



## Joseph D Spinuzzi

March 10, 1953 - October 12, 2016

Joseph Dean Spinuzzi, 63, of Pueblo, went to meet Jesus on October 12, 2016 in Pueblo Colorado. Joe's wishes were to have a celebration of life, which will be held at the Pueblo Airport Museum on Saturday November 12th at 4 pm.

Joe was born a Pueblo native and graduated from East high school in 71'. He spent his working life as a manager in the food and beverage industry until one of his closest friends helped him to get a restaurant of his own. Pueblo natives may remember Joe's restaurant, Goombas, as a fun atmosphere with great affordable homemade Italian food. Joe took pride in his restaurant, the walls covered in 50's/ 60's inspired swag. The wait staff would even dress in gangster era attire. Joe would tell numerous stories of his working days in the food and beverage industry, and you were lucky if you ever got to work with Joe, because he was always playing pranks and having a good time. He genuinely loved what he did.

Joe was a talented musician and artist. He spent free time painting or writing songs. Some of you may remember attending Joe's Elvis shows. He was an incredible Elvis impersonator, his final shows at his restaurant where he would serve you a spaghetti meal, followed by his favorite famous chocolate cake. His son and daughter were the sound and lights guys. Once his young son even fell asleep during his show and missed his light cue. His daughter would

sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow in the show, his wish was for her to sing it at his service.

Joe is preceded by his father Frank Spinuzzi Sr., who he spent his days so excited to be re-united with, you could almost feel his excitement, his mother lola, step mother Jenny Jo Spinuzzi, who was mother to Joe, sisters Donna and Francis Spinuzzi, who helped to raise him, and brother Bobby Spinuzzi, who he couldn't wait to joke and laugh with again.

Joe is survived by children Brianna and Joseph Jr. Spinuzzi, and his fur child Ace who were all his best friends, and his grand children Myah " moo-moo", Kaeson "nader", and Abbey "blabbey", who were the light of Papa's life. Joe is also survived by his siblings Shirley Bryson, Frank (Cheryl) Spinuzzi, Sam (Katherine) Spinuzzi, extended family Stephanie Spinuzzi, Roxie Spinuzzi, and step children Lisa (John) Oates, Erich (Shelley) Olds, and numerous nieces, nephews, family remembers, and many friends.

Joe spent his final days gathering with " the old mans group " once a month, where he would sit around bs'ing with with his best friends whom were family to him. They met at Stephs bar, The Riverside, where he could be found eating his favorite grinder and fries. Joe became great friends with his caretaker Mary Ann, who helped him take care of his most best friend in life, his dog Ace.

In Lieu of flowers, donations are much appreciated to help with funeral expenses.

Please leave your comments and memories of Joe.

# Previous Events

## Airport

NOV 12. 4:00 PM (MT)

Pueblo Airport Museum  
31001 Magnuson Ave, Pueblo, CO 81001  
Pueblo, CO

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Joe at Heaton Jr.High during our 7th grade year and became good friends.  
I last saw Joe at the 40th class reunion, We had great time remembering the old times and all the crazy stuff we did. I'll always remember his good sense of humor.  
To the family members : Joe was a very special person.  
God Bless  
Dave Manzanares

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**Dave Manzanares** - November 11, 2016 at 03:04 PM

GJ

“ I knew Joey since kindergarten at Ben Franklin Elementry. We grew up together in Belmont; I lived on Saratoga and Joey on Lexington. My whole family remembers spaghetti dinners at Joey's house. In the fifth grade, Mr Miller's class had a talent show. Joey and I lipped synced to the Everly Brothers and that is when Joey knew he wanted to be an entertainer. We have kept in touch, even the "old man's club". I will see you soon. George W. Byrd

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**George W Byrd Jr** - November 09, 2016 at 02:13 PM

SM

George Byrd- I realize this is not the avenue to use to get back in touch, but it's the only available one. I don't want to have to read about you in the obit section as I did with Joey Dee. I feel badly that buddies I grew up with are leaving and I haven't tried to reach out to. I had good times with you and have great memories of the old days. How do I get a hold of you? Sam Montoya

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**Sam Montoya** - November 10, 2016 at 11:38 AM



*Sambo, this is Charley Pumphrey.... George is planning to come to the service tomorrow. I'll let him know as he just got back from a few days at the VA hosp. in Denver. I'll let him know you asked about him.*

**Charley Pumphrey** - November 11, 2016 at 02:21 PM

SM

*Thanks Charley, I Appreciate it. I would like to have attended Joey's service and reminisce with old friends...mortality is becoming more obvious and time short. I hope you are doing well, and did you ever get in touch with Sally E.? Rick Beatty told me you were trying to locate her. Be safe, Chuck!*

