



Joseph Michael Merrick

December 7, 1986 - February 18, 2009

Joseph Michael Merrick, age 22 of Morrisville, MO passed away at 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar.

Joseph was born in Bolivar, MO on December 7, 1986 the son James Dale Rash and Lorri Lynn Robinson. When we were given a day, we got a week. When we were given a month, we got a year. When we were given a year, we got five. Five turned into 22 wonderful years.

Surviving is his son, Leeland Wray Merrick-Teeslink of Springfield, MO; His father James Dale Rash of Wheatland, MO; his mother, Lorri Lynn Davey and her fianc John Nyberg of Pittsburg, MO; one brother, Nicholas Blaze Stanek of Springfield, MO; and one sister, Saundra Lynn Paul of San Marcos, TX; his grandparents, James Edward Rash of Goodson, MO; Betty L. Phillips of Marshall, AR; Vickie Allen of Bolivar, MO; and Norval Raymond Merrick of West Plains, MO; also his great grandmother, Barbara Marbarger of Bolivar, MO; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and more friends than one can count.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in the Slagle Cemetery south of Bolivar. Visitation will be from 5-7pm, Friday, February 20, 2009 at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Justin Nida, George Gann, Chris Wright, J.R. Stafford, Joe Smith and James McGinnis. Arrangements are under the

care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Merrick*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Joseph Michael Merrick*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I miss you*

Mom - February 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joe was my little brother and my best friend. I will love and miss him forever. I never thought there would be a time when my broseph wouldn't be around, but I promise there will never be a time when he won't be in my thoughts. I can't wait to tell my kids all about their uncle Joe and all the bad things we did together growing up! Leeland will always know how awesome his dad was and how much we love him. I love you Joe.*

Sandy Paul - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joe was the best friend i ever had and it kills me inside to even begin to imagine what its going to be like without having him around. He would of been the one i would of called to lean on in a time like this. He was my best friend. I dont know what im going to do without him.*

Sarah Simpson - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Joe was by far one of the nicest friends i have.He was so full of life and never let anything get him down.i'm so deeply sorry lori.you are a great person too.

Shayne Hammons - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Lorri and Family,

I will be praying for you and your family. If there is anything that I can do for you, please let me know.

May God Be With You All,

Judy

Judy Pearson - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Your family is in my prayers. Joe will be greatly missed! He was a wonderful friend.

Chendra 'Alstatt' Mitchell - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ joe had a great heart and will be greatly missed. from my family (david, james, and shawna fillmore) to yours, you are in our thoughts. living in such a small town makes everyone feel like family and this loss will not be soon forgotten.

Jessi Newsom - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you. His family was an important part of Gary's Life! Never take a moment of life for granted, it goes way too fast!

Gary & Melissa Siler - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I loved Joe like a little brother. You all are just like family to me and always will be. He was a big part of my childhood. Who could ever forget him.

Jennifer Pinkney - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ He lived his life the way he wanted and he didn't want to face another surgery. So now he's whole and not hurting anymore. We will miss him so very very much. Rest with Jesus sweetheart, I love you very much, Nan

Great Grandma Barb - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM