



## Joah Michael Dye

July 9, 1977 - May 1, 2013

EMPIRE- Joah passed away peacefully, at home with his family, after a two year battle with melanoma. He kept a positive attitude throughout and faced each obstacle with courage and good humor.

Joah was a special guy who had a positive impact on the people he knew. He remembered the names and circumstances of everyone he met, no matter how long ago. When people couldn't remember things, they would say "Ask Joah" and he would know. Along with his love for horses, music and restaurants Joah loved traveling and meeting new people. We wish you well, Joah, on your new adventure and will join you when you can give us the grand tour.

Joah will be missed by his Mom, Margaret (March) Dye of Empire, his Dad, Michael Dye of California and his brother, Daylen (Deanna) Dye of Grand Rapids; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews cousins - and friends at every restaurant within a 100 mile radius.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to Leelanau Horse Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 859 Leland, MI 49654.

Please feel free to share your memories of Joah with his family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ Thank you to all who have shared stories of Joah and who have appreciated his sense of humor and love of life. It has helped and been a comfort to myself and my family.

I need to apologize to those of you who made contributions to the Leelanau Horse Rescue. It seems that that organization is defunct. Your donations should be returned to you. Please feel free to use that donation in any way that you feel would benefit any animal or person in need.

I think that remembering Joah's love of life and people is the best possible gift to his memory. Smile , be kind and enjoy all things.

Love, March (Margaret) Dye Joah's Mom

**March Dye** - May 20, 2013 at 03:11 PM

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“ Dear March,

We are so sorry to here about Joah's passing. He was truly a unique individual. We will never forget him coming into Great Lakes Truck Center and wanting to get in all the big trucks. Pete so enjoyed giving him rides. His character and wit touched our lives and he will live in our memories forever. Out thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pete and Kathy Mikowski

**Kathleen Mikowski** - May 16, 2013 at 05:19 PM

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“ Dear March and family: Joah always made us smile and approached us as friends, we will miss seeing Joah at the Friendly. We are keeping you in our prayers.

Mark and Marilyn Bareman, Grand Rapids, MI

**bareman** - May 16, 2013 at 07:46 AM

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“ Dear march, So sad to hear about joah's passing , he was a good soul, good guy, and a good friend. I will miss his challenging humor .....always fun, ken & helen peterson

**ken peterson** - May 14, 2013 at 09:55 PM

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“ March and Daylen, I am very sorry to hear about Joah. My memories of Golden Valley Ranch have always included Joah riding his horse "Hunk". Now Joah can gallop the trails with a big smile on his face. I will keep your family in my thoughts and pray for your hearts to heal from your loss.

Melissa Hirt

**Melissa Hirt** - May 13, 2013 at 09:36 AM

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“ March and Daylan,  
I am so sorry and heartbroken to learn of Joah's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. He was such a joy and inspiration to others with his wonderful smile and huge heart. You are a beyond, beyond amazing mother and I will be thinking about you as you move forward. Rest Peacefully sweet Joah.  
Kathryn (and Sharon) Kendall

**Kathryn (Kendall) Pekarul** - May 06, 2013 at 09:55 PM

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“ Grieving for everyone's loss. Joah was a wonderful man. When I worked at the Friendly Tavern, he would bring to us girls who worked there, ice-cream bars, on hot summer days. Such a good heart.

**kelly feger** - May 05, 2013 at 01:04 PM

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“ Hello March,

We can only imagine what you are going through at this time. Joah was such a joy to everyone he was around. We will miss his humor and his unique character. He could always bring laughter and interest to conversations. His wit was unmatched and his memory was like a treasure. We will miss him dearly and his memory will live on. Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time.

Love,  
Pete and Kristi

**Peter and Kristi** - May 05, 2013 at 06:43 AM

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“ March

We were saddened to hear of your loss of Joah. We will always remember how he could always bring a smile to our face. He will be missed. Wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Vonna

**Vonna Gillow** - May 03, 2013 at 03:25 PM

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“ Joah always gave the best hugs!!!! His smile and sense of humor will always be remembered. Thinking of you March-Holly and Tom Reay

**Holly Reay** - May 03, 2013 at 01:20 PM

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“ My day was always brightened when Joah came into the pharmacy. March, I'm so sorry on the loss of your son and your buddy!  
Keith Gaede

**Keith Gaede** - May 03, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ Joah (The Gentle Giant) was always upbeat and full of wise cracks.....Even when he was confronted with his greatest challenges, Joah was always smiling and giving words of encouragement.....

The big shoes now sitting empty in the corner, will be very difficult to fill.....God speed Joah, my friend....Jim

**James Bodoh** - May 10, 2013 at 09:10 PM

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“ Joah was a special kind of guy. We will miss visiting with him at the Friendly and seeing him around " downtown" Empire. We are happy to have known him these past couple of years. Bob and Rita Quinn

**bob quinn** - May 03, 2013 at 09:56 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Joah--I know he will be greatly missed by his family first and foremost--as well as many whose lives he has touched. He will be missed.

**Vickie Hamilton** - May 03, 2013 at 12:53 PM