



## Joseph William Franks

June 21, 2008

LINGLE, WYOMING.....Memorial services for JOSEPH 'JOE' WILLIAM FRANKS, 53, will be held at 10am Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church in Torrington, Wyoming, with Reverends Curtis Hill and Amado Lobatos co-officiating. Joe died June 16, 2008 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Cremation has taken place. Memorials have been established to either the Lingle Presbyterian Church or the Goshen Community Theater. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Joe, born May 15, 1955, in Torrington, Wyoming, was the son of William and Patricia Ann (Floyd) Franks. He grew up and received his education in Lingle, Wyoming; he graduated in 1973. He attended the University of Wyoming before returning to Lingle where he spent his life farming. He married Robyn Loveland on December 31, 1980 and they were married for twenty years. He later married Cindy Sorensen and they were together for two years. Joe was one of the founding members of the Stateline Bean Cooperative and was a member of the Goshen Community Theater. Joe enjoyed boating, astronomy, performing in various local productions and singing in church choirs. Joe is survived by two daughters, Haley Oliver and her husband Dusty of Lodi, New York, and Cora Franks of Lingle, Wyoming; two sons, Graham Franks and Mathew Franks both of Lingle; his father, William Franks of Lingle; a sister Georgie Hunter of Gillette, Wyoming, and a nephew, Grant Hunter and his wife, Meghan, of Cleveland,

Ohio. He was preceded in death by his mother; and a brother.

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph "Joe" Franks. I did not know him but had the pleasure of seeing him in "A Dog's Life". His performance was very moving. His superb role touched my heart and I thanked him and told him what a great job he had done.

*It sounds like he touched the lives of many and I know he will be deeply missed.*

*May memories sustain you and God grant you His peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Cheryl K. Jordan*

*P.S. I think on "angels wings" he joined his old dog.*

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**Cheryl K. Jordan** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ my husband was in "The Music Man" with Joe and did a skit at Bethel Baptist Church with him recently. I had gotten to know him through a dance class last Spring and through my husband. We both really enjoyed his company and talent. I am very sorry. He will be greatly missed. I keep remembering him in "Arsenic and Old Lace"...he did such a good job of playing the creepy nephew!

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**Ryan and Andrea Wunibald** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To Haley and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Sincerely, the Sauders family

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**Brian Sauders** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We knew Joe through the Goshen Community Theater as members and volunteers. You could always find him there somewhere lending a hand or practicing his part.

*Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. My God keep you all in the palm of his hand beneath his heart.*

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**Mickey & Brandon Lewis** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this sorrowful time. Please know that you are not alone in your grief.

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**Bill and Marlene Schlager** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss.  
*Love & prayers are with you at this time of sorrow & days to come.*

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**Shirley Korell** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ The thoughts of all members of the Cornell University Food Safety Laboratory are with the family of Joe Franks at this most challenging time. Joe's legacy will live on in the achievements of his wonderful children.

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**Kathryn Boor** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Our thoughts are with Joe's family through this trying time.

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**Tom and Donna Andrews** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ To the family of Joe, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was a very talented and caring man. Goshen County will trully miss him. No one is alone in this hard time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of grief.

*Eliane Harper, Arsenic and Old Lace*

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**Eliane Harper** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Joseph,

*Such a great talent. You have left us oh too soon. You will be missed!*

*Trudy Anderson and Family*

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**Trudy Anderson** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ There is so much to say... Thank you for sharing yourself with me and my children. You are missed so much.....

*Thank you Cora, Matt, Graham and Hayley for everything.*

*Joe, you are in God's hands now and at peace.*

*love always,  
andrea and family*

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**Andrea Hort-Moore** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ This is Sean Grennan, I'm the author of "A Dog's Life" a show Joe just finished performing. I'd just like to extend my sympathy to Joe's family and loved ones. Cindy Rogers tells me he did a wonderful job in the show and was a great guy to boot. I'm very sorry that I didn't get to see him do it. However I'm very grateful to him for being part of it and hope that it was worthwhile for him. Events like this make us realize we have so little time really. As he sang in the show, "It all goes by so fast..." Please take care of yourselves and if there is anything I can do, don't hesitate to get in touch at the email address above.

Sincerely,

Sean

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**Sean Grennan** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I will miss you, you were a great boss and I know you were a loving father. May God Bless you and your family in this tragedy.

With Love

Stacia La Papa(Ibarra)

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**Stacia La Papa** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ You had to go...  
It went by entirely too fast...  
What a Tuesday afternoon we had...

*It was such a crazy, exciting, incredible time working with Joe on "A Dog's Life." He was pushed to his limit and always, always did it with a sheer determination and a smile. He never quit working to become better. If he had a rough rehearsal, he'd go get coffee and be back to work some more. What a joy it was to work with him! In theatre, it's so important to create an environment of trust and security in a short amount of time and we did just that.*

*I can't forget Joe and Dan's last scene together; the light cue was perfect, Joe and the ball, and Dan fading into darkness... It was beautiful and now a beautiful memory I'll always carry with me.*

*"Hey...Let's go..."*

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**Courtney Lee** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I have known Joe's father, Bill, through my mom, Sharon, for decades now and also had the blessing of knowing Pat through her final illness working with Special Touch. My prayers, and those of my family are with you all through this very difficult time. I pray your hearts will be lifted knowing your loving Pat is with him as Jesus takes him into His loving arms to wait until he sees you all again. Glory be to God, and His peace be with you.  
Stacey

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**Rob, Stacey, Taylor, and Jordyn Crum** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To the Joe Franks Family;

*Our hearts go out to you in your time of loss. No words can make the sorrow you bear lighter. You are in our prayers. May the peace of our Heavenly Father and loving memories comfort you today and in the days to come.*

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**Shawn (Humberson) Herreras** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Bill, Georgie, Haley, Graham, Matt and Cora: You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we are so sorry not to be with you now. Know that in our sorrow we are remembering Joe's hearty laugh and thinking back to the wonderful times we shared with him.*

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**Kathy & Loise Kaasch, JoDee Wallesen** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *I am saddened to hear about the death of Joe. I had the pleasure to work with him for a number of years on behalf of the Stateline Bean Cooperative. He was a fine man and I am sure he will be greatly missed by family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family.*

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**James W. Ellison** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *May the Lord give you the peace and comfort that only He can give. I have known Joe for many years as I taught in Lingle where he attended school and just recently at church. Joe will be missed.*

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**Jan Domson** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I only saw Joe once, but my parents, Wallace and Dorothy Newton of Torrington, Wyoming knew him and his Father, because of them feeding cattle for my parents. One Sunday, I was changing a tire near Joe's home. My parents came out to help me. Just as I was getting the tire changed a man in a pickup stopped and started talking, since he knew my parents. It was Joe and that is how I knew him. I was shocked when I found out he had been killed. My family always remarked what a nice man he was. He will be missed.

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**Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM