



Joseph Holper Jr.

December 24, 1976 - September 24, 2021

Our sweet Joseph "Joey" Jake Holper, Jr passed on September 24, 2021 at the young age of 44. Joseph was born at 11:43pm on Friday, December 24th, 1976 at Memorial Hospital in Vancouver, WA. The nurses brought Joseph to his mom and dad in a Christmas stocking, and what a gift he was!

Joseph grew up in Salmon Creek, WA and attended Salmon Creek Elementary, Gaiser Middle School and Columbia River High School. He started working at the family business Jake's Meats in high school and remained committed to the family business all his life. Part of Joseph's work duties included delivering to various businesses. He took pride in his work and would go above and beyond taking care of his customers and they all loved him. Joseph was extremely close to his immediate family, his mom, dad, and sister. The four of them always had an incredibly close, unbreakable bond with so much love. When Joseph's nephews came along that was no exception. He loved Kory and Kellen with all his heart. They felt that love and loved him back just as much.

The simplest things in life brought great joy to Joseph. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and bringing a smile to anyone's face. If you asked Joseph to do something for you or to help you out with something you would always receive a quick yes before you could even finish asking. Even if that something was for someone he did not know he was happy to help.

Joseph was the guy that didn't just know you, but he also knew your kids, your parents, your grandparents and your friends and they all loved him too. Joseph loved to read and learn new things. He was well versed on many subjects and was always up for a good debate or deep conversation on just about any topic. Joseph had the most amazingly wonderful sense of humor. He loved to tell corny dad jokes and he was quick witted to respond with something funny. He would try to keep a straight face but many times he would have laugh too and that was the best! His pleasant personality was contagious to everyone he met. Joseph enjoyed watching movies and TV shows, riding motorcycles, traveling, cooking and eating a good meal, watching Seahawks games, anything related to cars or elephants and of course his 1977 Ford Bronco that was his love and project. The family plans to finish that project in his honor.

Joseph lived a life of gratitude and service. He was a faithful Christian and that showed in his many works. He loved reading Jehovah God's Word and he was a man of prayer. Joseph volunteered for years with foster children and would take foster kids on trips and to events. He did volunteer work for several churches that he attended in the Vancouver/Portland area. He would not hesitate to pray with you or for you whenever you needed it. Joseph was such a beautiful and pure soul. He was one of kind. We love him, cherish him, and miss him dearly.

Joseph is survived by his mom, Yolanda Sandoval Holper; his dad, Joseph Jake Holper, Sr; his sister, Jolanda Terrell and brother-in-law Charles Terrell; his nephews, Kory Terrell and Kellen Terrell; and his many cousins, aunts, uncles, other family members and a myriad of friends.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 12:30PM - 1:30PM followed by a reception in the Hospitality Room, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel 1101 NE 112th Avenue Vancouver,

Washington 98684

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *My uncle. Who I called Uncle Joey. Your memories will forever live with me, and you will never be forgotten. Your personality is the reason I can smile today. The person you were, gives me motivation to stay positive and up-lifting. You are endless motivation for me to achieve my dreams and goals. I love you so much ❤️❤️❤️ Thank you for being the best not only uncle, but human...*

