

Joseph R. Love

March 3, 1952 - September 7, 2018

Joseph Ralph Love, known to all who knew him as Joe, passed away September 7, 2018. He was born on March 3, 1952 to Ralph and Dorothy Love in Port Arthur, Texas.

Joe worked in Austin as a technical writer for most of his career and was well respected for his technical abilities as well as his witty sense of humor.

But his real love was his music! Joe not only sang and played the guitar but he wrote and recorded his own songs and loved to get together with his friends to jam. "Worked hard and played hard" described Joe . He lived up to his motto and he was so Austin.

He will be dearly missed by all his friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Laurie and her family and his sister Jane and her family. There will be no services per Joe's wishes.

Comments



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Nick McCorvy - November 24, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ Joe was a great person. Very mellow and dedicated to what he believed to be the most important things in his life. Joe and myself along with others in this obit enjoyed many happy times that I will always remember. I remember riding in Joe's white van while all of us were still in Port Arthur. Joe was a good friend and I will miss him.

Mike Rhodes

Mike Rhodes - October 22, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Joe Love was a friend of mine since 7th Grade. We started running around at the end of high school where he introduced me to some friends of his that have become mine for a lifetime. Guys like Roger Lohman, Mike Speake (RIP), Danny Pierce, Mark Cozad, Mike Rhodes, Terry Guidry, Clint Goddin, Donnie Pope (RIP) and many more. Joe and I somehow always stayed in touch with each other, which is kinda of amazing. During our last year in high school Joe lived with his Aunt due to his parents move to Galena Park. Joe would have his dinner at Galindo's on Gulfway drive in PA that his Dad arranged so his elderly aunt wouldn't have to be worried for his meals. He would ask me to come along because he didn't want to eat alone. We pushed the "limits" in Port Arthur! I moved to Austin with Mike Rhodes in the summer of 1971 and asked Joe to move there

After Joe moved to Austin, we got a job selling "The Rag" UT's radical newspaper on Congress Avenue, but after so many insults from business people, we quit. Then we got a job collecting donations from neighborhoods after the curb was painted with the street address, until one home owner complained to police. We had a ride downtown and got off with a lecture, however we got to keep the money as the company moved to a different town that night. I could go on and on like working at the brick factory, camping at Lake Travis, playing tricks on Joe about his dog Blue, sitting in his pool and seeing what looked like thousands of colorful construction paper flying in the sky, trying to get up Mount Bonnell on icy roads in his VW Karmann-Gia etc.

Joe, I will miss seeing your face and smile, that raspy almost whisper voice saying

"well yeah", the emails, that guitar picking in that cut off sleeveless shirt, the UT & Cowboy games on TV and the drinking of beer at 10am! You and Laurie allowed me stay at your place when I was in town, thanks. You guys were great!

Thanks for all the great times we had together...You WILL be missed but never forgotten!! It was a GREAT ride my friend and buddy! Break on thru!

Glenn McCorvy - September 28, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ Joe, my friend and brother; you 'll be missed! I'll see you on the other side...Joe and I reconnected late last year with the help of our common friend, Glenn in Florida. I intended to put together a little reunion of the old gang when Glenn made it to town. Mark Cozad lives here in San Antonio also and was willing to make it also. I'm sorry I didn't realized how ill Joe was, I'll always regret not having that last meeting with all of us together. Joe wanted to wait until he had some dental work completed before visiting with us.

Joe was a kind & willing soul, always concerned about you regardless of how he was doing.

R.I.P. Joe. Later.

Danny Pierce - September 26, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ Joe my dear departed friend. We spent most of the mid 70's in Austin rooming together. Time after time we painted the town from AWH, Soap Creek, Dallas, so many good times. My son and I had the pleasure of having lunch with Joe earlier this year and it was great to reminisce about our times together. The picture attached shows Joe and the ducks. Only Joe could go boating on Lake Travis in blue jeans, blue jean jacket, boots and a cowboy hat.



Richard Goodin - September 26, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ Joe & I grew up two streets from each other in Port Srthurright along the tracks(me on Niches/Joe on San Jacinto. My first memory of Joe was he was shooting bottle rockets in the street on the 4th of July I think. One of them landed on his roof & burnt their house down. Joe & I became closer in college while we both lived in Beaumont

going to Lamar U, playing our guitars & other activities . We moved to Austin in 1975 into a house in Hidden Valley, near Coopers Boat Dock on the river side of Mansfield Dam. We were wild & crazy young bachelors chasing girls & enjoy the Austin scene & Marshall Ford Marina, always willing to have a party. After I moved out & got a real job, Joe & I stayed in touch but saw less of each other over time. After I met Susan, my wife, I would call him or he would call me & we'd get together occasionally & play guitar, or meet for lunch & talk about old times. Over the years we lost touch especially after we moved to San Antonio. Late in 2017 we were able to reconnect with the idea of getting the gang together again in the near future. Joe wanted to wait until he had some dental finished. I'm sorry I didn't realize how sick Joe really was. I'll regret not seeing him that one last time. I have some really good memories of Joe & our friendship & will miss him. Joe was a kind soul always concerned about how you were doing...R.I.P. Joe, see you on the other side. I think he's in Heaven playing Clancy by Fever Tree on his guitar.

Danny Pierce - September 26, 2018 at 03:49 PM

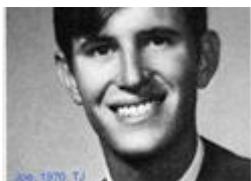


“ I've known Joe since our days of playing football together in Port Arthur in the Lakeview neighborhood. We remained friends through high school, college and after we both moved to Austin. Joe has always been a good friend, there for me when I needed it most. When I moved to north Austin we were able to spend more time together and grew closer in the last few years. He was my best friend a like a brother to me and I will very much miss him.

Terry - September 23, 2018 at 03:32 PM



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Terry - September 23, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ I remember Joe as a sweet and gentle guy. He was so much fun and always had a somewhat sly glint in his eye! Hard to describe, but those who knew him will understand. Joe was roommate with my husband Clint back in the late 70's. I met Clint at a Volente party of mostly folks who worked at T.I. At the time, Joe worked at T.I. and had brought his roommate Clint to the party. Now some 40 years, later I still remember coming into the apartment one evening when Joe of course had his guitar and we all sat around and Joe played and sang while Clint and I attempted to sing

along. That evening was one I will never forget. I was in heaven, and Joe and his music had something to do with that! Over the years we shared many many eventful times, roadtrips, boating, etc. Joe was always a pleasure to be around, a delightful participant friend who brought the laughs and the music wherever he went. R.I.P. Joe Love!
Diane Goodin

Diane Goodin - September 23, 2018 at 08:17 AM



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Laurie Love - September 22, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ Laurie - I am decastated to learn the sad loss if Joe. You heard many times he and I would reminisce if our HS days, joe picking several of us up in the morning to school. We always laughed about his @“white hippie van”
- the blaring Led Zeppelin playing at 7:30 an surely awoke us for school. Joe Love is one that will be missed eternally from all those that knew him. His memory will remain in our toughts forever.

Jack Chambers

jack Chambers - October 20, 2018 at 11:58 AM



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Laurie Love - September 22, 2018 at 09:37 PM



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Laurie Love - September 22, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ Joe will be sorely missed. For 28 years we were neighbors; sitting out at each other's porch, sharing memories of living along the coast and life in Austin. - Todd Patterson

Todd Patterson - September 19, 2018 at 09:57 PM