



## Joseph Lawrence Toenjes

October 10, 1967 - October 8, 2023

Joseph (Joe) Lawrence Toenjes passed away at his home in Frankford, Missouri on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 55 years of age. Joe is survived by the love of his life, Anissa (Jennings) Toenjes, brother Colin (Crystal) Toenjes of Palatine, IL. Father and Mother-In-Law Ed and MaryJo Jennings. Sisters-In-Law Kelly (Teddy) Constable and Carrie (Kenny) Kallash, nephew and nieces Maxwell and Maia Toenjes, Lauren and Brenna Constable, Taylor and Emma Kallash; aunts and uncles Joan Ehret of Belleville, Illinois, Michael (Michelle) Harter of Lebanon, Illinois, Steven (Kerrie) Harter of Belleville, Illinois, and Michael Davis of Aurora, Colorado; numerous cousins, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Jerome (Patricia) Toenjes, and Christine (Robert) Murphy, grandparents Walter and Mary Harter, Emil and Loretta Toenjes and a special aunt Elizabeth (Harter) Davis of Aurora, Colorado.

Joe was born October 10, 1967 in Belleville, Illinois to Jerome Toenjes and Christine (Harter)

Murphy. He grew up in Belleville and attended Belleville West High School. He continued his education at World Harvest Bible College in Columbus, Ohio. After completing his studies, Joe followed his adventurous spirit to Sweden where he lived for a year to learn about missionary ministry. In 2007, Joe graduated from Maryville University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. While living in Kirkwood, Missouri, he was a member of the Lions Club and was active in city politics. He was a member of American Pastured Poultry Producers Association and Sustainable Poultry Network.

Joe had a diverse career life working in the telecommunications industry. He was owner/ partner of Frank and Patty's Restaurant in Kirkwood. Most recently Joe was employed with EyeCare International in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Joe was a lover of animals, most especially he cared for his beloved cats Chanel, Beta, & Sinatra. Joe loved to cook and was a foodie. He always had a hug and a smile for family, and playful orneriness that made him Joe. He will be remembered for his larger than life personality, encompassing hugs, quick wit, and adventurous spirit. There is so much more that should be said, but what Joe did was make our life brighter. We love and miss you Joe Joe "Kissy Face" Toenjes.

Visitation for Joe will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, Missouri from 9:30am - 10:30am followed by a prayer service. Memorials can be made to Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in care of the Toenjes family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
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## Prayer Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes*



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**Donna Korte Wiss** - October 14, 2023 at 07:35 PM

DM

“ *The day I met Joe in the Break Room at Lunch, we immediately began joking, and insulting each other, from across the room, over all the other people eating.*  
*After a while, he pointed across the room at me and said, in his loud, boisterous voice, WE ARE GONNA BE GREAT FRIENDS! He had decided, and that was that. we were.*  
*It's BECAUSE of Joe, that Ashley and I have a little rescued kitten named Sweet Pea. He named her, when he found her, abandoned. He and Anissa rescued her and let her join our world.*  
*THAT was Joe in a nutshell. ALWAYS making everyone's lives better.*  
*MUCH BETTER. We already miss you so much, Joey!*

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**Don Martin** - October 13, 2023 at 08:30 PM

KA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I was just thinking of him on his birthday Wednesday, and now to learn this today is heartbreaking. My deepest sympathies to his wife, the Harters and all his family, and all who were touched by Joe throughout his (much too short) life. May he rest in peace.*

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**Kent & Beth Agne** - October 13, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*



October 13, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss . Thinking about you all. Sending prayers.*

**Edie McGrath** - October 13, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*



October 13, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Dan Munier and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*

**Dan Munier and family** - October 13, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Dan Munier and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*



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October 13, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Joe had such a contagious laughter that we all loved. His sense of humor was one of a kind. Joe will be missed. We had long conversations in Walmart and at the beauty shop. Joe had a passion for the things he would be involved in and always had a great way of sharing them with others! I always looked forward to seeing Joes big Smile. Hugs and prayers for everyone family, friends and to the critters he dearly loved.*  
*Linda and Howard Korte*

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**Linda Korte** - October 13, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*

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October 13, 2023 at 12:30 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Lawrence Toenjes.*



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October 13, 2023 at 12:30 AM



“ I can still picture the day we met in 1995. My first thought was "I don't like this guy", but he grew on me, and we became best friends. When he came back from Sweden, he stayed with us for a few months and became our "son", even though he was only three years younger. These past few days have reminded me how much he meant to me, so many things remind me of memories of my best friend. I don't think he realized how many lives he touched and the world is worse off without Joe in it. My life was greatly enriched having him in it and I miss him and will cherish our memories forever.

Bob Conley



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**Bob Conley** - October 12, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BC

“ We are so thankful for Joe's friendship. He lit up every room he came into, he was so unique, so funny, we love him for being a true friend, always enterprising and quick to crack a joke. We will miss the talks about all things we agree on (conservatism), bees, family. He lives on in our hearts and we have so many memories we will treasure forever. See you on the other side Joe!

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**Bob and Angie Conley** - October 12, 2023 at 06:38 PM

RO

“ Joe was definitely bigger than life. I remember the first time we met and the giant hug he gave me and said "welcome to the family", his smile was always so welcoming and warm. He will be deeply missed, and our hearts ache for you all. He was an amazing man, and he left behind so many fond memories.

*We love you all very much, we are so deeply sorry for your loss.*

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**Robin O'Toole** - October 12, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JM

“ *Anissa: I am so very sorry for your loss.* ”

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**Jane McGeorge** - October 12, 2023 at 12:11 PM