

Steven J. Gutierrez

December 15, 2021

Steven John Gutierrez died on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was 48 years-old. Steve was born and raised in Fort Collins, Colorado by his parents, Joseph and Lydia Gutierrez. Steve attended schools in Poudre School District and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins in 1991. During his school years, he made several life-long friends who he stayed in contact with until his death. As a young man, he became interested in wrestling and music; two interests that he sustained during his adult life. He spent 8 years coaching youth wrestling. He coached at Boltz and Preston Middle Schools as well as youth wrestling clubs in Fort Collins and Denver. He enjoyed supporting and encouraging young people to work hard to develop physical, emotional and psychological strength. Steve was a caring and encouraging coach and friend.

He moved to Denver in his 20's and worked at various places, including King Sooper's and Savio House. His work counseling young men at Savio house eventually led him to enroll at Metropolitan State College of Denver to complete a bachelor's degree. He graduated from Metro State in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services.

Steve loved all kinds of music. While in Denver, he became a part-time, unofficial DJ, "Big Hair Daddy" at Tooley's on Colfax; playing selections from classic country, rockabilly, and hellbilly music with a crew known as the

“Broken Hearts and Busted Livers Club.” He loved a good time with friends and happily attended punk and metal festivals and concerts as often as he was able.

Steve found his calling as a labor organizer for SEIU (Service Employees International Union). He proudly worked for SEIU Denver local 105 until 2019. He was passionate about giving power and a voice to working people. Steve developed a network of friends and acquaintances through his work, that he often referred to as part of his Denver family. In 2019, Steve moved to Las Vegas, Nevada to work for SEIU Las Vegas Local 1107. He worked every day to advocate for worker’s rights and economic justice. In his spare time, he made new friends, discovered a new dive bar or two, and found time to update his family and friends on his latest project.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Lydia Gutierrez, his siblings Lori (Tom) Davis, Annette (Bill) DeMoss, and Joe (Amy) Gutierrez; all of Fort Collins, CO. as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is also survived by his former spouse Lani, her daughter Aeris, and son Braedon.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Steve's honor Sunday, May 1, 2022 beginning at 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Club Tico at City Park, Fort Collins, CO. Please RSVP (text or call) 970-493-4636 or email davis.lori@comcast.net

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Club Tico at City Park
1599 City Park Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *Steven J. Gutierrez*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Celebration of Life Details*



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - March 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Steve and I had such fun working together. We picked on each other like siblings and he made me laugh all the time. He would make multiple trips to my office when I baked homemade goodies! He will truly be missed and I treasure the short time I knew him.*



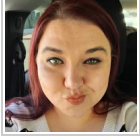
Patti Curry - January 12, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Such a great time working with Steve in SEIU Local 1107. Your dedication and support for working people will be sorely missed. Thankful for the time we shared and appreciate your hard work.*



Regena Ellis - January 11, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ Dear Gutierrez Family, My condolences on your loss. Steve was an amazing human. During the short time I knew him, he brightened my day with his personality and passion for what he did. Prayers to you all. I hope you are drinking tiki drinks where ever you are.



Jill Bauer - January 10, 2022 at 12:45 AM

LD

Great picture! Thanks for sharing.

Lori Davis - January 10, 2022 at 09:36 PM

PA

“ Steve, Rest In Peace brother! It is so sad to see you going, thanks for all the fights for labor justice! 🙏

Pascale Adou - January 04, 2022 at 02:18 PM

MB

“ I will always miss you! You were my friend, my union organizer and my mentor. I will continue the fight and I will pass along all the knowledge I got from you. Stolen moments.



Melissa Benjamin - January 04, 2022 at 12:07 PM

KW

“ You will truly be missed.

Konae Wright - December 31, 2021 at 02:38 PM

TJ

“ Steven... There was music in your blood, laughter in your smile, and you lived life from your big loving, caring heart! Gone too soon, you will be dearly missed by all of us who knew you & loved you...Rest In Peace dear sweet nephew. Aunt Tania

Tania Jones - December 29, 2021 at 09:33 PM

MW

“ Joe and Lydia
So sorry to hear of this. Many fond memories of Steven as a student at Boltz and then coming back to coach wrestling. His short life was a considerable service to many. Prayers for Steven and the Gutierrez family.

Mike Walz - December 29, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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FUNERAL CARE

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - December 28, 2021 at 02:24 PM

JU

I love you Steve! You are one of my brothers that walked through life with me. It has been one of my life's honors to know you. We went through so many of life's first experiences together that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Sleep sweet my brother, I will be seeing you soon.

Junior - December 28, 2021 at 11:38 PM

LE

Dear Joe and Lydia, Sandie and I were so sorry to hear this sad news. I remember the day we talked about finishing a room in your basement because another child was coming. We send love and strength to you both and to your family. With love, Lee and Sandie Evans

Lee and Sandie Evans - December 29, 2021 at 01:54 PM

AS

Miss you Steve. Can't believe you are gone. You left a massive hole in our hearts.

Ashley - December 30, 2021 at 10:40 AM

LE

Dear Joe and Lydia, Sandie and I are so sorry to hear this news and send love, strength, and sympathy to you and your beautiful family. I remember a discussion about finishing your basement that made me realize another kid was on the way. I valued our coffee breaks and our discussions of our kids. We are so saddened for you. Love, Lee and Sandie Evans

Lee and Sandie Evans - December 30, 2021 at 11:59 AM

VV

Dear Joe and Lydia, we are so sorry to hear about your son Steven. Our prayers are with you and your family

Vic and Veronica Valdez

Vic & Veronica Valdez - December 30, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CH

Love you forever uncle Steve. I'm so grateful to have had such a cool and caring uncle for as long as you were with us. You were always there for me in times of crisis and you were a huge inspiration for me to turn my life around when I did and I'll always be thankful for that. Rest easy, big guy.

Charlie - January 06, 2022 at 09:10 PM