



Joseph "Joe" C. Widen

August 28, 1976 - November 10, 2014

Joseph "Joe" C. Widen 38 of Bluffton passed away on Monday, November 10, 2014, at his residence in Bluffton.

Joe was born on August 28, 1976 in Bluffton to Roger & Sharon E. (Stroup) Widen. He was a 1994 graduate of Bluffton High School. He was a huge Chicago Cubs Fan and had the chance to work at Wrigley Field. He also worked for the Fort Wayne Tin Caps, General Manufacturing and recently at Cross Roads Pantry. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Bluffton and formally attended the First Church of the Nazarene.

On June 4, 2011 in Fort Wayne, Joe and Vonda (Miller) Widen were married. She survives along with cousins; Dr. Robert & Barb Musselman of Fort Wayne and Bob & Carol Lambert of Muncie along with extended family members and many close friends.

A service to celebrate Joe's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2014, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Pastor Jerry Blanchard will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Memorials may be made in Joe's memory to the Diabetes Association of America. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family

at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

NOV 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 14, 2014 at 12:47 PM



“ *Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *On behalf of the Fort Wayne TinCaps, I send my condolences to Joe's family. Rain or shine, win or lose, Joe always enjoyed ushering at Parkview Field in his section (101). He will be missed. RIP Joe*

Erik Lose - November 17, 2014 at 02:06 PM



“ *Ive known you my whole life bro, but the time i was in jail for being stupid, you took the time to send me the best gift, a year subscription to Vinline Magazine, the Chicago Cubs mag, and dude, you got me through. I will really miss your face and your fun times brother, hope to meet you one day again up there. R.I.P. dear friend.*

Justin Adams - November 14, 2014 at 12:49 AM

Amy
Arnold
Graham

“ Amy Arnold Graham lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



Amy Arnold Graham - November 14, 2014 at 12:02 AM

TB

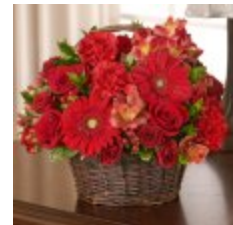
“ The Beedons sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



The Beedons - November 13, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen.



November 13, 2014 at 08:48 PM

Kellie
Brown

“ Kellie Brown lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



Kellie Brown - November 13, 2014 at 05:48 PM

Tim Widen

“ My heartfelt thoughts to you Vonda, I am truly sorry for your loss. I will miss the occasional chats with Joe, and I wish I could have met my brother. I was so happy to find him after all these years. I wish we would have been able to go to the baseball game that we talked about several times. By seeing his pics, and talking with him, I know we would have been not only brothers but the best of friends. God speed bro!!

Tim Widen - November 13, 2014 at 03:51 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our dad often had stories of his time spent with Joey. What a great kid. Kay Cotton Family

Susan Campbell - November 13, 2014 at 12:21 PM



“ R.I.H....



MrsMiranda Capetillo - November 13, 2014 at 12:08 PM

SM

“ Shannon McCormick lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



shannon mccormick - November 13, 2014 at 09:54 AM

TS

“ *Trisha Stoops lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Trisha Stoops - November 13, 2014 at 09:21 AM

CA

“ *I've known you since kindergarten. We might not have gotten along the greatest through out our school years, but I'm glad we became friends. The trips to South Bend. The parties. The toaster upside your head. Ha ha some truly great memories. RIP Joe*

Cary - November 13, 2014 at 07:24 AM

KC

“ *My deepest condolences to Joe's family.*



Kristin (Berger) Cochran - November 13, 2014 at 07:22 AM

 Amy
Arnold
Graham

“ *Amy Arnold Graham lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Amy Arnold Graham - November 13, 2014 at 06:40 AM

LR

“ *Lauri Robison lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Lauri Robison - November 12, 2014 at 06:38 PM

CA

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you all at this difficult time. R.I.P Joe Widen!*



Carol - November 12, 2014 at 02:42 PM

TF

“ *I went into the cupboard today and broke down at the sight of the can sitting on the counter instead of your smiling joking face. My days r definitely missing something wo you and the world has lost another truly sweet soul. RIP Joey :(*



Tricia Foreman - November 12, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ *Joe was a sweet and kind guy I had the pleasure of knowing him through school*



Tonya Sills - November 12, 2014 at 09:38 AM

DH

“ Joe you will be greatly missed!!

Deni Harper - November 12, 2014 at 12:41 AM

DH

“ Deni Harper lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



Deni Harper - November 12, 2014 at 12:39 AM

JB

“ Jenny (Romine) Boyd lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



Jenny (Romine) Boyd - November 12, 2014 at 12:13 AM

JB

“ Truly one of a kind! Kinda like another brother to the family. Many wonderful memories through middle and high school! Taken way too soon!! Such a fun and caring guy! Forever missed...

Jenny (Romine) Boyd - November 12, 2014 at 12:12 AM

JF

“ *My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the widen family. Joe and I met at VanderCook, we became instant friends. We were roommates together in Bridgeport for a while. I can't tell you how many Cubs games we watched and beers we drank... Joe was a good friend. He will be missed.*



Jim Fallinske - November 11, 2014 at 11:17 PM

KR

“ *Sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to your family. He was a great guy with a big heart.*



Kristy - November 11, 2014 at 10:33 PM

DH

“ *Your smile lit the room, ur laugh was contagious, you had such a warm, kind soul Joe! You will be missed, RIP Joe!!*



dawn hafeez - November 11, 2014 at 10:22 PM

WD

“ *Joe we so miss you already. It's not going to be the same without hearing from you or seeing you almost every day. Damien and I will never forget all of the times we spent with you. RIP our dear friend we will miss you always.*



Wendy & Damien - November 11, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ I remember you singing "Bird is the word," in the hallway while I was in study hall, so that I would laugh. You will be missed by many. RIP Joe.



Becky Brockmann Hull - November 11, 2014 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ You will be truly missed joe so sad that your gone!!! Rip joe

lori richmond - November 11, 2014 at 07:45 PM

DS

“ Joey, you will be missed!! Such a young spirit taken away at a young age.



David and Tery Schocke - November 11, 2014 at 06:46 PM

KC

“ You'll be missed. . .



Kate Wenger Curless - November 11, 2014 at 06:43 PM

Julie
Modlin

“ Julie Modlin lit a candle in memory of Joseph
"Joe" C. Widen



Julie Modlin - November 11, 2014 at 06:21 PM

MK

“ Joe our time was short together but was treasured. You were full of
passion and a blast to be around. The Cubbies play everyday in
heaven my man.

Matthew Knox - November 11, 2014 at 05:53 PM

Jamie
Carr

“ Jamie Carr lit a candle in memory of Joseph
"Joe" C. Widen



Jamie Carr - November 11, 2014 at 05:36 PM

CK

“ Connie Kaufman lit a candle in memory of
Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



Connie Kaufman - November 11, 2014 at 05:34 PM

KF

“ *Ken And Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Ken and Jeannie Flowers - November 11, 2014 at 05:09 PM

KP

“ *Kami Paxson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Kami Paxson - November 11, 2014 at 04:36 PM

ET

“ *I met you at GMI you were so funny you and Melissa were going to sing well you all did sing when we were at work and laugh so hard cuz I said both of you needed singing lesson. I can not wrap my mind that you are gone. RIP my sweet friend*

Esmeralda Torres - November 11, 2014 at 04:26 PM

ET

“ *Esmeralda Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



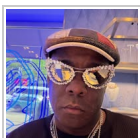
Esmeralda Torres - November 11, 2014 at 04:23 PM

ES

“ *Esmeralda lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Esmeralda - November 11, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Some of my favorite Chicago memories were hanging with Joe. Working at Wrigley, or the Dave Matthews Band concert that Joe made Epic. Thanks for the memories. You will be missed.*

Antonio Brown - November 11, 2014 at 02:55 PM

RC

“ *"Joey" was always a favorite of Mom and Dad (Martha and Luther Clamme). He loved Mom's noodles and asked for them whenever he saw her. Will miss you cuz. May your soul find peace in Heaven.*

Ron Clamme - November 11, 2014 at 02:30 PM

DP

“ *Dan & Peg Paxson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Dan & Peg Paxson - November 11, 2014 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ *Doug Sawyer*



Doug Sawyer - November 11, 2014 at 01:30 PM

RC

“ *Rod & Brenda Clamme lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Rod & Brenda Clamme - November 11, 2014 at 11:32 AM

JP

“ *Jim And Kathie Purvis sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen*



Jim and Kathie Purvis - November 11, 2014 at 11:27 AM

JP

Joe was a big Cubs Fan when Kat had her arm in a cast Big Joe put a Cubs sticker on her. He will be missed by the two of us so much.

Jim and Kathie Purvis - November 11, 2014 at 11:29 AM

AF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



A friend - November 11, 2014 at 10:02 AM

AB

“ April Bodenheimer sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph "Joe" C. Widen



April Bodenheimer - November 11, 2014 at 07:43 AM

DK

“ Joey was such a sweet soul. My thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.

Diana (Cotton) Kauffman - November 10, 2014 at 06:48 PM