



Joseph Richard Griesheimer

February 8, 1947 - September 28, 2012

Joseph R. Griesheimer

Joseph Richard Griesheimer, 65, passed away suddenly at his home September 28, 2012. He was born February 8, 1947 in Toledo, Ohio to Doyle and Emaline Griesheimer.

Joe graduated from Ohio University in 1969, with a BA in English Literature, and received his MA from Bowling Green State University in Spanish Peninsular Literature. He was a member of the first year long study abroad program in Madrid, Spain, jointly conducted by OU and BGSU in 1967-1969.

Joe served in the US Army from 1970-1972, stationed in Arlington, VA as a color team commander for the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. He taught Spanish at St. John's Jesuit High School for 25 years, from 1972-1997, and Central Catholic for 4 years, from 1998-2002, when he retired. He also was an adjunct Professor of Spanish for many years for Monroe County Community College, Tiffin University and Heidelberg University.

Joe chaperoned 13 student trips to Spain and 1 to Mexico to share his love of Spanish with his students. He went on 2 short mission trips to Honduras, building a mission compound wall and parsonage, as well as 1 mission trip to Guatemala to work at a boys orphanage and city dump day care center.

Joe was an adult Sunday school teacher at Emmanuel United Brethren Church for many years, and was excited to be working his way through

reading the Bible over a one year period. He was especially fond of 3 men who impacted his life: Charles Fish, with whom he worked many summers, Jeff McVicker, with whom he sang, played softball, basketball and took fishing trips, and Larry Korakas, with whom he cooked many a dead chicken for Emmanuel's campout weekends. He truly loved his Lord and was thankful that the "Hound of Heaven" kept nipping at his heels to keep him on the right path.

Joe sang many years with the Ambassadors Gospel Quartet at Emmanuel United Brethren Church in Toledo. He was gifted in music: singing, playing the guitar, harmonica, trombone and playing piano by ear.

He was so proud of his son and daughter and their families. He was a loving "Papaw", who would sit and color with, sketch pictures for, play "Capture", play the guitar and sing to his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Cindy, son Matthew (Stacy) of Charleston, SC, daughter Jodi (Robert) McClain of Sylvania and grandchildren Alexis, Lane and Haley McClain, Noah Cade Griesheimer. He leaves behind brothers Jim (Martha) of Decorah, IA, Jeff (Valerie) of Columbus, OH, Jerry (Joanne) and sister Bonnie (Terry) Diehl of Londonderry, OH. Many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews also survive. He has joined several loved ones that have preceded him in death. He and Jeff together are belting out "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "Beulah Land".

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Church of the Cross United Methodist, 1806 Cass Rd. at Eastgate. The family will receive friends prior to the service starting at 2:00. Following the Memorial Service, a dinner will be provided at the church for those who wish to stay. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family asks that any contributions be made to the Church of the Cross

United Methodist Building Fund or Mission Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Chris, Jerry and family

I am sorry for your loss.

Miriam###imported-begin###Miriam Palmer miriampalmer12@yahoo.com###imported-end###

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie, Jim, Jeff, Jerry,

I am very saddened to learn of Joe's passing. I always loved talking with Joe and I remember him as being so humble yet so very talented. I am happy knowing he is with our Lord Jesus. I know you will miss him.

Sharon###imported-begin###Sharon Clary###imported-end###

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“ Rest easily with God now, Joe. You're in the best of hands and hearts now.

Love.....butch welling###imported-begin###Butch Welling bwellling@sjtitans.org###imported-end###

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie, Jerry & families: We're so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. However, being ready to meet the Lord is the most important happen-ing. Saw Joe last year at the SE class reunion. So good to see and speak with him. The pic-ture of him reminds me of high school and Joe playing the trombone. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sorrowful time. May God uplift all of you.##imported-begin##Bob & Marilyn (DeTillian) Hatfield rbrt_htfld@yahoo.com##imported-end##

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I graduated from high school with Joe and have many fond memories. My prayers go out to his family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Rita Graves rgraves@horizonview.net##imported-end##

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sad to hear of Joe's sudden passing. I was in Joe's graduating high school class. Joe was so intelligent and multi-talented. He excelled in sports and music. He was a wonderful friend and very well liked by his fellow classmates. Deepest sympathy and prayers to his beautiful family.##imported-begin##Carolyn (Vaughn) Phipps##imported-end##

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe and I worked the finish line at track meets for years. He brought the guac and chips and I brought sweets...he loved to discuss his children. Then later he taught my son Spanish at Central Catholic. Joe was a great guy and fun to work with. I will pray for all of you. I know Joe is smiling down at all of you.##imported-begin##Susan Grombacher##imported-end##

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO CINDY, MATHEW, JODI AND THEIR FAMILIES. ALSO, JIM, BONNIE, JEFF, JERRY AND THEIR FAMILIES.
JOE AND I GREW UP AS NEIGHBORS AND ATTENDED CHURCH TOGETHER. I FONDLY REMEMBER JOE FROM SE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD IN 4-H AND JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CLUB.
JOE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN HIS LIFETIME AND HE WILL BE VERY MUCH MISSED.
GOD BLESS
CHARLES RATCLIFF##imported-begin##CHARLES RATCLIFF rat cliffsacres@roadrunner.com##imported-end##

September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeff and family, I was very sorry to hear about Joe passing. please let your family know that we sent our deep sympathy.your family was like a second family to me back in our younger days.hope to see and hear from you soon.Scott##imported-begin##Scott Ruby & Family 1sherwood@roadrunner.com##imported-end##

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“ *Cindy, Matt, Jodi and families,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Joe was a very special person who touched the lives of many people and will be remembered forever.

Joe was a very important influence on me in my years at St. John's and I know that his love of the Spanish language and culture was instilled in hundreds of students. Personally, Joe was both a colleague and dear friend. I will always remember his kindness, sense of humor, and gentle nature. I know that we had lost touch in the years since St. John's but I know that I am a better person because of Joe.

I'd like to share a story that I recall Joe telling people about a fall day when he and I went canoing on the Maumee River. We had borrowed a canoe and started in Grand Rapids with the plan to paddle to Waterville. Well we made the trip and had a great time, but after a mile or so we realized that it was duck hunting season and it seemed that numerous times during our float we found ourselves paddling between hunters and their targets. It was a little scary at the time, but I can still hear him laughing as he told the story in the faculty lounge on Monday. Thank you for sharing his company with me that day.

You are all in our hearts.

Love,

*Mark & Callie##imported-begin##Mark & Callie
Nusbaum##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Cindy and family,

Working with Joe for many years at St. John's Jesuit, I knew a kind and generous man. Joe always thought of others instead of himself.

May God help you through this time of immense grief and give you His special blessings to keep his memories alive in your hearts.##imported-begin##Cindy McCaw##imported-end##

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“ Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your sudden loss. I hope memories are comforting, and the trust that this separation is only temporary. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Darlene K. dkl
ing@toast.net##imported-end##

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“ There a few people that just the thought of them makes me happy and smile--Joe is ONE!
*I first met Joe at 4-H camp and we 'bonded' instantly, alone with his kid brother Jeff.
I am so proud to say that he is a friend of mine and my wife Sue.
We never got together afterwards, but spoke in the last few years over the phone and they same happiness and enthusiasm were still there. I am sure he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I can truly say that both Sue and I 'Loved Joe!'
Good Bye my friend till we meet again.##imported-begin##Dan and Sue Kelley##imported-end##*

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“ *sorry for your loss. could not make the funeral, this is the busiest time of the year for me at work. hope things are going well for you.* **##imported-begin##connie longberry##imported-end##**

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“ *Matt and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss.* **##imported-begin##Heather Valentine##imported-end##**

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