



Joseph Comfort

June 22, 1954 - September 14, 2024

Joseph George Comfort, died at Yale New Haven Hospital on September 14, 2024 at the age of 70 due to health complications. Joseph was the son of the late Perry Comfort and Elizabeth (Dortche) Comfort was born in New Haven, CT on June 22, 1954 and was a lifelong resident. Joseph, “Joe” as he was affectionately called was free spirited, loved karate movies and was considered a New Haven Street Legend who has his own Wikipedia page. He was given and proudly answered to the nickname “Iron Joe” by many of his peers . He worked many odd jobs as a handy man throughout his life and was proud to tell his story of working at the old New Haven Coliseum with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus before injuring his back in the late 1980’s. Joe was known to have a big heart and even though he didn’t have much to offer, he was always willing to give. Even in his last moments, he gave the gift of life to others as an organ donor. Joe was loved by many. He may be gone from the flesh but he shall live forever in the hearts of those who knew him and the stories we share.

He is survived by a daughter, Meghan Kaminsky of West Haven, and a sister Deidra (Dolly) Comfort of Jacksonville, NC, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Joe was predeceased by one sister: Stephanie Perry and three brothers: Pershing (Spanky) Comfort, Michael Comfort, and Dennis Comfort.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hour

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Becky Dortche Myers lit a candle in memory of Joseph Comfort*



Becky Dortche Myers - October 17, 2024 at 08:45 AM

BG

“ *Joseph had a funny sense of humor he gave me a hard time when it came to our talking to each other good times. I'll miss that he told me a few months ago his heart was acting up. U could walk pass certain stores downtown u could tell Joey's wonderful window cleaning abilities.*



Bobby Griffin - October 16, 2024 at 09:18 AM

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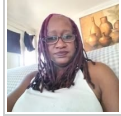
“ *I have known Joe and his brother back in the Winter Street and Baldwin days. RIP, Joe.*

Nate Hurse - October 16, 2024 at 07:46 AM

JY

I've been knowing Joe since 1981 when I came back from North Carolina. He used to take me to all the nice pubs and stuff like that and he introduced me to a lot of nice people. He was a great guy. He had a very kind heart. Never known him to do anything bad to anyone

Janette Young - October 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM



Rip Joe 🙏💕

Donna Baldwin - October 18, 2024 at 06:43 PM

HP

“ To Comfort Family: Remembering our beloved Joey through school, working at New Haven coliseum with circus 🤡 and loved working downtown area and other parts of city. Joey carrying 😊 with everyone with jokes or giving advice helping folk's now going SIP



Helen C Powell - October 15, 2024 at 10:02 PM

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“ When I worked downtown he would come by and ask if they needed the windows cleaned, but was told that the management company handled it. But the gentleman who handled the security liked the fact that he was willing to work. And always had something for him to do. He was very helpful and well known downtown. He will be missed.

Cynthia Ramirez - October 15, 2024 at 09:22 PM