



Joseph Carpenter Strickling

February 6, 1977 - April 13, 2014

Joseph C. Strickling, 37, passed away on a sunny spring Sunday in Corvallis, surrounded by his family and his caregivers.

Joe was born in Bozeman, Mont., to Michael and Beth Hulet Strickling. He was their third child. Shortly after his birth, his parents were told by the delivering doctor that Joe had had a twin sibling in the womb with him who had not survived. They later learned that Joe had cerebral palsy.

Joe and his family lived in Three Forks, Mont. In 1978, they moved to Jefferson after Joe's dad got a teaching job at Fir Grove Elementary School. They then moved to Albany in 1983.

Joe began his schooling in Albany, starting at Riverside Elementary School. Joe also attended Waverly Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School, as well as Memorial Middle School and South Albany High School, from which he graduated in 1995. After graduation, he entered the SAHS Community Living Skills class and stayed in that program until he turned 21.

Joe was excited to leave home in 1998 to begin his new life at the Mumford House group home in Corvallis. Besides living at Mumford House, he also lived in Woods House and Stone Street House. He loved watching and interacting with his caregivers and being a part of their lives. But most of all he

enjoyed being outside in the community, shopping, working and going to events.

Wherever he went, Joe made lasting friends. Although he sat in a wheelchair a great deal, and endured frequent pain, Joe loved to smile, first and foremost. His sincere, big smile, along with his laugh and sense of humor, were his social tools, and became his most endearing trademarks. They were genuine expressions of his personality and he effectively used them throughout his life to connect with people.

He always was a sociable person, and enjoyed and valued the company of others.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Michael and Beth of Albany; his brother, Jonathan, and wife, Amy, of Novato, Calif.; sister, Rebecca Greaves, and husband, Eric, of Salem; sister, Rachel Herring, and husband, Christopher, of Salem; nieces Kate, Lena, Violet, London and Piper; and nephews Kaden, Zach, Jamison and Julian.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1615 28th Ave. S.E., Albany..

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned that you passed away sweet Joseph! My two sons, David and Christopher stayed with your mom when they were little so I could work. I loved you so much. You were a delight to everyone who met you. My fondest memory was when I took you for a soak in my hot tub. You let me know that you liked the warm water. I know you are with the angels.
Peggy Kroessin

Peggy Kroessin - May 01, 2014 at 01:35 PM

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“ I feel so lucky to have been Joe's massage therapist for a couple years. In my 18 years of practice, I don't think I've ever enjoyed my sessions with a client as much as I did my time with Joe. He always told me he was eighteen (!) and we always exchanged a kiss at the end. I'll never forget that gleeful smile.

Chris D.

chris dopke - April 22, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ We know Angels in heaven welcome Joseph with open arms. We are sure Joseph will make them smile with joy and happiness as he has made his friends and family. May we all be comforted in the knowledge that Joseph will be there with his perfect body free of blemishes when next we meet. May God bless and comfort his Family at this time.



Ted and Kathleen Cox

Ted Cox - April 18, 2014 at 11:32 PM

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“ I will always remember you Joseph as a happy person who liked to joke around and that you liked to kiss girls. I know you endured a lot of physical pain in your life and what an example you were of how to go through pain with a good attitude. It was a blessing to have you in our family. Rest in peace and I'll see you on the other side. Love, Aunt Peggy

Aunt Peggy - April 18, 2014 at 11:27 AM



“ Joseph, what's it like to be able to dance, sing, talk up a storm with everyone there? Know that you gave us all inspiration to overcome our short comings and make the most of what we had available to us. Your smile, your eyes told a story of true happiness and I know for sure where that came from, your family. God gave you the very best family to nurture you, a mother that loved you more than herself, a earthly father that made sure every need was met, and your brother and sisters that let you know they had your back at all times. I'm a very proud great auntie. Thanks for making me your Facebook friend so that I could connect with you on a regular basis. Oh boy, dancing with Jesus! It must be heaven!



Linda Radford - April 18, 2014 at 11:25 AM

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“ rip my friend. may you dance like no other and be overcome by tons of kisses.....



Genn Hathaway - April 16, 2014 at 03:34 PM