



Jody W. Garretson

December 13, 1972 - January 19, 2010

Jody Wayne Joe Garretson, 37, Nixa, departed this life January 19, 2010 at his home. He was born December 13, 1972 in Humansville to Jerry and Elaine (Sayre) Garretson. Joe owned and operated Garretson and Sons Concrete Construction Company in Springfield. He was also a professional bull fighter for the PBF, PRCA and PBR. Joe was also a bullfighting instructor for Sankey Rodeo Schools. His grandparents, Art and Helen Garretson of Humansville and Jack and Marie Sayre of Fair Play, preceded him in death. Survivors include 3 children, Ty, Kaytlynn and Cole; his parents Jerry Garretson and wife, Debbie, Bolivar and Elaine Cler and husband, Ed, Gifford, IL, his fiance Summer Skinner, 1 brother, Jeff Graves, Gifford, IL; two sisters, April Raymond and husband, Brandon, Bolivar and Nikki Harden and husband, Aaron, of Ozark; uncle, Steve Garretson, Bolivar; aunts, Jeanie Lovewell, Osceola, Clarinda Sayre, Lee s Summit and Beverly Sellers, Liberty; and a host of cousins and many, many friends. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Bolivar First Baptist Church, 316 N. Main. Interment will be in the Humansville Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the trust fund for the children at Mid-Missouri Bank may be sent to Murray Funeral Home, P O Box 506, Bolivar, MO 65613.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jody W. Garretson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Jody W. Garretson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss.*

Jerry & Elizabeth Bowman - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never Knew Joe but I wanted to send my prayers to the family. I'm a great rodeo fan, I just like to pay my respect to great bullfighter of all time RIP. Wayne*

Wayne - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss Joe was very good to me...I first met him when he started pouring concrete he was a very good friend to me and would go out of his way to help others.....He will be truly missed by lots of people.... Sorry for your loss*

Albert Gunari - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time.*

Darrell and Cindy Francka - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Sincere heartfelt condolences to Joe's family members and his closest friends. May God provide each of you the strength necessary to meet each new day.

Debra Jo Endres-Ard - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Jody, This is good bye my son for just a little while. I know your in the arms of Jesus, your in no more pain, no more tears. You lived up to what every parent dreams that their child will be when they grow up. Jody you went way beyond any hope I had for you. I am so proud of who you were as a person , as a father and as a son. So Jody go, I will say this, till we meet again at heavens gate I know when those pearly gates open there is not a doubt in my mind that you will be there standing tall with that cowboy hat on and your arms out reached to me saying, come on in Mom, I've been waiting for you, let's go see Jesus. My heart breaks knowing how much pain you must have been in right before you did what you did. I know you knew the only way to heaven was to ask Jesus to be your savior, Lord knows I have preached that to you so many times and when I found out that you lived a few minutes it was the Lord's way of telling me that you made it right with him before you took your last breath. I love you Jody go and Your memories will be with me till we meet in heaven and there we will make new memories. Take care of my son Jesus, take care of him. Love, Your mom

Elaine Cler - January 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Hey brother, First you were my bondsman, then one of our customers, then we became friends. Always enjoyed working with you. You always greeted me with a smile and called me brother. You were one of a kind and will forever be remembered. Don't raise too much hell up there and save me a seat. (if possible) Patrick Donnell
Former Springfield Ready Mix Driver.

Patrick Donnell - January 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Joe(Jody)you will always be in my heart and thoughts. I believe we were meant to be together in December for a reason! we grew up together and when we got older just never kept in touch until recently. I will always remember you making us laugh and cry that night. I love you and you will forever be in my heart! Your DOUBLE cousin, Tracey

Tracey - January 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Ya'll are in our hearts & prayers. WE ask God to bell and keep you in this most difficult time. Joe was an incredible bullfighter and a good friend to all. God bless!

Patrick & Dee Huey & family - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Joe's smile lit up our office each time I saw him... As his Chiropractor, I saw his body broken down at times and knew he was in pain, but through his toughness, he never let on. I spoke with Joe on the day he passed, and he was his usual joking self, even bringing a smile to my face over the phone. He will be missed.

Dr. Steven Loehr - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I met Joe around ten years ago when I was working for a criminal defense firm in town. Joe was our "go to" guy for bonds. We loved him at our office and always knew we could count on him any time day or night. One memory I will always remember is one time Joe came into to talk to us about a particular bond he wrote and that day he had Ty with him. Our receptionist said that Joe was there and I said "Well of course, just send him back" The next thing I knew a cowboy and his sidekick were standing in my doorway. I will never forget seeing Ty and his Daddy dressed alike with jeans, buckles and cowboy hats. He always talked about Ty and I was so glad to get to see him in action that day as a Dad and see that side of him. He adored Ty as I am sure he does all of his boys! Even since I have not worked in the legal field if I ever saw Joe out, he always said hello to me and asked how I was. One of a kind great guy!

Tammy Hodges - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Joe, I will miss you. He was a great bullfighter, harley rider and good friend to so many people. I will miss your fb comments..May God bless Summer and the kids..

becky boggan - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Joe was a very special friend. He was absolute the most amazing person I’ve ever had the joy to meet. He was charismatic and charming. He was a natural leader. Joe looked out for people in our motorcycle group. He was compassionate and sensitive of others. He let the older people in the group lead our motorcycle group out of respect. He had an amazing sense of humor that I will never forget. I loved Joe. I will miss him for a very, very long time.

Michelle Visio - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We remember Joe being in the pits at the races when Dan, Jerry and Ron raced. He was a wonderful young man with alot of enthusiasm. We were very saddened to hear of his death. The whole family is in our thoughts and our prayers. You will get stronger each day, just look up everyday and smile at him and he will smile back.

Dan and Cheryl Polodna - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Fellow pro rodeo bullfighter. Deepest sympathy.

patrick huey - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I am truly sorry for your loss.

chris long - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Our condolences to the Garretson Family, from Office Staff at Springfield Ready Mix Tim O`Connor Larry Jackson Nick Baker Judy Fine

Tim O`Connor - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Jerry/and Elaine, So sorry for your great loss. May the Lord comfort you and your families in this time of grief. Joe Quillin

Joe Quillin - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Jody (Joe), So thankful I had the time I did with you in December. I will cherish all our memories growing up and will keep you in my heart forever. Gonna miss you. Love you bunches and may you RIP. Your cousin, Kara

Kara Garretson Danner - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ My husband, Randy, and I met Joe through riding motorcycles, but enjoyed many other times with him, including watching him bullfight, going to a concert, and sharing meals with him, both at our house and his. I wanted to share a story with you though that really touched my heart and let me know the gentle side of Joe. Everyone knows that Joe had attacked everything he did with all he had. He rode fast and liked life on the edge. Well, this past summer, I had an operation and was on medical leave for 6 weeks. The first time I got back on the bike with my husband we were going to ride to Springfield. Us, along with 2 other couples, met at Joe and Summer's house. We rode as a group. That first ride was scary for me, since I was still healing, but believe it or not, JOE RODE SLOW!!! Granted, I know it went totally against his nature, but he wanted to make sure I was ok and that no one pushed my limits. I was so touched by that simple gesture. To me, that is how I will remember Joe.

Amy Peebles - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Jerry, My heart aches for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol Wollard - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am a friend of Tys. I want him to know that I am sorry about his dad. Also that we are keeping the Garretson Family in our Prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. Brooklyn Teague

Brooklyn Teague and Family - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Jody, I know you told me you prefer Joe, but I knew you as Jody. You always had to find ways to make us all laugh, especially in band. I wondered if you would ever pass that class sometimes, the way you would make Mr. May turn red in the face, lol. I have some wonderful pictures of times when you came over with Steve and Larry. I am very glad I had the chance to see you not that long ago, to meet Summer. It was funny to see you look at your Iphone as I was sending you a facebook message because I wasn't quite sure you were the cowboy sitting at the bar. I am glad now that I did interrupt you at Texas Roadhouse to catch up. Watching your face light up as you filled me in on life away from Reeds Spring, it's that moment I will carry with me now. You looked so happy and I had the chance to meet Summer. I have to tell you Summer, I still could see the hell raiser hiding in those smilin' eyes of his, the eternal jokester. Joe, thanks for being a friend, thank you for the laughs, and for the memories I will always treasure. Rest well my friend, God Bless you.