**Sam Montoya** - November 13, 2016 at 11:41 PM

KR

*“ When we were in 8th grade, Joey and Greg Armstrong (Jewelry) worked for days sweeping up the store so they could buy me a beautiful pair of Cameo earrings. Showed up on my birthday, October 12th, wearing masks (a Donkey and an elephant (election time I guess. ..lol) to surprise me. Joey broke out singing "HAPPPPPPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUUUUUUU". To this day that is a cherished day in my life. Fast Forward to my 40th birthday.....Joey tending bar at the Ivywild where my blind date took me to dinner. We sat at the bar with Joey ALL evening. As we left, Joey gave me a big hug and said, "Rawson, you're going to marry this guy ....." and I did !! Blessings to the entire family. Kris Rawson Robinson*

**Kris Rawson Robinson** - November 02, 2016 at 07:13 PM

DD

“ I remember Joe, Dale Halloran, and I Riding bikes down behind the bowling alley in belmont. We were always finding fossils and goodies to throw in the fountain creek. When he lived by me off Kiowa on the mesa he would bring some yummy creation that Him and Roxy cooked up. Will miss you Buddy ! I know for a fact you are much more comfortable and Happy to be out of pain. Gods speed and rest to you.

*For ever a friend Dennis Donaldson*

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**dennis donaldson** - October 25, 2016 at 02:12 PM

 Becky Tregellas

“ This has saddened me. I worked for Joe at Goomba's. He was fun, funny, talented and loved his kids. He will be missed here. Rest in peace Joe. We'll meet again my friend.

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**Becky Tregellas** - October 25, 2016 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ I remember a hot summer evening at my Aunt Potsy's (Jennie Jo's ) and Uncle Frank's house we strung a curtain in the back yard and had a talent show. Uncle Frank did shadow impressions behind the curtain and then Joey came out and sang. He was quit handsome and like his siblings had beautiful eyes. May he rest in peace. God Bless his children and grandchildren. With love Jennifer Petri ( Barbara Spinuzzi's middle daughter)

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**Jennifer Petri Bohnsack** - October 24, 2016 at 08:29 PM

JD

“ This hurts my heart. So many memories of Joey growing up. He was one of the coolest guys I know. When the Beatles first starred on Ed Sullivan, Joey sported all things Beatles before anyone else. From the Beatle boots to the Beatles jacket to the Beatles haircut, Joey was the coolest guy in the 5th grade! And that cool factor remained with him. Ah, rest in peace Joey Ba-snuzzi! You are loved! And my heartfelt condolences to Joey's family.

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**Janice Fedde Dutton** - October 24, 2016 at 02:23 PM

DB

Oh Joe, I'm heartbroken. You were so special to me in junior high and high school, and then I lost track of you. I'm sick at heart that I wasn't able to get to Pueblo to see you. I will always remember your sweetness. I love you always, my friend. I know you're with our Lord. Rest in peace eternally. 💔💔💔

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**Diana Nixon Bradley** - October 24, 2016 at 09:26 PM

CC

“ To the family of Joey I just want to say I am very sorry for your loss. Joey was a good person and I laughed a lot when I was around him. He was a very good Elvis impersonator. I will keep you all in my prayers. God bless all of you. Love, Clara Colletti

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**clara colletti** - October 24, 2016 at 01:45 PM

SM

“ Joey Spinuzzi, I remember you from long ago as one of the Ben Franklin brats. Got to know you at Heaton, our paths split during high school, but you, as many other people resonate in my memory. I'm sure you lived it like you wanted...enjoy the reunion with your family, smile down and give me a sign when you can...rest easy, I look forward to seeing you again.

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**Sam Montoya** - October 23, 2016 at 06:50 PM

RM

“ Joe and I lived together in the early seventies. We worked together, drank together and had a lot of fun. Believe it or not we were roofers. You could always count on Joe to make you laugh and keep the party rolling. My condolences to his family. Rest in peace Joe.

Sincerely,  
Ron Mehalovitz

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**RONALD L. MEHALOVITZ** - October 23, 2016 at 03:53 PM



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**Cheryl Spinuzzi** - October 23, 2016 at 10:33 AM

MK

*Joey was my favorite cousin, I will miss him very much. Mick Kolesarek*

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**mick kolesarek** - October 23, 2016 at 01:41 PM

RJ

*Joey and I go back to high school, although we were at different schools, he was always the jokester of the group!! Joey and I met up again later in life, as we both worked at the same place. Again with him always being the jokester that he was!! Also ready to play a trick or two on everyone! He was a very likable guy and I will never forget all the great times we shared! R.I.P my Friend. Rose Giglio Janni*

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**rose janni** - October 24, 2016 at 01:54 PM

TP

*Joey was my grade school buddy. I spent a lot of time at his house. Christmas was very special, when his sisters would bake all the Italian cookies and candy. I never made it to the "Old Mans" luncheon at the Riverside to see him and the boys, I should have made more of an effort. I guarantee I will in the future. Rest In Peace Joey, My Condolences to his Family.*

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**Tom Printz** - October 24, 2016 at 03:37 PM

VW

*Joey was my high school friend.. We had drama class together and he made it my favorite class at school all three years. Rest in peace, my friend. My sincere sympathy to his family and friends.*

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**Vicky (Swartz) Watkins** - October 24, 2016 at 09:01 PM