Bubbachuck - November 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My sweet baby brother. My brother was the best kind of guy you could ever know. The kind of guy that appreciates a good handshake, opens the door for people, respects his elders, would help a stranger, looked out for his family and friends, loved hard, cared hard, worked hard. He appreciated the simple things in life like a beautiful sunrise or sunset, a good meal, a good TV show or movie, a good song, a nice drive, a good joke, a good conversation. Joseph is one of the good ones. He is unforgettable and if you knew him he definitely made an indelible mark on your life. The wonderful things about my brother were because that was just who he was and the foundation of that came from really good parents that gave us the kind of childhood dreams are made of. My dad built us an awesome playground in our backyard that had a 6 foot wide metal slide we used to play lava monster on. We played outside all day riding bikes, skateboards or took our sleds to the bigger hills in the neighborhood when it snowed. My dad always had a trailer so we would go camping to the beach or mountains and ride our bikes, sit by the campfire and make s'mores, go clam digging, play cards and ride our motorcycles. My parents never let us bring any friends on trips which turned out to be a nice thing because we became best friends. When we were stuck indoors we made up a lot of things to do. One of the things we always laughed about is we pretended we had our own radio show, we even made our own commercials and interviewed each other. We had a lot of kids in our neighborhood and we always all outside together. In the summer our mom made us take naps outside on our back porch and big groups of us would take long walks in the neighborhood at night. So many good childhood memories. Joseph and I had a million inside jokes. We quoted Seinfeld often and the movies What About Bob, Dumb and Dumber and Mother. We never needed to be doing any specific, we just enjoyed being together. We appreciated simple things and being together was always enough. I cannot remember a time my brother and I had a fight, there was never a time during our lives that we were not close. We just loved each other. I used to tell him, "Because I have a brother, I have a best friend". Right now going on without you Joseph feels like an impossible task. I want you to walk

in my front door again, call me on the phone, laugh with me, give me a hug or a pat on the head like you would do. Joseph, thank you for being a beautiful constant in my life. Thank you for being a ray of light in our family. Thank you for making me laugh. Thank you for always picking up the phone. Thank you for how much you loved God and Jesus. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for being the most amazing uncle to my boys. Thank you for being my brother and my best friend. I love you more than words could ever express. I will love you and I will miss everything about you forever and ever. Love your big sis, Jolanda

Jolanda Terrell - November 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *It was an honor to know Joseph "Junior" and have the privilege to call him our friend. He will forever be in our hearts and prayers.*

Dan and Gail Carlson - October 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. We will miss Joseph.*

Bob and Carol Garman - October 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our prayers and love is with you all always. From: The Terrell Family*



Tribute Store - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Vickey Charles & Cheryl Terrell - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Such a positive person and had a loving spirit

Autumn Bethune - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Holper family. You will be missed Joseph by many.



Sincerely, The Lucente family - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Forever in our hearts - Your friends at Carol's Corner Cafe



Carol and Shannon Holliday - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Words cannot express how sorry I am. He's with Aunt Em now and they are loving each other in God's world. Take care. Love, Carol & Cloyce

Carol Smith - October 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Mike Leichner

Mike Leichner - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I met Joseph as a little boy while hanging out with his sister Jolanda in middle school. I know he loved his big sister! Jolanda prayers and condolences to you and your beautiful family.

Mrs. Angela Smith - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I met Joey about 15 years ago as the Jake's guy and quickly became friends. I will miss him dearly and treasure the memories of our friendship.

Alison Williams - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I didn't know Joseph Holper Jr but my Mother Ethel Kays worked at Jakes for many years when i was a kid. I babysat for Jim. I saw this announcement in todays paper and wanted to offer my condolences.

Tanya (Kays) Cooper - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Joesph. You were one of the kindest, and funniest, people I knew. We lost an amazing friend, but heaven gained another angel. Love you brother

Nick Badalamenti - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ "Joseph Holper Jr." will remain in our hearts forever.



Judy Lilly - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am truely sorry to hear. May his soul rest in peace and his spirit live happily ever after. Hugs to all his family and friends

Jennifer Guritz - October 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the Holper family, our deepest sympathy to you in loving memory of your dear brother He always treated me like family with kindness and love.

Jacqueline Wyse & Frank Flores - October 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I did not know Joseph personally, but have been friends with his wonderful sister, jolanda for over 20years. She has always referred to him as her best friend and most amazing brother ever. Seems like this is the mutual response she has received from everyone in his life. You are a special man, Joe, you are truly loved, missed and hit those pearly gates waaaay to early. Dance free and soar with the eagles 🦅 my friend. Xoxo

Joanna.cardinal8@gmail.com - October 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Joseph Holper Jr. - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM