



Mr. Joe Ray Hightower

April 1, 1957 - April 23, 2010

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Thursday, Apr. **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joe Ray Hightower*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *TO THE FAMILY OF MR. JOE HIGHTOWER MY DEEPEST PRAYERS/SYMPATHY ARE WITH YOU. I HAVE KNOWN JOE FOR MANY YEARS AT THE GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND WAS ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN. JOE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND HE WILL BE ONE OF GOD'S ANGELS.##imported-begin##MARILYN HART##imported-end##*

May 04, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family as you struggle through the grief and sadness. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Stanley Reaves##imported-end##*

May 03, 2010 at 02:44 PM



“ *My prayer go out to the Hightower family during this time of sorrow. Just know that Joe is with the Father and we all will see he again. You will be missed but never forgotten... Cass Tech 74 Valerie Gaines-Mitchell##imported-begin##Valerie Gaines-Mitchell##imported-end##*

May 02, 2010 at 11:34 PM



“ To the family of Joe Hightower;

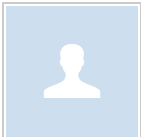
You have my heartfelt condolences at this time. Although it may seem difficult and even unbearable, just know its in the Master's hand and your beloved Joe is safe within his arms. You have such wonderful and blessed memories of Joe which you can find comfort in today and many tomorrows to come. His invectious smile will remain with all of us forever. just his way of lighting up a room. He was ny classmate in high school and I've never forgotten that smile. May the Lord bless and keep you now and forever. Be strong and trust in the spirit of His might.

Sincerely,

Pat Harris

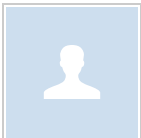
Cass Tech '74###imported-begin###Pat Harris###imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 04:34 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family in this time of need. Joe's big heart and broad smile will be remembered forever in our hearts.###imported-begin###Sharon K. (Redden) Wright###imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 11:44 AM



“ YOU HAVE MY GREATEST SYMPATHY###imported-begin###JIMMY F. CORLZER###imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 11:16 PM



“ I have known Joe for over 30 years. We were great competitors and respected each other dearly. I will miss his smile and jokes. My heart goes out to him and his family. I miss you bro and my God Bless You! Your ever loving dear friend in Alaska.##imported-begin##David A. Washington##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 10:55 PM



“ Larry Hightower,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Susan Glaser##imported-begin##Susan Glaser##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 03:12 PM

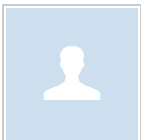


“ My sincere condolences to the family. I left Detroit in 1982 and still maintained a friendship with Joe. Extended friendships are always special and Joe was a "special" friend. His smile and sense of humor will be missed.

Andre Dawson

Los Angeles California##imported-begin##Andre Dawson##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 01:43 PM



“ Words can never quite say what's often felt; my sympathies and prayers go to Joe's family and friends. May God's love comfort you through the upcoming days and years.##imported-begin##Lynne Price##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 01:09 PM



“ *My prayers for your strength and comfort are continuous. Joe IS a special personality and his physical presence will be missed. He IS a champion and HAS a positive influence in my life.##imported-begin##Charles Ezra Ferrell##imported-end##*

April 30, 2010 at 12:49 PM



“ *To the family of Joe Ray Hightower, Sr.:*

May God bless you and comfort you.

Light a Candle

Light a candle for those we mourn.

Into a new life they will be born.

Do not look for them at the gravesite.

They are somewhere else radiating their beautiful light.

They have gone to a new world where there is no darkness, no pain.

Their light and essence will always remain.

Light a candle for those who have left this mortal place.

They are free to travel through time and space.

When we think of them, they are near.

When we sit in a beautiful garden. Their voices we hear.

When we listen to a divine symphony,

We close our eyes, their faces we see.

Light a candle for they have not really gone.

With each flickering flame, in your hearts they will always belong.

© A.Pell 24/08/2005##imported-begin##La Verne
Hunley##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Hightower Family,

May the Love and Grace of our Lord comfort you at this time. Joe was a beautiful person who had a good word and smile for everyone. I will never forget him from our days at Barbour and Cass Tech. May God Bless and Keep you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Gayle Kelsey ONeal##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 11:00 AM



“ Rondolyn & Dwayne Richardson 16185 Glastonbury rd.Detroit Mich.
48219
*So sorry for your loss the best part of him is what he left behind
great children.##imported-begin##Rondolyn & Dwayne
Richardson##imported-end##*

April 30, 2010 at 10:59 AM



“ *Our thought and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Robert
and Delicia Shimkoski##imported-end##*

April 30, 2010 at 09:03 AM



“ It's my deepest prayer for Joe's family. Joe was a good man! May the Lord keep you all during this time and beyond. God bless.
Thomas "COOKIE" Marsh###imported-begin##Thomas ###imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 08:15 AM



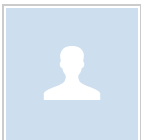
“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of my friend Joe. I live in Washington DC and met Joe through his friend Stacy Soloman. Joe was a good man, a loving father to Joe Jr and Bill he will surely be missed.###imported-begin##Sandra Manning###imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 08:08 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Hightower family. Know that my family prays for strength and faith to support your family at this time and the days ahead. Sincerely, Anita###imported-begin##Anita Cain Longs###imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 10:57 PM



“ My condolences to the Hightower family. Joe and I were classmates at Cass. Joe was always one of those Brothers who was well-liked and respected by all. Although, we went separate ways after high school, I did run into Joe when President Obama came to town during his campaign. It was good to see Joe again... he spotted me through all the crowd. Joe is a special man and a good friend. May Allah be pleased with his life of service.###imported-begin##Stephen Grady Muhammad###imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 10:26 PM



“ Both my husband and I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Joe at GM. I can still see his smile that always made things seem a little bit better. We are truly sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Becky Masser##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 10:06 PM



“ To the Hightower family: My prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray that cherished memories and the love of Christ will comfort and keep you until you meet again on the other side. Blessings from a high school friend. -Deborah Key##imported-begin##Deborah Key##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 08:03 PM



“ Dear Larry Hightower and Family,

We were very saddened to hear of your brothers passing. On behalf of ACC we would like to express our deepest sympathies. A brother's love is forever strong, and will always be with you and your family.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do during this time please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Haifa Fakhouri and Staff

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)##imported-begin##Haifa Fakhouri and ACC Staff ##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 04:34 PM



“ *Everytime I saw Joe, he was smiling. He was a delight to know. My heart-felt sympathies go out to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##D'Alice General Motors##imported-end##*

April 29, 2010 at 03:55 PM



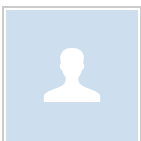
“ *My deepest sympathies to Joe's family and loved ones.##imported-begin##Sharron Rose##imported-end##*

April 29, 2010 at 03:13 PM



“ *Larry,
My prayers are with you and your family during this diffult time.
Cathy - DELEG./M. R. S.##imported-begin##Cathy
Hardaway##imported-end##*

April 29, 2010 at 03:08 PM



“ *To the Hightower Family, My prayers are with you in this time of great need. We are all thankful for having Joe in our lives. May we have the strength to recognize the true blessing that it was.
Rest in Peace
"CT76"##imported-begin##Gerald "The Babe" Davis##imported-end##*

April 29, 2010 at 02:57 PM



“ To my brother, confidant, co conspirator, and friend for this life and the one beyond.....

Words cannot explain our sense of loss with your transition bruh. You blessed us all with your ears, words, and profound sense of humour. I'm so honored to have known you for the better part of being on this planet. You are the epitome of a great father - but more so, a better friend and role model to Bill and Joe. Rest well my brother....

Skip##imported-begin##Skip Norris##imported-end##

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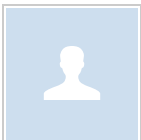
“ My condolences to Joe's family. I worked with Joe at GM for many years and I was very sad to hear of his passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kimberly Adams##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ My condolences to the family on the loss of my high school classmate and your relative/friend.##imported-begin##Dimitrius M.Hutcherson##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 12:08 PM



“ Laary, During this difficult time my heart and prayers are for you & family to stay strong keeping the faith. -- John##imported-begin##John King##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ I am very saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He was truly a person who will be missed by many. Prayers for his friends and family.##imported-begin##Bob Wyatt##imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ To the Hightower family. Your Dad was a very rare jewel. One like no other. I enjoyed working with him for many years. His encouraging words will always have a warm place in my heart. We know you loved your Dad but God loved him more. He may be gone but he will never be forgotten. Keep God first in your lives and he will take you through this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Montez Clarke##imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ I was lucky enough to work with Joe at G.M. We were such good friends back in our day! We went to lunch together laughed together and had some great times in our early GM years. We were new hires and became best friends. Even years later when we would talk and we would pick up like just a few days past not years! With Joe things didn't change we would laugh just as hard as we did many years ago. I will miss him as I know his family will have an empty spot in their hearts. Joe is a special guy and I will cherish his friendship forever. I still laugh about funny special moments I had with Hightower! I always called him by his last name. Many will miss Joe his passing came much to early for a guy full of life!!! Your friend forever, Colleen until we meet again!##imported-begin##Colleen Murray##imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 02:25 PM



“ Joe, I will never forget your pleasant smile, your great sense of humor and the smooth way you operated on the Basketball court. May you rest with the Lord in Peace.
Tony Fuller###imported-begin###Tony Fuller###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 02:10 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to the family. May God comfort and keep you during most difficult time###imported-begin###Lee Davis###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 09:37 AM



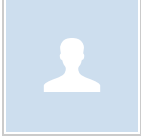
“ Joe, my road dog, we always had fun and looked out for each other. We talked about life all the time. I know how much you love the Lord, your family and friends. Rest in peace my brother.###imported-begin###Sam Washington Jr.###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Joe's family. I've known Joe since the late 80's at the old GM Bldg. We had many nice talks about our families and Joe was always very proud of his. I will miss his smile and great sense of humor. My prayers go out to the Hightower family.###imported-begin###Todd K. Smith###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 09:05 AM



“ I worked with Joe at General Motors in Pontiac. I will always remember his great smile and sense of humor. It was a great pleasure working with Joe. My prayers go out to the Hightower family.##imported-begin##Terry F. Jones##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 09:19 PM



“ Hightower Family Joe's memory will for ever be treasured we love you Joe rest in peace.##imported-begin##Curtis Wade##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Joe's family.
I worked with Joe for several years in Pontiac (retired in 2008) and have many fond memories of him. We had quite a few laughs together and I will always remember his gentle personality and friendly demeanor!
Karl Haehn##imported-begin##Karl Haehn##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 03:05 PM



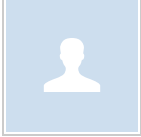
“ *Bill & Joe & Family,*
I met your father almost 35 years ago. It seems like just yesterday that Coach Smith dropped him & Ernest at my house so that I could drive us to Wilburton, Ok to begin our college careers. From then on we became fast friends. We spent many hours playing basketball, cards, (tunk mostly & my wrists still hurt) & intramurals. Most of all I remember the hours & hours we spent just talking & laughing. Sports, girlfriends, hometowns, but mostly we talked of our faith, hopes, dreams & aspirations. After graduation although we rarely saw each other due to distance we kept in touch by phone. Our conversations were of sports, faith, family (he was so very proud of each of you) & what lay ahead. These conversations always brought about a good laugh or two but mostly a certain peace & comfort that only a good friend can bring. Your Dad played a great game on this earth. Take all your Dad's good qualities that he has passed on to each of you & continue to incorporate them into your lives. On behalf of my family & the extended Eastern Oklahoma State College family we extend our heartfelt condolences, love, & prayers.
Steve (Hubie) & Sharon Pollok & Family###imported-begin###Steve Pollok###imported-end###

April 27, 2010 at 01:13 PM



“ *Joe was a great guy. We worked together since he first started with GM at the Chevy Building. We shared many laughs and good times through the years. I will miss him deeply.*
My thoughts and prayers go out to Bill & Joe.
I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the service because I live out of state.
God Bless###imported-begin###Mary Ann Sumners###imported-end###

April 27, 2010 at 11:47 AM



“ *Hightower Family,
My prayers to the entire family at this time of significant loss. Mr. Hightower was a bubbling light and always ready to help any and everyone who asked of him. Always smiling- Mr.Hightower could turn any bad day around. I pray that his memories warm your hearts and comfort you in this hour. May Holy Spirit give you peace beyond understanding, joy for each morning and refreshing in your inner man.*

*Blessing to you all,
Leslie Kilgore##imported-begin##Leslie D. Kilgore##imported-end##*

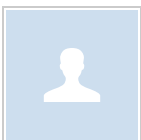
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“ *I send my deepest regards to the family on your great lost. God blessing to family. God's grace and mercy will get you though this most difficult time.*

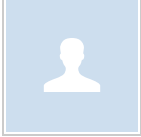
Randy##imported-begin##Randy Henry##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 09:26 AM



“ *We met Joe through our cousin Sam Washington. He and Joe went to college together. Sam went to visit Joe one day and told him he has cousins that stay on the next block this is how we came to know Joe so we've had bar-b-ques together etc... His smile and his laugh will surely be missed. And to his son's your dad left a legacy that will surely be followed because the apple don't fall far from the tree.##imported-begin##Kim Bey and the Bey Family##imported-end##*

April 27, 2010 at 06:09 AM



“ Joe, II & Bill and All,

God bless you and keep you, today and always.

May your Dad's transition into Eternal Life strengthen both of you in your walk with our Lord Jesus the Christ.

We will remember all the family outings with Joe, Sr. on the grill--- the big smile, the great stories, the fun times and your growing up with our Fellas.

Please know that your Dad was very proud of his sons: "Joe-Joe" and "Dollar Bill." Take Joe, Sr.'s love and pride for you both into your personal and professional lives to make a difference on this planet Earth.

We will not stop praying for you.

Lovingly,

*Aunt Cheryl & Uncle Victor,
John, Victor, II & Danielle*

(The Marsh Family, friends of the Jones & Hightower Families for over 42 years)##imported-begin##Aunt Cheryl & Uncle Victor##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ *My prayers go out to Joe's family, he was a great co-worker. A smile that will live on in our memory for a long time, he will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Dave Chambers##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ I admired Joe - he was always so positive and had such a beautiful smile and a great laugh. He was one of the good guys. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Barbara Kiernan##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 03:17 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Joe will be missed by many.
Danette Butcher
General Motors##imported-begin##Danette Butcher##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ Condolences & prayers go out to the Hightower family. (Joe and Bill) Be strong and pray. As you know, prayer works! God Bless you two and Lenny.

Janice (Chuck and Nick's mom)##imported-begin##Janice Tellis##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ I've known Joe since the beginning of his career with GM. I am sorry I cannot be there in person to pay my respects to the Hightower family. My thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Faye Hamner, GM Retiree
Jacksonville, Florida##imported-begin##Faye Hamner##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 01:49 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Joe's family and friends. I worked many years with Joe and will remember his smile and warm heart.##imported-begin##Diane Angell##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“ *Prays and best wishes to the family. Joe's smile and sense of humor will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Leven C. Weiss##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 10:36 AM