



Josh Eric Bailey

February 21, 1973 - March 4, 2016

Joshua “Josh” Eric Bailey, 43, of Fort Collins died Friday morning, March 4, 2016, at Poudre Valley Hospital. Josh was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on February 21, 1973. In July of that year, he and his adoptive parents, Ray and Virginia, and sister moved to Fort Collins, where he has been a resident since.

Josh graduated from Poudre High School in January 1993. He took some courses at Front Range Community College and at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota.

Josh held various jobs throughout his life, the common denominator being the relationships he built with co-workers, friends, and family. Whether it be driving for deliveries, assisting with plumbing, selling clothes, maintaining city parks, or helping on a family farm in North Dakota.

During his lifetime, Josh was an avid sports fan, especially following football, car racing, and sports talk radio shows. He was not shy about expressing his views on sports or other topics, especially politics. He had a gift of being able to talk to anyone. And, on occasion, he would “egg on” the conversation just to get a rise out of one. Clearly, he interacted with and was loved by many... friends, family, young, old...and returned that love. Even though Josh experienced congenital and other health issues, he met these challenges with a positive attitude. As he often said, “it is what it is”. May God bless Josh and our memories of him. He will be missed, but the stories will continue. Hug

someone close.

Survivors include his dad and stepmom, Ray and Martha Maakestad Bailey of Fort Collins; sister Angela (Jeff) Nasstrom of Osage, Iowa, and his nieces Lauren, Erica, and Bailey, and nephew Carson of Osage; as well as many cousins and uncles and aunts. Josh was predeceased by his mom, Virginia Olson Bailey.

A memorial service for Josh will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 S. Taft Hill Road, Ft. Collins, this Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome...casual dress encouraged. Following the service, there will be a gathering in the Fellowship Hall for sharing of food and stories.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a memorial contribution to a charity of your choice or to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1200 S Taft Hill Rd Fort Collins, CO US 80521
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Junior Wetzler lit a candle in memory of Josh Eric Bailey



Junior Wetzler - March 18, 2016 at 08:10 AM

DJ

“ To Josh's Family; We met Josh through his years of working with his All American Family. I had a special share with him as we had the same birth day. He always called or stopped in to our Greeley store to wish me a happy day. I know he will be missed. Much sympathy to all. Loren and Dorothy Johnson and his All American Family

Dorothy Johnson - March 08, 2016 at 01:22 PM

CH

“ I've always enjoyed picking up rent from Josh. I knew a cold beer, laughter and friendly conversation was to follow. Josh was more than an awesome tenant, he was my friend. I'll always cherish the moments with my friend sitting at the patio table under the umbrella in his dining room. LOL! The fist bumps and high fives when we got a "question" correct watching Jeopardy or celebrating fantastic sport plays. Our conversations about sports, celebrities, politics and life in general were always enjoyable. Even the fun bantering of what team was better - Steelers vs Broncos. I can imagine Josh riding on his Buell and never having to refuel - forever free and happy with "that smile" on his face. Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you always.
Chris

Chris Hobba - March 08, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josh Eric Bailey.*



March 06, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ *Love knows no yesterday or tomorrow, no beginning or end...
Love never changes.
May you cherish the love that will be with you always.*

Live Today, Remember Yesterday, Await Tomorrow

*Deepest Sympathy
Maryann and George A. "Andy" Hofferber*

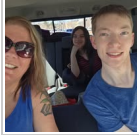
"and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying... Revelations 21:4

George A "Andy" Hofferber - March 06, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. While we didn't know Josh, Angela's love for him was always evident. Angela, Jeff and family and Ray and Martha, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We will give a donation to the Bridges Mentoring Program here in Osage in memory of Josh, a program that provides mentors to kids that need an extra positive adult in their lives. May God be with you in your sorrow and may your happy memories bring you comfort and peace. Rae Anne & Brad Havig*

Rae Anne Havig - March 06, 2016 at 05:14 PM



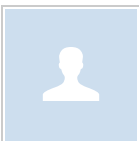
“ *There are so many happy childhood memories, and Josh is in so many. Tball coached by my sister makes me smile every time I think of it. And bobbing for apples at a Halloween party at my house. We were probably 10 and Josh was like the MC of the apple bobbing. Calling out everyone's skills, chances of getting one etc. A bright light has gone out. We'll miss you Josh.*

Samara Geist - March 06, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ *He was always fun to be around and he will be missed.*

Mandy Brungardt - March 06, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Josh Eric Bailey.*



March 06, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Angela and Ray - My heart goes out to you and your loved ones. It sounds like Josh was such a gift to your lives. It's so hard to say goodbye, but I hope the love and support of family and friends will make this very sad time tolerable. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Polly Fassinger

Polly Fassinger - March 06, 2016 at 11:53 AM

CM

“ I like Josh's half smile in this picture. As if he has the right answer. I'm so sorry Ray and Angela...this is a terrible loss. You are in my heart. Love, Carol McLean

Carol L McLean - March 06, 2016 at 09:24 AM

DA

He could and did talk to everyone and made people smile. He and I spent a few years trying to make mashed potatoes together on Thanksgiving Day. I still think of him when I make mashed potatoes. His light and easy spirit will be missed. My love to your family. Diane Adams

Diane Adams - March 06, 2016 at 10:23 AM

KJ

Josh always made us smile and laugh. He always left us happier after seeing him. I always looked forward to seeing Josh because of his friendly manner. We will be praying for Ray and Martha and Angela and Jeff and family. The world has lost a treasure.

Kristin Jiles - March 06, 2016 at 01:49 PM

JZ

Ray - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jim & Jo zumBrunnen

Jim & Jo zumBrunnen - March 14, 2016 at 09:29 AM