



Joseph Joshua Graves

November 1, 1988 - April 3, 2020

Joseph Joshua Graves, age 31, of New Castle, DE, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 3, 2020. Joseph was a loving son, grandson, brother, and friend to many. He was a graduate of Wilmington Christian School and the Art Institute of Philadelphia. A modern-day Renaissance man, Joseph was a filmmaker and director, an avid reader, prolific writer, and poet. He had a brilliant mind and remarkable wit. He enjoyed playing the guitar and singing. Joseph liked watching movies and trained in jiu-jitsu. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Joseph and Joanne Graves; siblings: Debra Burgos (Andres), Robert Graves, Melissa Verucci (Ryan), Andrew Verucci (Emily), and April Moore (Justin); grandparents: Robert & Roberta Daly, Betty & Hal Cleal, and Franklin Graves & was predeceased by his grandmother, Eleanor Graves; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and by Aiden, a young friend of the family who adored him. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to familypromisede.org or Operation Christmas Child, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Services will be private. To send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

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Comments



“ Joey and his brother, Robert, have always been part of our family. They were either at our house or my boys were at the Graves house. They grew up together and we watched them grow together. Joey was always a bright light in anyone's life that he entered. I will always remember him with deep fondness. Love to Joe, JoAnne, Robert, Debra, April, Andrew and the rest of the family.



Debbie Adams - May 21, 2020 at 07:54 AM



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Jeannette Mancini - May 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ I worked with Joe last October / November on a film. I was intrigued by him when I first saw him on set. He was a diligent worker, not very talkative and always reading. He seemed very pensive and introverted but I was determined to learn more about him. I found his love for reading and poetry so beautiful. I loved his dedication to his craft. You were a hard worker and I watched him find solutions to the electrical problems that arose on set. His true self shone brightest during a freezing night onset where he gave me his heavy sub zero coat so I would stay warm. A true gentleman. We celebrated his birthday onset and none of us thought it would be his last. I'm still in shock and my heart is heavy knowing he is no longer a part of our physical world. I will think of him whenever I'm working on a project, reading a book, or freezing in the winter. I wish I could tell him how amazing he was. He will be so truly missed.

gabi - April 26, 2020 at 04:57 PM



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Dear Joanne and Joe,

I am so sorry that you lost your Joey. I remember him so fondly and how terrific all your children are. Joey had a funny sense of humor and he totally made me laugh. I saw this post on his Facebook page and he, once again, cracked me up.

I pray that all of the wonderful memories you have with him, and the peace only Jesus can give you, carry you through to when you meet again.

Joey's Facebook :)

...I would like to thank my mother, JoAnne, for teaching me to chew with my mouth closed. Were it not for her insistence that I practice this oft-overlooked part of civilized behavior, I might have grown up to be a lesser primate. Or a dog. Or some other non-human creature that can't be taught basic etiquette. Seriously, there is NOTHING more irritating than hearing another person masticating, maw agape. Don't forget to slurp that soda, now. ~Joseph J Graves

Rest in Peace Joe <3

Love, Gina

Gina Marsilli - April 16, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ I knew of Joe years before I actually met him. His skills in Dungeon Mastering (DM'ing) and general shenanigans were legendary in the Mancini household. After years of stories, I did finally meet Joe and got to play in a DnD campaign DM'd by him. It was an epic and glorious campaign, filled with complex backstories and engaging role-play.

That wasn't the last I saw of Joe though. We continued to meet up and hang out thanks to a lot of mutual friends. I got to know Joe for his humor, his lightning quick wit, and his skills as a photographer. One weekend, he asked me to help him shoot a wedding. My only tasks were to fetch him gear out of his camera bag and drinks from the open bar. I didn't mind the menial tasks because A) he was paying me B) his commentary on the wedding was absolutely hilarious and C) watching him do something he was passionate about and skilled at was incredible.

The thing about Joe that surprised me the most was how well-read he was and how insatiable his thirst was for knowledge. I initially wrote him off as shallow jokester and class clown type, but Joe had a surprising depth to him. I still remember driving home from the wedding that night. We had both run out of things to say to one another, and Joe reached for the stereo. I expected him to turn on the radio and listen to music, but instead he pulled out his iPod and put on a weighty "Intelligence Squared" debate. As we sat in the car listening to the debaters discuss whether the good of the Roman Catholic Church outweighed the bad, I realized there was way more to Joe than I initially thought.

I'll miss you Joe. I'll miss your thoughts on whether humans have a universal grammar imprinted on their minds. I'll miss your jokes about the futility of being a libertarian in our modern political climate. I'll miss your ramblings about Jiu-Jitsu and MMA. But most of all, I'll miss seeing you at our holiday movie night. I'll be sure to pour an extra strong drink and make a well timed heckle just for you.

Stephen Herbein - April 09, 2020 at 03:31 AM



“ Beautifully stated - And we will definitely have that movie and heckle it... and that drink.

Jeannette Mancini - April 09, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Joe was great to be around. When I was starting out, he would look out for me and show me the ropes around filmmaking. He taught me a lot and was always happy to see me. That meant a lot. And he would always have quips that people seemed to have not noticed at times, but I heard every single one. They always made me laugh, no matter how stressful the day was. You were a great man Joe, and you will be missed.

Matthew Brent - April 08, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Damn right he was

Ja'rel ivory - April 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Graves family at this sad time.

Russell and Karen Johnstone - April 08, 2020 at 03:23 PM



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Mae Claire - April 08, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Thank you, Mae. Are you able to share which production these are from?

Joanne - April 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ This has been troubling me for sometime and I still can't shake off the fact that this happened. I was initially intimidated by Joe when he reached out to me to help me with my film, *The Best Way to Murder*, and I realized that the reason why was because this talented individual knew a lot about his art, his craft, and cared so much about the work he did. My film ended up winning tons of awards last year and I've always been so thankful by his selfless hard work when we were creating this film. I ended up doing more shoots with him and I really had the opportunity to see his intellect and passion for all the things he did. My heart goes out to him, his family, and closest friends. He made a huge impact on myself and the people I know. I wish I was able to express all of this while he was still alive.

Mae Claire - April 08, 2020 at 02:39 PM



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Susan Graves - April 08, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ My heart breaks today. I feel my eyes watering, my chest is tight and my mouth is dry as I read the news.

What an incredible man! Always a smile, always but into work, life and friendships. I met Joe through our mutual friend Chris Newhard and instantly he was my kind of guy. Such talent and skill at the craft of filmmaking and always unselfish in his actions.

You'll be sorely missed brother... God rest you in peace.

matthew - April 08, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Kind, sensitive soul - so talented, artistic, giving. He will be missed greatly... rest in peace Joseph...

Maria - April 08, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ I am so terribly sorry to hear of this news. I worked as the AD on Fine Wine, an award winning short film that was shot in 2018. Joe was our gaffer and did an amazing job. He was so talented, caring, and tremendously committed to his craft. My heart goes out to his family and closest friends at this tragic time.

Donald Manigly - April 08, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Joe worked on most of the films I was involved in. He always made me feel comfortable on set and we had great conversations. He was such a talented and intellectual guy, so interesting to talk to. He will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Sheilah Renninger - April 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ He will be missed, Sheilah. Thank you for thinking about us and for your prayers.

Joanne - April 09, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ There are no words to express the feelings of losing a loved one. We are here for you all at this difficult time.
We have lots of great memories of Joey and your family. What we enjoyed about Joey the most is that he was one of a kind and authentic. He seemed to never be afraid to speak his mind or be himself. He had a sharp wit about him. It seems like only yesterday when we first met your family. Joey was like no other kid that we'd ever met. Watching how your family treated one another inspired Hollis and I to start a family of our own. You were all blessings to us.

Though life took us all in different directions, we never stopped caring about your family. We grieve with you. Again, we say to your family, we are here for you. Only time will lessen the sting of this loss.

- Hollis & Kim Jones

Kimberly Jones - April 08, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Joe was my 1st AD for my short film, RED, and his brother Rob also worked on the film as 2nd AC and did DIT. Both of the brothers were so dedicated and hardworking. Joe was a creative person, devoted to making films and helping others make films. He helped so many of my students of the years get their first films done. He inspired many people. I think his greatest gift was his willingness to help others, and it seemed like if anyone needed someone on a set, to do anything, Joe was the guy to call. I enjoyed many conversations with him over the last few years. He will be dearly missed. RIP, Joe.

Tony Savant - April 08, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ Thank you, Tony, Joseph loved the entire process. If he wasn't physically working on a project, he was writing about a new project.

Joanne - April 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Joanne, I am praying for you and your husband and family.
Beverly Thomes

Beverly Thomes - April 08, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Thank you, Beverly.

Joanne - April 14, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 08, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ My favorite memories of Joseph will always be he and Jake together. Those two loved each other so much and shared a special bond. Whether they were hanging out at the house, driving around, or even in the Poconos, Jake was always by his side.

I will never forget the way he always greeted me with, “hey, Aunt Sue.” Didn’t matter if he was just saying hi, or asking a question (“hey, Aunt Sue?”) or even saying it as a goodbye, it was always the same 3 words, and I loved it.

His love of Fantasia as a toddler is legendary. He REALLY loved that movie and he wouldn’t let you skip ahead to the funny elephants or the Mickey Mouse parts. He wanted to watch beginning to end.

He honored me by asking me to help edit his screenplay. And he was so proud to drive over and show off his motorcycle to me and Uncle Richard.

I could list so many more. My life has been forever changed by having him in it. I love home dearly, and always will.

Susan Graves - April 07, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ I miss you more than words can ever describe.



Debra - April 07, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ It is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences to your entire family. I remember Joe fondly as a student at Wilmington Christian School. May God comfort you all during this very difficult time.

Elle Straley

Elle Straley - April 07, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 07, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



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Ed Wasser - April 07, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ I love seeing my brother working in the craft he was so gifted at. Thank you for sharing these memories!

Deb - April 09, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ I do as well. I'm so thankful for every memory shared.

Joanne - April 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 07, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 07, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 07, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Joshua Graves.



April 07, 2020 at 01:50 PM