



Joe Wayne Hanzelka

December 30, 1959 - November 3, 2023

Joe Wayne Hanzelka, 63, of Rosenberg, Texas passed away unexpectedly on November 3, 2023. He was born on December 30, 1959 in Richmond, Texas to Willie and Ann (Harris) Hanzelka. Joe retired last year from CenterPoint Energy after 44 years of employment. His hobbies included being outdoors, hunting, traveling and listening to red dirt country music. He was also involved with the Harris County Senior Softball League in Houston. Joe will truly be missed.

In addition to his parents, Joe is survived by his daughter, Sydney Hanzelka; brother, Richard Hanzelka; sister, Terri Hanzelka Gorka and her husband, Pete; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Joe is also survived by his long-term companion, Sharla Crawford and her children, Cody Crawford and Morgan Mullins.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Come prepared to share a fun story or memory of Joe with the family.

Details for a future Celebration of Life will be forthcoming.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Make A Wish Foundation, a group that helps grant wishes to pediatric patients.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.(Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

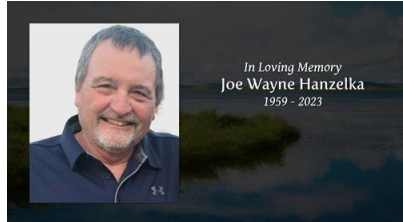
NOV **12.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Wayne Hanzelka*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - November 10, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *I have been married to Greg Mikeska for many, many years this gave me a glimpse into the boys lives. Tears of blessings flowed for all I have received. Thank you for sharing. His stories came to life. May angels of comfort help you through.*

sm - February 14, 2024 at 12:21 PM

“ Joe Hanzelka played senior softball in the Harris County Senior Softball League and on the Crossfire tournament team that began around 2014 with Joe being one of the founding players. He continued to play for the highly successful Crossfire as it evolved over the years, winning many regional tournaments and in 2018 won a SSUSA World Masters Championship title

Joe was a key player every year on the Crossfire team which once again competed in the prestigious annual SSUSA tournament in September 2023, finishing third.

Joe was a beloved teammate and a loyal friend who was at the heart of the Crossfire teams success for nearly a decade.

Joe was a quiet leader that was highly respected for his tenacity, gritty play and endurance but more importantly for his generosity, camaraderie and commitment the team spirit. We were extremely fortunate to have Joe as a teammate.

Joe was well known for his defensive play. His strong throwing arm and his signature diving catches in the outfield were awe inspiring. He was well known for his skills by his teammates and fellow competitors in both league and tournament play.

Joe's calm demeanor, wry wit and practical view were foundational to the Crossfire team and crucial to its success as his infectious spirit was a pervasive influence on team chemistry. While many players passed through Crossfire over the years, Joe was a constant presence at the core of the team where he set an admirable example for old and new players alike.

On behalf of the Crossfire team, we've shared a short video highlighting Joe during the successful 2023 season culminating in the annual trip to Las Vegas to compete in the SSUSA World Championship tournament. We hope you enjoy this tiny snippet of Joe the player. What we can never hope to show is the limitless

depth for the universal love, respect and admiration we all carry for Joe...our friend, teammate and quiet leader. We will dearly miss him.



Paul Towne - November 11, 2023 at 01:44 PM

MC

“ *Mike and I heard about Joe... What a terrible loss!!! We want to express our condolences to Joe's parents and siblings and all of his family and friends. Joe was a fine person and a good softball player that Mike enjoyed playing KC ball with for many years. All of you are in our prayers... God bless you all... 🙏💙🙏*
Mike and Debby Coffman

Mike and Debby Coffman - November 10, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Wayne Hanzelka.*



November 10, 2023 at 06:09 PM

DG

“ Joe was the kindest and gentle person I’ve ever known. My sidekick in the outfield for the last couple of years on Crossfire was always smiling and laughing. It was a pleasure and honor to have played with him and known him. As much as a good ball player he was, he was even a better person, and it was my pleasure to have him as friend! I miss you Joe, you can’t be replaced! See on God’s diamond one day! Love you my brother!!

Danny Gorden - November 07, 2023 at 09:10 PM

CS

“ We lost a good soul and much too early. Joe was a fun, kind guy and wonderful father as evidenced by his exceptional daughter Sydney. Gone too soon but never forgotten.

Craig and Jeannie Sonnier

Craig Sonnier - November 07, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JG

“ I am very sorry and sad to hear about Joe. I talked to him at our class reunion in October. RIP Joe. Jimmy Gonzales

Jimmy Gonzales - November 06, 2023 at 04:34 PM