



## Joe Eugene Ross Jr.

June 2, 1964 - September 6, 2021

Joe Eugene Ross Jr. went to be with the Lord on September 6, 2021. He was born on June 2, 1964 in Columbus, Ohio to Joe Ross Sr. and Glenas (Burns) Ross. He graduated from Walnut Ridge High School in 1982 and went on to serve his country proudly and was a United States Seabee Navy Veteran. He was in the construction steel industry for over thirty-five years and covered major projects.

Joe is preceded in death by his father, Joe Eugene Ross Sr., with whom Joe was proud to carry on the Joe Eugene Ross name; grandparents, Eugene and Margret Ross and Tilly and Maureen Jones. Joe is survived by his wife, Paula (South) Ross; children, Craig Ross and Heather Ross; brother, Phillip Eugene (Kim) Ross; grandsons, Colton Johnson, Jackson Ross, Talon Barringer, Ryder Barringer; nieces and nephews, Justin Murray, Craig Lee, Sierra Lee and Tyler Ross.

Joe had an immense love for his family, especially for his wife and love of his life, Paula (South) Ross. Joe was a loving father and best friend to his children, always involved in activities such as coaching his son's baseball team and daughter's softball team. He was a proud father and would often brag, "My daughter built me the baddest bike." One of Joe's favorite things to do that brought him true happiness was to ride motorcycles with his daughter. He also enjoyed projects with his son, mainly telling Craig what to do as he

watched Craig do the work.

Joe raced in the Legends Series at the Columbus Motor Speedway and loved animals. He had a dignity in the way that he carried himself that commanded respect. He was genuine to anyone he cared about. He had a quick wit and sense of humor that will never be forgotten. Happy memories and love are what will remain in the hearts of his friends and family. And as Joe would say, "Your hair looks great today."

Friends may call on the family from 11:00am-12:00pm on September 25, 2021 at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, 425 Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230 with Memorial Service to follow at 12:00pm. Celebration of Life to follow after at American Legion Comrade Whitehall Post 490, 1117 South Hamilton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joe's honor to the Licking County Humane Society <https://lchspets.org/donate/>. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Mr. Joe Eugene Ross Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene  
425 Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230

## Memorial Service

SEP **25.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene  
425 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230

## Celebration of Life

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Comrade Whitehall Post 490  
1117 South Hamilton Road  
Columbus, OH 43227

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ I worked for Joe, several times throughout the years. I had a drinking problem, I put him thru hell. He nicely and not so nicely guided with in a direction to get help. I was not only a coworker, a friend that fished with him down here in malta where I live, but drank with him till I got out of hand, lol, ultimately a great friend, and rode with him a few times.

He gave my family 20 yrs ago, opportunities that any other boss would've shit canned me. He never gave up on me.

Joe you will be missed.

He always talked highly of his kids. I would hear them talks behind closed doors when he was trying to get me to place my family over the drinking.

Loved Joe, He made an impact nor only on my life, but my families life.

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**Brad McGrath** - March 18, 2023 at 08:31 AM

JR

“ Joe I will remember all the good times that Harold, you and I had together. Thinking about it brings a smile to my face. You were so much like Harold, and you called him Dad. You very well could have been his Son. You were as ornery as he was. Guess that's one if the reasons why I loved you. So many great times together. I will have wonderful memories of you. I will miss you so much. Love you like a Son.

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**Janice Ritchey** - September 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..*



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September 22, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..*



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September 21, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..*



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September 20, 2021 at 08:29 PM

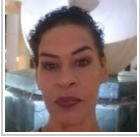


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..*



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September 19, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ I will miss your encouraging words my longtime friend! Rest peacefully..

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Marie James Dacus - September 15, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..



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September 14, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ We grew up together in the old neighborhood next door to each other. I have some wonderful memories of Joey and his family. Many years later, we lived in the same town but didn't get together. I always thought there would be plenty of time. Thank you for offering to rescue me from the ditch not long ago! RIP dear Joey. So many people will miss you. (From the Beaver family.)

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Natalie Crane - September 12, 2021 at 02:43 PM

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“Forty years ago, I was a sophomore in High School, I met a long haired, tall, skinny guy, at Donato’s Pizza in Whitehall, his name was Joe (Joey) Ross. He came up to me with his big smile, flirting, telling me how pretty I was and asked me for my name and phone number. Joey was my first love, he went off to the Navy and soon after, we married and had our two children, Craig and Heather. Although, we went our separate ways after 13 years, we maintained a friendship for our kids. Then later came grandchildren, and a new appreciation of our past union was formed. Joe, I am so glad you came over and visited two weeks ago and played with the grandkids. They really enjoyed the play time, especially the pillow fight! You are already missed Papaw Ross. Had I known that was my last hug, I would have held you a little tighter and longer. I will always have a special love for you as you always reminded me of yours. It is hard to believe you are gone, this past week has been incredibly hard. My heart breaks for our kids and grandkids. RIP Joe.

Sherri Holaday - September 11, 2021 at 08:21 PM

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“Chantel Dorsey "Tilly" lit a candle in memory of Joe Eugene Ross Jr.



Chantel Dorsey "Tilly" - September 11, 2021 at 05:29 PM

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“RIH Joe. You are so truly missed. I'll miss that big beautiful smile. You were always ready to roll out without asking "Where we heading". Now you can ride free forever wearing a big smile forever. Until we ride again my friend. Tilly

Chantel Dorsey "Tilly" - September 11, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..*



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September 11, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Joe!!  
I always enjoyed riding with you, even when you were going a 100 miles per hour and I was trying to keep up. Thank you for giving my son the opportunity to work for you!! You will be truly missed!!*

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**Mark and Andrea Gould** - September 11, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *I worked with Joey as I called him for 28yrs. Always the prankster and he got me good several times. I will miss his laugh , his smile and yes him telling me my hair looks good today. He always told me I was the sister he never had. He also told how much he loved Paula. He said she was his best friend. I also know how much he loved his children and grandchildren. Joey I will miss you to the day I die and I dearly Love You. Rest In Peace my Friend!*

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**Lori Rose** - September 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM



*I just watched the video the other day of him putting the air horn under your chair! His laugh was the best!*

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**Paula Ross** - September 11, 2021 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Michelle Byrd Petruskevich lit a candle in memory of Joe Eugene Ross Jr.*



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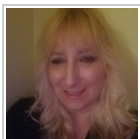
**Michelle Byrd Petruskevich** - September 10, 2021 at 08:17 PM

MP

*I am so deeply saddened by this loss. What a great childhood and school friend. Joe was such a funny and genuine person. We had a lot of great times, especially at the Bon Aire!*

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**Michelle Byrd Petruskevich** - September 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Lisa Seifert George lit a candle in memory of Joe Eugene Ross Jr.*



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**Lisa Seifert George** - September 10, 2021 at 06:53 PM

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“ *Tony Heigle lit a candle in memory of Joe Eugene Ross Jr.*



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**tony heigle** - September 10, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joe Eugene Ross Jr..* ”



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September 10, 2021 at 06:05 PM