



## Joseph Paul Weston

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Joseph Paul Weston, 52, died unexpectedly at his home on April 16, 2019. Joe was the proud son of Frank and Dolly Weston, and the revered and adored brother to his four sisters. A native of Pueblo, Colorado, Joe moved to Craig, Colorado with family where he graduated from high school, enjoyed hunting, skiing, and racing, and worked as a driver for Pepsi Bottling Group. In Craig, Joe met the love of his life, Cindy Rutter. In 1993, Joe incurred a spinal cord injury as a result of a car accident. Cindy was by Joe's side before, during, and long after the accident. They married in 1997, and were true partners in life and in love. They loved watching the Broncos (especially with Frank), the Avs, UFC date night, rock concerts, car racing, their dogs and cats, spending time with family, and simply each other.

Although his mobility was limited, Joe's gratitude and appreciation of life, family, and friends were unlimited.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Dolores and Frank Weston, and is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife, Cindy Weston, and her family, Mindolyn and Aspen Rutter, Midge and Alex Chavez; his son Jesse Fears; sisters and their families, Francine, Daniel, and Phillip Froment; Kathleen, Dan, Jamie and Julia Jensen; Maureen, Brian, and Cedric Halloran; Christine and Thom Dimitriou

Visitation will be Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 A.M. with a Celebration of Life Service at 10:00 A.M. at Romero Funeral Home ~ Chapel of Repose, 15150 E. Iliff Avenue in Aurora, CO.

Reception and celebration of Joe's life and legacy following at El Lucerito Restaurant, 2295 S Chambers Rd, Aurora, CO 80014.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joe's memory to the Wilderness on Wheels foundation.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation & Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Romero Chapel of Repose

15150 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora, CO, US, 80014

**APR** **Celebration of Life Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Kathy Jensen lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Weston

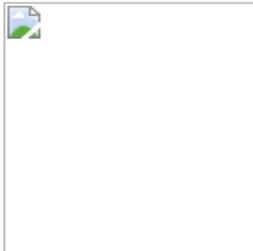


Kathy Jensen - May 02 at 10:21 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Joe Weston



Christine Weston - April 30 at 11:40 AM

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“ Part II Eulogy Joe Weston: Written by Maureen Weston

Move to Craig

Leaving Pueblo was a jolt for our family. But Joe and Christine moved with our parents to Craig, Colorado, where Joe went to high school.

□ Dad said he could get Joe a job at Safeway bagging groceries. Joe, who needed money, was not interested. When Dad asked why, Joe said “I don’t want to have to smile at people I don’t know.” Funny how he made all of us smile. He did get a job at Mago bar, if I recall. But Joe wasn’t going to fake anything.

After high school, Joe was The Pepsi Man. We heard stories from the grocery clerks about how Joe would light up the store when he made his deliveries with his million-dollar smile and charm.

The one person in the world Joe cared to charm, however, was Cindy Rutter. They met at Cassidy’s Bar in Craig, when, can you believe it Cindy was 20 (underage) and Joe was 25.

According to Cindy, [what was it like to meet Joe/early days/did you know? ]

### The Accident

Not much time later,

On June 4, 1993, we got a message that Joe was in Denver. Joe would turn up in Denver on little or short notice, so we thought that's just Joe in town. But the message said that Joe he was at Swedish Hospital, his truck had rolled into a ditch the night before, and he was airlifted to Denver. Joe suffered a spinal cord injury and was in the hospital for a year. We were all there, but Cindy was by his side the entire time. She slept at the hospital. They moved back to Craig and eventually to the Denver area. Even though Joe's mobility was impaired, they did not let that limit them in life or in love.

### Joe & Cindy in Love

Joe and Cindy married in 1997 and embraced life and each other. They honeymooned in the Poconos for NASCAR races. They hunkered down for Bronco games, UFC date nights, were game for rock concerts, family dinners and celebrations, enjoyed the outdoors, boating and camping with the Jensen's. They rescued dogs and cats. They called each other Hunny Bunny.

Joe was an athlete – fantastic skier, an elk hunter, and he loved to jump.

Joe was an

Artist – he made remote control cars

Rocker – loved his music, concerts,

A loyal fan – even when the Broncos were 0-11.

A philosopher – in my book, at least. I called upon Joe for advice and his wisdom was invaluable.

Joe was also a healer – he made each of us better, touched my life and my heart, and I'm sure yours as well.

Joe's life was challenging, no doubt. There are many complications associated with spinal cord injury. Yet he never complained. I remember complaining to him about my tennis elbow. He said, "that sucks." And he genuinely meant it. Joe cared, he loved, he was pretty.

Joe appreciated life. He knew how precious each moment we have is. Joe had wisdom beyond his years and his formal education.

Joe's gratitude and appreciation of life, family, and friends were unlimited.

Joe's last day in a wheelchair was April 16, 2019. We learn to walk by falling down. Walk on Joe, with hope in your heart. Joe is free now, soaring in Heaven.



“ On Apr 24, 2019, Maureen Weston wrote:

### Eulogy for Joe

Good morning. For those whom I haven't met, my name is Maureen Weston. On behalf of Joe's incredible wife, Cindy, sisters Francine, Kathy, and Christine, and our families, we thank you for being with us today as we mourn, remember, and cherish the life of, and our times with, Joseph Paul Weston.

We are all here because of Joe.

□ Let's think for a minute – maybe close your eyes -- what did Joe mean to

Even though this is a funeral, and incredibly sad, I bet when you thought of Joe– you smiled– on the inside or out. One just can't help it.

Why did you smile at the thought of Joe Weston?

□ This is church, but can we word associate – what is one word to describe Joe – let's hear it?

### About Joe

Joe touched each of our lives.

□ Joe was cool before Snoopy was Joe Cool.

Joe was his own person – he was simply Joe, not trying to be anyone else, not trying to outdo anyone else (except for maybe those games on Facebook I never understood -- Last Knife posts?).

Joe held no pretense. He was genuine, sincere, and real.

### Pueblo Years

Joe was the only son, the #1 Son, of Dolly and Frank Weston. Also known as “the King,” Joe had FOUR sisters. Ponder that – there are many pictures of Joe just covering his ears – tuning us out. Believe me, he had reason.

We were fortunate to grow up in Pueblo –yeah!

As a kid, Joe played some youth sports - pee wee football, YMCA basketball – and I think he did that for my Dad who liked to watch traditional team sports. I see some of his childhood friends and teammates here today – Marty Sajbel, the Boucher's, et...

Joe's heart, however, was in bikes, making ramps to jump on his bike, motor-cross, monster trucks, cars. Racing. Seeing how high he could fly.

In Pueblo, Joe spent a lot of time with Uncle Bill Carbajal and his cousin Billy Joe going hunting and doing BMX and motor cross. Billy & Joey were inseparable and always up to something (most of which we'll never know!). I'm trying not to think of the “fire hydrant” contest they had, using certain body parts, over the fence at Amherst. They were maybe 8 or 10 years old.

Joe on Honesty - Family Stories

Joe would tell it like it is. Years ago, we took a family vacation to Vail. The sisters, Joe, and I went to a bar, and we were able to get Christine in, she was maybe 15. A Fake ID was likely involved. After getting our 3.2 beer, the sisters spent the night concocting an elaborate story about how we could basically lie to our parents about what we did with Christine while we were at the bar – something to the effect that was each of us rotated out of the bar and took Christine for ice cream! She would have had four ice creams that night. Joe said nothing, tuning us out and rocking out to the music, until he stopped us and said: “We’ll tell Mom and Dad that we got Christine into the bar and she was with us.” We were stunned. Hmm, it never occurred to us to tell the truth! Novel. Christine knew Joe was her champion even back then.

My parents were also sometimes taken aback at Joe’s brutal honesty.

Dolly busted us for smoking cigarettes, and she warned us that when Frank got home we had the “choice” of “the belt” (this was back in the day) or smoking a cigar in front of my Dad. Of course, the sisters (not Christine) all picked the whooping. Joe, on the other hand, took up the offer of the cigar, chilled out, and said “Dad, this is pretty good!” Mom and Dad realized that lesson backfired.

Pueblo was the best place to grow up – with extended family and lifelong friends and neighbors. Acknowledge – Carbajals, Lanes, Nava, Martinez, Skidmore’s

Move to Craig

Leaving Pueblo was a jolt for our family. But Joe and Christine moved with our parents to Craig, Colorado, where Joe went to high school.

Francine - April 28 at 02:24 PM

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“ Cedric Speech

Joe Weston is one of the strongest men I've had the chance to know, he serves as a constant reminder to live life to the fullest. And that is exactly what I know he wants for us all. He stood by what he believed and as honest as it gets. We love you Uncle Joe.

Francine - April 28 at 02:13 PM

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“ Julia’s Speech

I just wanted to also say how thankful i am for both my uncle joe and aunt Cindy. in high school One of my best friends had recently gotten a puppy but she was moving and could no longer keep her. She was the sweetest little thing with these big blue eyes and I just couldn’t stand her going to an animal shelter. Prior to asking my parents, I said i could take in the puppy to live with us.

Of course, my parents were taken by surprise when i brought home this puppy as well as my other dog Bentley. So, turns out promising to take in this stray puppy was not my best idea.

Joe and Cindy took in this sweet little pup no questions asked. I am forever grateful for that! Their dog, Bella got the home she deserved and was treated like royalty ever since.

My Uncle Joe was also a fellow Leo the lion born in August, so naturally we both decided to get a lion tattooed on us- sorry mom and dad. Us Leos are very proud to be a Leo, since we are the king of the jungle and all, and I think we were both equally excited when we found out we both had gotten the same tattoo. It's my little piece of Joe I will always carry with me. We are so fortunate to have been able to have you in our lives' uncle Joe. You will be forever missed!

Francine - April 28 at 02:13 PM

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### “ Phillips Speech

“Joseph. P Weston, a man with great personality, made everyone smile, but most of all a great taste in music, the good old rock and roll. One of the greatest impacts that Joseph gave me was the gate way to music. Rock n roll was the great despair to my mother since she wanted me to become a disco king. Sorry mom, the good old classics of AC DC, Iron maiden, Pink Floyd turned me into a head banger like your brother. I think the times that I'm going to miss with Joe is coming for Christmas to sing and play my guitar for him and the family. It going to be different without you, but when I go to a concert with a lighter (if I don't cause a fire hazard in the building of course) or light up a candle, you will be the rock n roll flames that will brighten the mood. Rock on Joseph Weston, from your loving French-Canadian nephew Phillip Froment”

Francine - April 28 at 02:11 PM

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### “ Jamie's Speech

My uncle joe... the man that instantly lit up the room and put a smile on everyone's face the moment he rolled in. As kids, I remember the excitement that came over us when Joe pulled up in his truck because we always knew he was coming with a new toy for us all to play with. We loved chasing around his remote-control cars in grandma and grandpa's cul-de-sac and being his little cheerleaders for his car races at the Aurora speedway. I will cherish all the Christmases, Birthday celebrations, and family dinners spent with my uncle joe especially at our favorite place the blue bonnet (even though we recently decided that we were going to try New Mexican restaurants because their margaritas weren't as strong as they used to be). I'm going to miss you dearly Uncle Joe but every time I see a yellow truck or drink a Pepsi, I will think of you and find comfort in knowing that we all now have the COOLEST guardian angel watching over us all

Francine - April 28 at 02:10 PM

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“ Favorite memory of Joe Weston: When Joe was a teen he tried to teach his dear old sister how to ride a motorcycle. Well, five minutes into the lesson, I took off... while not knowing how to ride a motorcycle....screaming at the top of my lungs.... How the hell do you stop this thing?

Joe: FRANCINE....., what the hell? You have to press the brakes SMOOTHLY!!!!

Francine: I crashed. Unfortunately, I was never allowed near Joe's bike again.

Lesson over! Was he concerned about his dear old sister?

Oh... hell no, it was his dear bike! God Bless Joe. I Love You to infinity and beyond!!!

Francine - April 28 at 02:03 PM

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“ Francine Weston lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Weston



Francine Weston - April 28 at 07:13 AM

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Francine Weston - April 28 at 05:54 AM

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“ We're sure gonna miss Joey at Billy's motocross racing at Thunder Valley, we'd always count on him and Cindy being there. Cindy you'll always be part of the family. Joey you'll forever be in our heats. Rest in peace in our dear cousin. Love you always!



Terri Carbajal - April 27 at 10:46 AM

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“ Maureen Weston lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul Weston



maureen weston - April 27 at 12:56 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Weston.



April 26 at 07:58 PM

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April 25 at 07:39 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Weston.



April 24 at 07:39 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Weston.



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“ We are keeping all of you in our prayers. We love you, aunt Bess, and all of the Texas cousins.

**bessie scallons** - April 24 at 10:17 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Weston.



April 23 at 01:54 PM