (Is. 33:6. His comfort & peace be yours*

Stacy Sikes - September 18, 2013 at 11:53 AM

AO

“ *Pam, praying for you and your family in this difficult time.*

Andrea Osterberg - September 18, 2013 at 07:26 AM

SM

“ *Pam I am so sorry he was a good man*

sarah mitchell - September 18, 2013 at 07:20 AM

VF

“ We had so many good times together. It may have been awhile ago that we were all in Southern California but we sure had fun. Pam we love you so much and our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family. May the peace of the Lord be with each of you.

Valerie Finley - September 17, 2013 at 10:21 PM

VF

“ *Joseph De Young*

Valerie Finley - September 17, 2013 at 10:10 PM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pam and family... We will always remember Joe's awesome smile!! He was a kind and loving man who will surely be missed. We look forward to seeing him in heaven!*

Mike and Terri Moos - September 17, 2013 at 08:33 PM

CS

“ *Joseph De Young*

Chad Schuchert - September 17, 2013 at 04:37 PM

MO

“ *Sorry for your loss, Pam and family. His struggles are over. Joe was a kind friend, a hard worker and just a very solid man. They're getting some good food in Heaven. Hope that your grieving is soon replaced with fond memories of him.*

Mark Brown, Orleans - September 17, 2013 at 01:58 PM

CT

“ I was so sad to hear of Joe's passing. He was always so kind to me and my family over the years. We had a great working relationship when he owned Rio and I was programming at KUOO radio. The working relationship turned into a friendship very fast. His sense of humor and awesome food made for a great combo. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Chad, Tracy and Macy

Chad Taylor - September 17, 2013 at 01:10 PM

TG

“ When I worked for Iowa Information, I called on Joe for advertising. He was always a joy to talk to . My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Twyla Garnmeister - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 PM

AW

“ Joe was a great man. He gave me my first job and showed me the skills of being a great employee. I always enjoyed coming to work and chatting with him. Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. It will always warm my heart to think of the memories of us working together and having a great time. God will take good care of Joe.

Alex W. - September 14, 2013 at 09:31 PM

DC

“ Joe was the "Joe" and was a true blessing to all who met him! He had vision and a desire to serve! Always had the uplifting spirit and great enthusiasm. So sorry Pam, our deepest sympathy for you and your family! He will be missed very much! Love and prayers to you during this difficult time.

Doug and Char Cooklin - September 12, 2013 at 09:15 PM

EB

“ There was many things I admired about Joe. I admired his work ethic, friendliness and great smile, and how he always was trying to better everyone's lives around him, through his thoughtful words and advice. I also loved his pizza. But what I most appreciated was how much he was such a very dear friend to my dad. My sincere condolences to Pam and his family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Estelle Buhr - September 12, 2013 at 08:23 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss, he was always smiling and made the BEST salsa!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tim and Kristie Wintz - September 12, 2013 at 03:20 PM

VK

“ *Joseph De Young*

Violet kramer - September 12, 2013 at 02:17 PM

RE

“ Many prayers and thoughts go out to you, Pam, along with family and friends. I have great memories of him when I was young. Joe was what a man should be, a person with a caring heart. God's kingdom gained yet another angel.

Rachel Ericson - September 12, 2013 at 12:37 PM

JW

“ Dear Pam, We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Jan and Jim

Jan and Jim Wiese - September 11, 2013 at 08:02 PM

TV

“ Joe was a great guy, he was always smiling and ready to make a joke. I sure miss his excellent chicken! :) He let me sell cookies in the pizzeria one time. I will miss bumping into him around town and catching up. Our thoughts are with him and his family. Tess and Ryan Vermeys

Tess Vermeys - September 11, 2013 at 07:04 PM

AF

“ Pam and the family,all my condolence- May our Lord give you strength and comfort Joe always had a word to make me laugh - I will miss you Joe-

Andre Frigo - September 11, 2013 at 06:24 PM

MC

“ Joe we will always remember your big smile and strength , sharing and giving a helpful hand to anyone in need. We will miss you and deeply respect you for your courageous battle.

mary and staff , Bird House Cafe - September 11, 2013 at 09:44 AM