



## Josef 'Joe' L. Dittrich

November 12, 1984 - June 4, 2017

Joe Dittrich, 32, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He was born on November 12, 1984 in Wheat Ridge, CO, to Josef R. Dittrich and Rita Burnett Dittrich of Evergreen, CO. Joe was employed with Lowes Home Improvement Corporate Office in Mooresville. He enjoyed an adventurous life filled with outdoor activities, traveling, fitness and obstacle racing. Joe had a great sense of humor, ready smile, and he would go the extra mile in everything he did. He loved his wife and family. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Rhea Dittrich; sister, Shari Lee Campbell-Boots and husband, John of Thornton, CO; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dittrich of Huntley, IL; grandfather, Bud Burnett of Bloomburg, TX; and father and mother-in-law, James and Clara Jung of Hawaii. The family will welcome friends on Friday, June 9 from 5:00-8:00 PM with a Celebration of Life at 6:00 PM at Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to [www.gofundme.com/joedittrich](http://www.gofundme.com/joedittrich). Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is hosting the Dittrich family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Josef 'Joe' L. Dittrich

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Josef 'Joe' L. Dittrich

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Josef 'Joe' L. Dittrich

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Rita, I am so very sorry for the loss of your son. So very, very sad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find Gods' strength during this difficult time.

**Marilyn Patterson** - June 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rita, I am so incredibly sorry. My heart breaks for you and your husband. God's hugs Rita!

**Vicki Maas** - June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rita, I am so sorry to hear about your son, No parent should have to bury their child. You have always been a great mother and you are blessed to have a son who loved you. I pray that your memories will out weigh your sorrow. I love you my friend. Patty Layman

June 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear this news Dittrich family. I loved talking to Joe about new music (which I didn't know then and still don't) and 'old' music from my day! Joe was also a fan of Jimmy Page. And calls in the evening for some homework help. I knew then he was a good kid and by the looks of things he grew into a great man. My deepest sympathies to you all. Deb

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**Deb Crawford** - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Teresa & George Rouse** - June 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My Brother.. My heart breaks

*Contact Me*

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June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Joe, you will forever be in our hearts. And I promise I will help take care of your mom and dad and Shari... love you brother bear!

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**Amy Reistroffer** - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Joe when I first started working on the Lowe's Account in 2015. He was so positive and funny as well as a great partner. I remember our first trip to our new ship site on April Fool's 2015 - everything that could have gone wrong just about did (couldn't get an order to export, missed the truck being loaded, drove through a snow storm, and the truck ended up getting stuck in a traffic jam, barely got out of Scranton, NJ). We made the most of it and got a lot out of the comedy of errors. Later, I got to know Joe better during a few dinners after our meetings (at one of his favorites, Alino's), he reminisced about his great childhood in Colorado, how the cannoli's at Alino's were the closest to what he remembered growing up, meeting Rhea and her beloved family - especially her father (the comedian) in Hawaii. He had wild tales from his many jobs (sign holding) and Lowe's stores & RDC's (creating a jury-rigs to maximize the # of carts he could retrieve, pranks, and customer stories - like fork lifting a bathtub on top of a tracker that busted out the windows - but the customer had demanded it and he was smart enough to have gotten a waiver signed before doing what he firmly had advised the customer not to try to haul). He loved to have fun and wove that into everything he did. He was an insanely hard worker with whatever task was at hand and made great relationships with all he touched. His determination was second to none. I will truly miss Joe and it breaks my heart that we lost him so early in life. He has inspired mine! All my best.

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**Sheila Caudill** - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Rhea, Family & Friends, Joe's legacy is a life well lived. Joe was a special man and friend to so many. His open heart, quick wit and compassion for others were true gifts. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace in your memories and comfort in our shared bond of love and friendship.

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**Christopher Hitch** - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *My dear Son. I love you so very much. You will be in my heart forever. My Love Mama Duck*

Rita Dittrich - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *So sorry for your loss. The pain never goes away. You simply need to make room for it. It's the price we pay to love someone. In our thoughts and prayers.*

E & C Elder - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. John and Debi Wallace*

Debi Wallace - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Josef you were the light of your parents eyes. And your sister Shari was your best friend. Keep your family safe and be that garden angle for them*

Dawn Toivonen - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will never forget the fun times when you and I drove to dinner playing old dirty socks. I am so sorry for your loss it hurts so much I know.*

June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Joe & Rita - words can't express how sorry I am for your loss. Y'all raised one heck of a son & I know how proud y'all are of him. I still have the picture of me & Josef with my little yellow bug at one of his ball games! Hold tight to your memories and take comfort in knowing he's no longer suffering. My love to you both.

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**Lavergne Starkey** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Joe, We hadn't spoken since high school as our lives took different paths which didn't cross again. I'll never forget making potato guns in your driveway and learning to say our names backwards so that we could record it and play it in reverse just to laugh our butts off. You always had a plan, whether it was just to go to Taco Bell, or start a band, we were never bored. I'll miss you buddy. My condolences to your family. -Graham

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**Graham Wilson** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ You will always live in our hearts and prayers.

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**Thomas Magee** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ With deepest sympathy from Joe and Rosina Gimpel

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**JOSEF GIMPEL** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TP

*“ I am very sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Joe as a vendor with Lowe's. Joe was a great person filled with stories of humor and adventure. I really enjoyed working with him. We often had our best meetings at lunch or while telling stories and eating cupcakes. I don't remember a time Joe did not have a smile or calm demeanor on his face. Joe is an inspiration to others!*

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**Tyler Peters** - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AS

*“ Rhea: I'm so terribly sorry for your loss. An angel got his wings. I'll always remember my 'little yosef' and will fondly call him this forever! Only those who worked with him in Cheyenne can truly understand how goofy this truly sounds because he was built like the Hulk! I had the pleasure to work with him for several years here in Cheyenne. He always made me smile and I loved our conversations about what the two of you were always embarking on. He truly loved the outdoors and the activities you did together. Bless you and the family.*

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**Angie Specht** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

*“ A man that encouraged those of us around him to be better, this world is better because Joe was here*

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**Stacey Hundstad** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I met Joe a few times when I was at Lowe's visiting my husband Chad. He was always so friendly and I could tell he had a great sense of humor. My husband Chad thought the world of him and would talk about him often. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers and we are praying for peace and comfort for all of you.

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**Tracey Cubert** - June 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever. Thank you Joe for the life you lived and the dedication as a leader not only at Lowe's but in your personal life as well. I didn't get to work for you long before you transferred to corporate but you were an awesome role model.

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**Crystal Peak** - June 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I'm so very sorry. Joe was an awesome person and an inspiration to us all.

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**Dora Carter** - June 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM