



Joseph Albert Miera

March 27, 1970 - November 11, 2024

Joseph Albert Miera, 54, passed away unexpectedly at home in Chicago's Winnemac Park neighborhood on November 11, 2024.

Joe was born on March 27, 1970, in Santa Fe, New Mexico To Claudette and Albert. When he was young, he moved to Denver with his mother, where he grew up and helped raise his brother R.J. After graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1989, Joe earned his bachelor's degree in German from the University of Denver in 1993, enjoying two years abroad at the University of Tübingen in southwest Germany. He earned his master's degree in Germanic Language and Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995 before moving to Chicago, where he worked in many different fields and made friends that became his family. He earned his certificate in paralegal studies from Loyola University School of Continuing Education and Professional Studies in 2005 and worked as a paralegal at Kluever & Platt, LLC.

Joe loved to travel and had been all over the world including Japan, Germany, and China. He enjoyed knitting with friends, baking, and reading. He loved his canine friends Sprocket the Schnauzer and the late Ianto and Manu and posted their pictures often. Joe was selective in who he chose to be in his life, but if you were one of them then you know how amazing it could be. He was funny, yet somewhat serious, knowledgeable, and loved to correct one's

grammar. He loved eating all ethnicities of food, which meant you were always going to get to try something new with him.

Joe is survived by his loving aunt Deborah Trujillo and cousin Tabitha Bufmack of Centennial, Colorado, as well as his father Joseph Albert Miera Sr., grandmother Pauline Spahn Martinez, aunt Roberta Gallegos, uncle Richard Sanchez, and many other cousins.

Joe was predeceased by his mother Claudette (Sanchez) Dewitt, grandfather John Henry Spahn, and brother Ronald John ("R.J.") Henry Dunphy.

His friends and loved ones will truly miss him. Joe loved with his whole heart, even if not expressed with words. He was a friend, a nephew, a son, a brother, and cousin. Spread your wings and fly; we will live on for you.

A gathering of family and friends is being planned. Please check back to this website for information as it becomes available.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ I didn't know Joe very well but I instantly knew that he was a really cool guy the day I met him. His snarky and sarcastic jokes were right in line with me. He made me laugh while he maintained a totally straight face. And the ribbing he gave our mutual friend, Andy, had me in stitches. It was all in good fun.

But the first time I met him, he had taken a day off of work, just to show me and my husband around Chicago. He didn't know either of us, never met before. We were visiting one of my childhood friends and he said "I knew that Andy would give you a crappy tour of Chicago" He said he really wanted our first visit to Chicago to be good experience. I couldn't believe how nice and thoughtful that was!

And what a wonderful tour he gave us. He was such a good sport. He even put up with my touristy questions and lists.

After that, I was lucky enough to hang out with him every time I went back to Chicago to visit Andy (aka Andrew). The last time I saw Joe, knowing that Andy was moving and I'd not be back, he gifted me the most beautiful knitted shawl that I still have and treasure. I tried to copy it and knit one like it - it's a very intricate lace pattern- and I created a giant green spiderweb. It just reminded me of what a talented guy he was.

I'm so sorry for his passing. I know he has lots of people who loved and cared about him. Even for those who were only in his life for a short time, he was special. He made an impact on me, and I just wanted his family and his 'family of friends', to know that there are people you've never met or even heard of, people who only knew him for a short while, but these strangers do care and do mourn and cry for your loved one, Joe.

Rest in peace.

Lori Day

Nashville, TN

Lori Day - November 22, 2024 at 10:05 PM

DB

“ *It won't be NYE without you.*



Danita Browne - November 22, 2024 at 05:02 PM

RS

“ *Joe Miera's Celebrate of Life Memorial will be this Friday, November 22, 6-9 pm at the Fireside Restaurant, 5739 N Ravenswood. We plan on having a section reserved, and some appetizers will be provided. Drop in as your schedule allows.*

Robert Siegel - November 20, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SG

“ *Thanksgiving at Fireside with Joe is one of many kind invites from Joe, I'll be sure to find and complete a Christmas beer list for you!*

Sidney Goins - November 20, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DC

“ *My Condolences to the Family and Friends, I worked with Joe and he will be missed.*

Dalila Cortes - November 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joy Bussard - November 20, 2024 at 09:58 AM

JB

We miss you, Joe!

Joy Bussard - November 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JB

Good memories

Joy Bussard - November 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SF

“ *May you rest in peace cousin I remember when my grandma Frances would take me to your house when I was in school so you could help me with my projects I will always have those good memories*

sonny Fernandez - November 19, 2024 at 07:41 PM

SF

“ *Sonny Fernandez lit a candle in memory of Joseph Albert Miera*



sonny Fernandez - November 19, 2024 at 07:37 PM

TS

“ Joe was like a brother to me. We went to college together and graduated. I visited him in Germany and he took me to see Prague We got lost on our walk to see Kafka’s grave. I also spent many days or weekends with him in Chicago. He took me to see Marilyn Manson and Peaches. Joe and I always had a great time together. May you rest in peace and hopefully all your darkness has passed. I’ll see you in heaven. Forever your cousin, friend and sister.



tricia Sanchez - November 18, 2024 at 12:42 PM

CH

“ We grew up like brothers. We shared so many milestones in life. I always admired his adventurous nature, his love of books and his wicked sense of humor. Rest in peace, Joe.

Charles Hall - November 18, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SC

“ Sonja Alvarez (Joe Blood Cousin) lit a candle in memory of Joseph Albert Miera



Sonja Alvarez (Joe Blood cousin) - November 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RS

Joseph's dad Albert Miera is alive and living in New Mexico. God bless you Joe rest in peace.

Richard Sanchez - November 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM

SA

Joe's living relative (Father) Joseph Albert Miera Sr his step mother Joyce Miera , Pauline Spahn , Richard and Hazel sanchez, Roberta Gallegos (Sanchez), Debbie Trujillo , many numerous cousins, proceeded in death was his mother Claudette DeWitt (Sanchez), Ronald John Dunphy RJ (Brother)

Sonja Alvarez - November 17, 2024 at 09:57 PM

RG

Joe this is your mom's sister aunt Bobbie, we spent a lot of time together when you were young we loved you very much I don't know why you didn't keep in touch. Grandma Pauline loved you so much she taught you to knit and crochet she loved you still does. We knew as Jojo we still love you.

Roberta Gallegos - November 18, 2024 at 03:38 PM

JB

It was good to reconnect with you at your grandma's birthday party. We missed you all those shares you're knitting is beautiful. You were an amazing man.

Joy Bussard - November 19, 2024 at 05:00 PM