



## Joe Alonzo DeLeon, Jr.

June 27, 1963 - October 30, 2015

Joe Alonzo DeLeon Jr. was born June 27th, 1963 and entered into his eternal heavenly home October 30, 2015 making his age fifty-two years, three months and three days.

Joe was the only son of two loving, devoted parents Joe Alonzo DeLeon Sr. and Jovita Reyes Palacios DeLeon, who both preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters, Zoe Danae DeLeon and Shara Lyn DeLeon, one son, Kaleb Kody Pazar, cousins Almita Flores and Antuan Griffin. He is also survived by the one person who stood by his side in many different roles for over twenty years, having been wife, friend, caregiver and truly, above all earthly bonds, his soulmate, Michelle Wilson Pazar. Joe met Michelle over twenty years ago, and the two formed a bond that couldn't be broken even beneath relationship changes, up to the time of his death. Michelle, along with her partner Wayne, would spend Joe's last days on this earth caring unendingly for him, and demonstrating the bond that she and Joe shared above and beyond most people's understanding.

To say that Joe was unselfish doesn't even begin to describe this man and his character. He was simple, loving, talented and the backbone of many bands in and around the Houston area that he called home his whole life. He even was

fortunate enough to co-write the number one hit song "Reno", a country classic.

Joe saw the world, traveled, dreamed and loved with a passion unequalled by most and spread his passion for life and love of man throughout the world. He will be missed for more things than anyone can imagine, by his children as a father, by Michelle as an unselfish friend, and by the world as a musical talent, as in Joe's very core was the beat of a community that will miss him terribly.

In most conventional obituaries, this is where it ends. However, Joe DeLeon was NO ordinary man, and was absolutely unconventional!

Though Joe's loving parents always considered him an only child, Joe knew different. You see, throughout his short life on this earth, Joe inherited the hearts of THOUSANDS of brothers and sisters, the people who he graced the stage with over his storied career, and the people who counted on Joe as the beat of their collective musical heart. Some of those who should be noted as true brothers were members of three bands Joe considered the highlights of his musical life: Doug Supernaw and the Possum Eatin' Cowboys yes, Joe thought of that name!, The TearJerkers and Cowboy Steel. Though it's impossible to name each man and woman who was special to him, these bands were truly the core of his musical family. Joe was responsible for starting Cowboy Steel, a band that backed up multiple country artists over the last decade. It was with Cowboy Steel and The Foundry Church worship team that Joe performed his last live shows and studio session.

Just prior to his passing, Joe was honored with the Country Music Association of Texas' "Drummer of the Year" Award.

Being one of those fortunate enough to hear "I love you, man" from the little guy with the short pants and the loud and proud sound was an honor extended to many by Joe, who wasn't afraid to hug man or woman at any time he thought they needed it.

By the standards of those who consider possessions a sign of wealth, Joe may have seemed less than rich, but those who knew him knew he was enriched with a spirit and a smile that stood above any worldly possession, except maybe his trademark "Burnt Cheese" DW Drums.

In Houston's music scene, Joe DeLeon will not ever be gone from us. His signature sound has been heard on thousands of recordings over the years, and his presence will be felt in every honky tonk, church, banquet room, concert stage and studio where Joe was the backbone of the beat and the heart of the music. For Joe, this is merely a move to a new band, where he will surely count it off right every time.

The family invites you to join them for a viewing from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

A service celebrating Joe's life will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at The Foundry Church, 8350 Jones Rd., Houston, Texas 77065.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ We are saddened to hear the loss of our cousin. As we know there are several great musicians in our family and Joe was right up there. May his music live in our hearts and his love in our memories. Our condolences to his family.

Love,  
A. Alonzo

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**A. Alonzo** - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I am almita Flores mentioned on obituary as {cousin} Joe was my brother I've known him for 52 years I was raised in his home by two beautiful people jovita palacios and joe a Deleon sr we played and fought as children my most clear memory of my sweet brother was as a 3 year old not able to reach very much he would sit on the floor and pull out every pot and pan from under the sink and bang the heck out of them we always knew he would be a drummer as a child we were taught to be kind and humble to others our conversations always ended with I love you he was an amazing person I love and miss him so much thank you for your prayers \\\\almita

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**almita** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Joe I Have Had an Awesome Time with you always and with The rest of Darwins Band. Me helping you unload your stuff and helping you load it up it was all worth it. Ill never forget you my friend and The Great Song Reno. So ill see you again some day.

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**Willie Eccles** - November 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *It is with Honor that I can say I knew Joe. Tears stream as we are all missing him. He made an impact like non other. Joe, you were truly loved by all. Love, Elaine*

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**Elaine Brown** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *"Little Joe", we love you & you will be missed. God saw you suffering & in pain and placed His arms around you and took you home to join your mom and dad. I'll always cherish the time I got to spend being "your roadie", while you, Kenny & Allen played all over. What a great time we had back then. What a huge loss to the music industry and to the Palacios' & Deleon families. Keep playing your music in Heaven for all of us to hear one day. Love you mijo, and I miss you. Your cousin Becky*

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**Becky Crawford** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Rest in peace my friend. You were one of the most kindest person I have ever met. Thank you for all your kind words and encouraging me to sing. I will miss you dearly.*

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**Janet** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Words can't express our sympathy. Joe we will miss you and we will never forget the times spent with you and the Possum Eatin' Cowboys. You always had a smile and a hug and welcomed us to hang with you guys. I always said you were a Rock N' Roll drummer trapped in a Country Band. Loved listening to you guys and you truly were the backbone of the Possum Eatin'Cowboys. You will be missed, but never forgotten. Much Love and Blessings to your family. Mark and Suzi Danton*

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**Mark and Suzi Danton** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *RIP My brother in music. You will always be in our hearts.*

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**JD Kitchen** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Never before have I worked with a musician like Joe, he was a selfless man, and a remarkable talent. Joe took the time to be kind to every one. He will be missed by all.*

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**Hoss Mayfield** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I met Joe when Doug Supernaw used to play at party on the plaza and we instantly connected when we looked into each others eyes. We kept in touch over the years and shared a mutual feeling. Reconnected with him earlier this year to find out he was drumming for Darwin Macon and I seewent to go see him a few times. He never once told me he was sick so you can imagine what a loss this must be not only to me but many. I love you Joe I always have you will be sorely missed. My condolences go out to your family. Keep on drumming my friend. Save a spot for me up there.*

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**Phyllis Byles** - November 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *I've played music with Joe many times, I have admired him for more than his undeniable talents in the music he played. Joe truly exuded the definition of a friend, a mentor and gentleman. I will miss him dearly, but I will also cherish the blessing of being able to have been called his friend. Thank you Joe for making my life richer.*

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**Gary Grose** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ God Bless you for sharing your talents and knowledge to so many musicians that needed and respected you!

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**David Ryan Joseph** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Thanks Little Joe for the laughs we had together.

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**Richard McCabe** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To the Deleon family, you have all of mine and Jill's condolences and prayers in this time of grief. I will always cherish the memories of the gigs I shared with Joe years ago. May you find comfort & peace in the Lord.

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**Jim Criswell** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Thank you Joe for your friendship. It has been clear these last few days that in your short time here you impacted so many around you. I will miss you and I know many, many others will also.

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**Bryan Shayne** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Deleon family,I'm very sorry Joe was an awesome person as young cousins growing up the same as we became fathers and providers for our families,I know he's in heaven with Tio Joe and Tia Jovita,RIP Cuz

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**Ralph Palacios,Sr.& Family** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Joe was a great guy and awesome drummer....i will really miss him

David weinzapfel - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Rest in Peace, we know you will be making and playing music in Heaven when the Angels.

Kevin Morosin - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was privileged to work alongside Joe many times.What a great human being.As far as I'm concerned, any friend of Joe's is a friend of mine....Long live the spirit and memories of Joe Deleon...one of the best!

Johnny Foster - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Joe was a compassionate person. Always had a smile and that special hug waiting at each concert my family and I attended. We always thought alot of him. Sending Condolences. Lisa Wagley Basler

Lisa Basler - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ How wonderful it is to be loved by so many. Joe will be missed for sure.

Sandi Curran - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ We played ,toured, loved, laughed, and God did we live!!! It's hard to believe this. I miss you my dear friend.28 years were not enough, and though we will meet again, I will miss your presence and your wonderful groove. I love you my brother ...

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**Brian Thomas** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Joe greeted us with a smile and a warm hug at every show that we attended with him touring with Doug. He was an incredible person and was always kind to us. Condolences sent. Kay and Raymond Wsgley

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**Kay Wagley Raymond Wagley** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ God bless you Joe!! Thanks for your time and talent.....R.I.P.

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**Richie Vasquez** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Joe was one of the finest musicians and persons one could ever meet. I'm glad I was able to work with him on stage, screen, studio, and church. He left an impression on me that will never wear off. He was always very encouraging, and, when you get to know him, one heck of a funny guy. And as a musician, you only had to tell him something one time and he had it. Total professional in all regards. There was only one Joe Deleon. And there will never be another. And the world is poorer without him.

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**Randy Wall** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Your family is in our prayers during this difficult time. May God cover you with comfort and peace.

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**Joni Carpenter** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May you be in the arms of the Lord Jesus 5 minutes before the Devil even knows you're gone. I love you my friend and I will miss you dearly !! You were one of a kind Joe. R.I.P. my Musical brother...Jesse

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**Jesse Haney** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I love you, and you truly have impacted my life greatly. I will keep all my promises to you, and I will smile as you always told me to do. I miss you more every day, keep a watch over Lyla and I. When your not to busy watching over your kiddos and Family.

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“ Prayers to the Deleon family

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**Lisa Basler** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Joe was one of the most compassionate, kindest men I have ever met. I will miss his quick wit and beautiful smile. He is now playing with that Heavenly Band in the sky.

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**Deb Edwards** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I moved to Houston from Brazil in 2008. Went to Sugar Hill Studios to try to find gigs to play. There was a session going on, among all the musicians Joe was the ONLY ONE who gave me a little paper with his name and phone. He didn't know me... he tried to help me. We played together many many times and at the last gig, last time we got together, his last words to me were " I love you Guil..." with a good laugh. The laugh is in my mind and the words will forever be in my heart. Peace my dear friend!

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**Gui Fonseca** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Danelle Stueckroth** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To Joes friends and family may you find comfort in each other during the difficult  
Days ahead but in each passing day it get easier. Joe was respected and loved by a  
Lot of us he was an exceptional talent on drums on the stage in the studio and a total class act and he will be missed God bless you all and take care I'm sorry I will not be  
Able to make it for the visitation or memorial but my thoughts and prayers will be with you We'd and the days ahead.

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**Donnie Presswood** - November 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM