



Bruce "Big Joe" Josephs

April 10, 2024

Bruce "Big Joe" Josephs passed away peacefully on April 10 at the age of 77. He was born in Fergus Falls, MN in 1947 but spent the past 37 years in Fort Collins with his wife Jill Taylor and beloved daughter Annie.

Joe owned and operated a silkscreen / printing business for 20 years but his proudest moments were coaching Annie and her teammates, honing those basketball skills and enjoying tournaments throughout the region for many years.

He also volunteered at the UCHHealth Aspen Club program helping his wife Jill with a myriad of programs and events and enjoyed accompanying her delivering meals for the Fort Collins Meals on Wheels program.

He will be known for his kind heart, great hugs, gregarious laugh and ready smile.

Joe is survived by his wife of 41 years Jill and his daughter Annie. He will also be missed by his sisters in Minnesota, Gail, Beth and Gwen, along with a large extended family.

There will be a private ceremony this summer by a Minnesota lake, but in the meantime, if you'd like to, please donate to the Fort Collins Meals on Wheels

program, the American Cancer Society or an organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Jill...Mary and I were very sorry about the passing of "Big Joe". He was a good man with a big heart , especially for all the girls he mentored on the basketball court.*

Mary Dougal and Roger Smith

Roger Smith - April 26, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JB

“ *Our condolences*



Jerry and Noreen Bolstad - April 25, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JH

“ *Jill and Annie, I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was a lovely man, and I know you both will miss him very much. I wish you both peace and send love.*

June Holmstrom, with Mara and Jenna Wetzel ❤️❤️❤️

June Holmstrom - April 24, 2024 at 05:18 PM

SG

“ *With sadness I read of Bruce's passing. We were in school together and have good memories of times long ago. Sincere sympathy to the family.*

Sue (Michaelson) Gadow

susan gadow - April 24, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DB

“ Jill and Annie, we are so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Barry has many fond memories of coaching basketball with Joe. You will be in our thoughts and prayers! Barry and Dianne Bessert

Dianne Bessert - April 23, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JF

“ Joe had such warm smile. I'm sure he'll be greatly missed.

Jane Frydendall - April 22, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JH

“ Jill, I'm so sorry to hear of Joe's death; your partnership on behalf of the members of the Aspen Club is so inspiring! Joe will be missed and I'm sure you and Annie have a new chapter to navigate. I will be thinking of you and hope you find the strength and peace you richly want and need. Your past colleagues have you in their thoughts and prayers.

Julie Johnson Haffner - April 21, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MH

“ Jill & family-sending you love and peace on the passing of "Big Joe." Love, Mary Homan and the 7 a.m. Strong Women Strong Bones class.

Mary Homan - April 21, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SP

“ Jill, So sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts, Sharon Petty

Sharon Petty - April 21, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ Joe & I often conversed when I walked by his garage on my daily walks. We talked about many things one being our love for dogs Didn't remember he was from Minnesota because I was born in St. Paul.

Joe did tees for us for our 40 year anniversary - family reunion which was held on Lake Michigan. They were great !! I was a PVH volunteer for 15 years so know Jill & now we receive the services of Meals On Wheels which is a blessing for us.

Joe was a nice friendly guy. My sympathy is w/ his beloved family. I know he'll be missed.

Bette Sawyer

Bette Sawyer - April 21, 2024 at 10:34 AM