



Joe Hernandez

November 13, 1949 - November 5, 2020

The best tributes are those that came from the heart. . .

This is a quote from Bruce Lee's wife, Linda Lee:

"All these years later, people still wonder about how Bruce died. I prefer to remember how he lived."

Years will pass and people will still wonder how Dad died, I will prefer to remember how Dad lived.

Obituaries' will either bring laughter or leave lumps in our throats. Well not exactly his words because this would have included a bunch of swear words.

Jose Hernandez, aka Joe, Indio, Pepe, Thundercloud, Brother Joe and finally, he was known as Dad to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dad was born in El Paso, Texas and he resided in Arvada, Colorado since 2008. He passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 5, 2020. We believe he died peacefully in his sleep.

Dad obtained his GED at UTEP and went on to be Joe of all trades, master of many. To list a few, he delivered building materials, drove semi-trucks and towed vehicles. The funniest memory as a truck driver was when he saw a pink elephant. He thought he was seeing things. When he got into town, the waitress confirmed that a pink elephant had escaped from the circus. For a time, he was a Chef. He would come home with food and desserts all the time. He had a green thumb and enjoyed working on the yard. When we lived on Apache St, he had the whole family dig up the yard and we planted new grass and sod. We had the most beautiful green grass on the block. Although he had many unique abilities, he was proud to be a Master Mechanic and loved working on cars. In his spare time, he loved spending time with his family, just grilling or having dinner. His favorite show was the Rifleman and he was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan, that was his team!

Dad had the natural talent and personality to make friends no matter the situation. He was a man of many words and stories, some factual and others not so factual. Regardless he did light up many faces with laughter. He did many good things and helped lots of people. It didn't matter who you were – he'd give the shirt off his back! The one thing everyone knew about him, he was a charmer and a girl watcher. Turning his head like an owl and pulling a U-turn to get another glance was his classic move.

Despite his crusty exterior, cutting remarks and stubbornness, he loved deeply. He is preceded in death by: His parents Francisco and Beatriz, his brother's Angel and Romulo, his sister's Carmen and Victoria, his nephew Victor, his father-in-law Rocky Moncada and his brothers-in-law Mike Duarte and Ricardo Vega. Dad is in great company with his loved ones, telling jokes and being a badass!

Dad was truly a great man whose impact will forever be felt by the family that loves him dearly and knows that they will see each other again. He was a selfless man whose passing has left a hole only he can fill.

Dad led a good life. He was able to snag a good woman, Maria Magdalena the love of his life, the woman who would stand beside him through thick and thin. They were able to hold on to each other for 51 years, and as far as we know restraints were not used.

Also left to keep the stories alive (unfortunately, there won't be any new material) Dad will be remembered by his children: Robert Hernandez, Chrys Hernandez, Joe Hernandez Jr (Maria Elena Hernandez), Rosario Hernandez (Louie Gomez, Jr.), Giermo Moncada (Kara-Bree Price) and Joseph Hernandez (Kaitlyn Anderson). His grandchildren: Robert Hernandez Jr., Naomi Jones (William Jones), Nicole "Guera" Moreno, Cristen Hernandez, Julian Hernandez (Chloe Ornelas), Joanna Hernandez, Joey Hernandez, Jess Hernandez (Danny Avalos), Valerie Jacobs (Dylan Jacobs), Louie Gomez III (Destiny Camposano), Danielle Gomez, Domenik Gomez, Denise Camposano, Andres Camposano (Jemel Camposano), Desiree Camposano, Andrew Camposano His great grandchildren: Cayden Lee Moreno "Gordo", Riley Jones "My Princess", Lucas Jones "Little Billy", Alia Hernandez, Joey Gallegos, Jocelyn Jordan Avalos, Maxine Jacobs, Mason Jacobs, Louie Gomez IV, Kiyann Gomez, Katalina Ramirez, Legacy Camposano. His family: Frank Hernandez, Larry Hernandez, Louie Hernandez, Jesus Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez brothers, Josefina Hernandez, Betty Gay, Gloria Valencia, Lorenza Guillen, Rosa Caballero, Juanita Anaya, Angelina Martinez sisters, nieces, nephews, in-laws and many dear friends.

Dad considered himself lucky and blessed to have his children, grandchildren and great

grandchildren. He was always there for us through the ups and downs and taught us to enjoy every moment life has to offer. He would want all of us to remember him with a smile rather than with tears. His memories will live on in us and we will be forever grateful for his presence in our lives.

For those of you that did meet him, we apologize, as we're sure he probably offended you. He was world renowned for not holding back and telling it like it is. He always had something to say and always had to get in the last word. He was never wrong, if you asked him, he would have told you so.

He was a loving and caring man. He will be deeply missed and treasured forever. He lit up the world, he could make your heart skip a beat and he could make you laugh and smile without even trying. Heaven is blessed to have a soul like his. Love Always, God Bless Us, Sweet-n-Innocent, Forever and a Day!

Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, in all his strength, on his final day he took his last breath and went peacefully. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him. Rest in peace Dad, you will not be forgotten.

"You're going to think of me when I'm gone, you will remember me when I die." Dad

Events

NOV **Visitation** 08:00AM - 04:00PM

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Romero Chapel Denver

4750 Tejon St., Denver, CO, US, 80211

NOV **Catholic Mass** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ My brother Joe (Pepe) as we called him was a good brother. He was always there for you if you needed help. He would drop whatever he was doing to help you. I could always count on him and he was always ready to support you. I recall one time when he let me borrow his 68" Cutlass Oldsmobile (a car he cherished) for several months so I could drive from El Paso back to Roswell, NM where I lived at the time. Then he repaired the engine in my car and drove it to Roswell so I could have a way to get to work. And he was a generous person. I recall many times he would invite me to his house and Maggie would always prepare good meals for us. They would share whatever they had and it was always their best. I always enjoyed going to his house and spending the night on many occasions. He was a good friend too. I learned a lot from him and had many good experiences being around him. He would always help us to understand how things worked and how to fix them, especially cars. As a tow truck driver he would take us on a ride along and we always had a good time. When he was not working we would hang around and we had a lot of laughs. He was always telling jokes and had a way of making friends with people he met. He had his rough side but deep down he was a good man. He had his ups and downs in life but he never gave up. And he never gave up on his family. He loved his family and cared for them. And he did his best to provide for his family even in difficult times. He always managed to find the positive side of things. At times he had a bit of a crazy side, like the time when he was tired of having a cast on his leg and took a kitchen knife and cut it off. It seemed serious at the time but looking back it is funny. In recent years, we had been keeping in touch. He lived in Colorado and I live in Arizona. We would talk & text on the phone and reminisce. Often we would talk about family and at times about some serious matters. But eventually he would find a way to joke about things. But that was Pepe. He made you laugh no matter the circumstance or conversation. I will miss talking to him very much. But I will always cherish the memories. I do know that some day I will see him again. I loved my brother very much and I will miss him dearly.

Larry Hernandez
Glendale, Arizona

Larry Hernandez - December 02, 2020 at 02:32 AM



“ I Love this I read it out loud to mom. She got tears and laughed at the memory of the cast. Such a great way to remember him. Thank you for sharing and for being there for us

Chrys - December 03, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Hernandez.



November 26, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Julian lit a candle in memory of Joe Hernandez



Julian - November 26, 2020 at 01:27 AM



“ I miss you Dad...



Nicole - November 25, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ Beatriz Harris Camacho lit a candle in memory of Joe Hernandez



Beatriz Harris Camacho - November 25, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ My very deepest condolences and prayers to you and all the family god bless cuz

Beatriz Harris Camacho - November 25, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Thank you for your kindness and prayers. God bless you as well Cuz

Chrys - November 26, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Maggie sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe Hernandez



Maggie - November 25, 2020 at 10:47 PM



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Maggie - November 25, 2020 at 10:46 PM



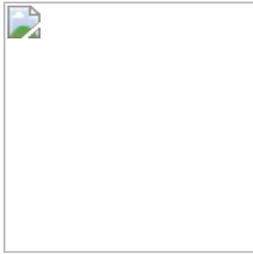
“ Maggie lit a candle in memory of Joe Hernandez



Maggie - November 25, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Chrys Nevaeh - November 25, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ It's perfect outside its like god let me dial up the weather
Got the whole crew here, I ain't seen some of them in forever
It's one of those never forget it, better stop and take it in kinda scenes
Everything's just right yeah except for one thing
You should be here, standing with your arm around me here
Cutting up, cracking a cold beer
Saying cheers, hey y'all it's sure been a good year
It's one of those moments, that's got your name written all over it
And you know that if I had just one wish it'd
Be that you didn't have to miss this
You should be here
You'd be taking way too many pictures on your phone
Showing them off to everybody that you know back home
And even some you don't yeah
They say now you're in a better place
And I would be too if I could see your face
You should be here, standing with your arm around me here
Cutting up, cracking a cold beer
Saying cheers, hey y'all it's sure been a good year
It's one of those moments, that's got your name written all over it
And you know that if I had just one wish
It'd be that you didn't have to miss this
Aw you should be here
You'd be loving this, you'd be freaking out, you'd be smiling, yeah
I know you'd be all about what's going on right here right now
God I wish somehow you could be here
Oh you should be here
Yeah this is one of those moments that's got your name written all over it
And you know that if I have just one wish it'd be that you didn't have to miss this
Aw you should be here
You should be here

Chrys - November 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to the entire family. "Pepe" is my uncle and I remember nothing but laughter in his presence. It is true he would give the shirt off his back or help wherever he could. I can personally say he did that for me a time or two. God Rest his soul. Tio, please give Huelita and Huelito hugs and kisses for me as I still miss them very much.

Angela Martinez Lara - November 25, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ We appreciate your expression of Dad. He truly did help so many.

Chrys - November 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ REST IN PEACE TIO. AS YOU HAVE ENTERED TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOU IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL AND GOD BLESS US ALL.. AMEN!!!



Cenobio G. Duarte - November 22, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Thank you so much for the condolences and prayers. We truly appreciate the warm words of comfort

Chrys - November 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ As we grew up Jose and I we kind of went our separate ways. I had joined the Air Force and was gone four years; Jose had started having a family. When I came back I began to spend time with my brother, mostly on weekends. He was brilliant at working on cars and I was impressed on how much he knew about working on cars. As a mechanic there was never a problem that he could not tackle, very often with solutions that were of his own design. When we spent time together he used to tell me stories of good and bad experiences he had while driving trucks across the country. I would tell him stories of what I did in the air force and working at the missile range. Many times we would reminisce about things we did while growing up. The last few years whenever he came back to El Paso, the thing to do was to get together with Jojo and Elena and head to Bonny's for Burritos, Chico's, or The Burrito House for menudo. Those were some of his favorite foods to eat. We would sit around and eat, talk, and enjoy each other's company and the food. He would tell me stories of what he did in Colorado. I always enjoyed just getting together and talking about family, things we had plans for, and just about anything. I will surely miss him, my brother, my friend, and a unique individual. May he rest in Peace. Our condolences to his family.

Frank Hernandez - November 22, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Thank you for the stories and memories you shared. They truly will help our family remember what a great person Dad was.

Chrys - November 22, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Rest in peace Pepe.



Corina - November 21, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Thank you for your sympathy and kindness.

Chrys - November 22, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ This is so heartbreaking to find out. I met Joe thru my daughter who worked at Wal-Mart with Joe. Also had the pleasure of working with him at Target. We loved Joe like family. He was wonderful to all he met. We just found out tonight and the tears flowed. He will always be missed. Every word of his obituary was Joe to a T. He was a wonderful loving man. The mold is lost forever when we lost Joe. RIP my dear friend.

Jamie Burnett - November 20, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ We are grateful for friends like you during this time. Thank you for your kind words

Chrys Nevaeh - November 21, 2020 at 12:31 AM