Tina Slay - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My heart goes out to Joe's family and close friends. I'm thankful to have worked with him the past couple of years. May God bless you all.

Ted Harbin - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *RIP My Friend*

Angie Eakins Reeves - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *You are all in ours prayers. God Bless you all.*

Gizmo @Janice McCracken - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Ed and Elaine, You are in my thoughts and prayers and in the days to come, I will be here for you if need anything. We love you, Keith, Lisa, and Keith Allen.*

Lisa Cunningham - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers to you all. Joe was a great person, and good to work with. He will be missed!*

Tiniki Pyle/Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *The toughest cowboy I ever met with the biggest heart I'd ever known.*

Steve Prosser - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *my heart goes out to all the family, friends. i remember jody from school, he was a great guy, and will be forever missed. bless you all.*

cindy patrick - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jody left his mark on so many people. I am so saddened by his death. He was truly one of the good guys. God's Peace to all his loved ones.

Dawn Grandel Carey - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ My deepest sympathies go out to all of Joe's family for your loss. Joe was a man filled with a big heart and many laughs. He will be greatly missed. May God be with everyone and help you heal with the joy of memories and love that you shared.

Garri Ann Fetters - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our heart felt condolences to you all during this time of loss. May all the wonderful memories of Joe forever be a blessing and comfort to you all. Our prayers are with you always and forever. *Cuttin Up Radio & Friends* Christina Laiche, Jennifer Seward, T J Casey, Shirley Morris, Bridget Morey and our families

Cuttin Up Radio & Friends - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Elaine, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Roberts - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ God Bless.

Shanna Wood - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To Joes family, I have know Joe for a very long time. I was a bail bondsman at the time Joe was and we often shared many of our experiences. We also shared he same love for motorcycles and I would see him out riding often. My heart is breaking for your family. I know the loss and pain I am feeling but I can not imagine the suffering you are enduring. I just want you to know Joe was a decent, fair and honest man. I cherished my friendship with him and I will miss him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers

Susan Bruce - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Although I only spent a few days with Joe at one of Lyle's schools, he left an enormous impression on me. His passion for life and excellence in everything he did moved me, as I'm sure it did with everyone who had the great pleasure to know him. God bless Summer and children and all of Joe's family. Brennan

Brennan Senos - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ So terribly sorry to read of your son's death. We did not know him but did know his parents and aunts and uncles. Our sympathies to all at this sad time.

K.B. & Anita Youngblood - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Sarah, My deepest sympathies to you and the kids. You all are in my prayers. Let me know if their is anything I can do for you. Kerry, Joshua, Megan and Madison Pope

Kerry Pope - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Our Prayers go out to all of Joe's Family.. May the Lord Jesus give you peace in your time of need.*

Dale and Paula Dunkelberger - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *May god be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Doug Munsell - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Such a good guy, a true friend. Will miss ya, Joe. My thoughts are with Summer and the kids . . .*

Nicki Walker Burkes - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I offer my deepest sympathy. May God bless you all and help you make it through this difficult time.*

Serena Tinsley - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I AM SO SORRY TOO HERE THIS. I COME TOO KNOW JOE THROUGH FACEBOOK. I WANT YOU TOO KNOW HE WAS TRULY ADMIRER BY ALOT OF PEOPLE. HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN, CAUSE HE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES. MAY GOD BE WITH ALL YOU AT THIS TIME. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. THERE ARE NO WORDS TOO SAY TOO EASE THE PAIN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. BUT NO THAT HE WAS TRULY A GOOD MAN. AND THE RODEO AND BULL RIDING CIRCUIT WILL TRULY MISS A AWESOME PERSON. HE IS WITH THE OTHER COWBOYS IN THE SKY LOOKING DOWN ON ALL OF YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

PHYLLIS STRECKER - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jim & Betty Lesko - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B(

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless you and your family and help to comfort the pain. You are all in my prayers. Beth

Beth (Hughes)Siems - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My thoughts and prayers with you. I am so sorry for your loss. May God Bless you!!

Cindi Donohue - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Elaine and Ed: Words cannot express the sorrow that I am feeling at the loss of Jody. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Love you both Molly Flesner*

Molly Flesner - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM