



## Joseph W. "Joey" Roark

May 16, 2012

Joseph W. "Joey" Roark, 35, of Jackson, MO, died Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born Thursday, October 07, 1976 in Poplar Bluff, MO to Billy Joe Roark and Mary Kathryn (Moss) Bey. Joey was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Cape Girardeau. He is survived by his parents; Billy Joe Roark of Ellsinore, MO and Mary Kathryn (Moss) Bey of Freidheim, MO; step-father, Dennis Bey of Freidheim, MO; wife, Crystal (Wilson) Roark of Jackson, MO; grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles also survive. He was preceded in death by a step-brother. Friends may call Saturday, May 19, 2012 from noon until 2 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses Cape South with a memorial service following at 2 pm with Tim Rainey officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given in Joey's name to Ford and Sons Funeral Home to help defray funeral expenses, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I too, along with my brother, considered "Joey" to be a Best Friend and I always loved that he lived to make people laugh. And he did it quite well I might add. I loved him like a brother. I nearly lived with him when when we were growing up. I'm sure Mary got sick of me being over there as much as I was. Joey was super kind at heart to everyone. He always would help others when he could and was always wanting to make people smile even when times were rough. I so look forward to the time when we can meet up again in the New system of things. We all make mistakes in life and Joey showed me that even if we slip up Jehovah is always ready to forgive in a large way. I will miss him terribly but I am glad that he is no longer having to suffer anymore and that he is just asleep and will soon awake to a new body and smile and say something goofy ! I love you Joey and will see you very soon !

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**Joshua Cisco** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mary and family....so sorry to read about your son. Heartfelt thoughts to you all. Rob and Connie Barnett

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**Connie Eudaley Barnett** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My best friend, He was as long as I have known him the kindest person I have ever met. In some ways he was everything I wasn't. I fed off him and he off me. He showed me how to be silly, and laugh at myself. He showed everyone he met. They felt instantly happy. He showed me how to make friends, we did everything together, I will miss him and I am glad he called me his friend.

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**Jared Cisco** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mike and I loved Joey very much. He was such an easy person to be around and to love. I've been thinking about when I first met Joey. He was so young, and my first memories are of us in service together. Many of my memories of Joey involve his helping me move, sooo many times. And each time he would tell me what piece of furniture had to go before the next move. ha While Mike was sick in the nursing home I knew I could always call on Joey to help, and many times I did. He was always there for me. I will always be grateful to him. When we are standing in a group in the New World waiting for his resurrection, we will all have such fond memories that will be going through our minds. And maybe we will be talking about all the good times we had with Joey, and then....there he will be, with that wonderful smile and that great laugh, asking us, 'hey guys, what's up? I feel great!!!' I can hear him now. Mike always said that this time of misery that we are living in will one day seem like a second in time. When this second in time is over, what good times we will have working with Joey and Mike to make the earth a paradise. Can't wait to see him soon. Love to the family and friends of Joey, you're all in my prayers

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**Trish Halter** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Just as Jesus mourned at the passing of a close friend, so many of us mourn the loss of a wonderful, kind brother. Our condolences go out to the Family. Please know you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. A sister once said that after her daughter had passed away, she looked forward to the "appointment" she made with her. She knew that in time, there would be the day that she could keep that "appointment", after the resurrection. So, too, those of us who have lost loved ones to the slumber of death, we look forward to the "appointments" we have with them. How wonderful it will be to be there, waiting for the time that Jesus will say "Come on out! Awake!" Joe lived every day with that hope. He is a fine example to us. Thanks to Jehovah, for giving the hope and the strength to endure all trials. With warm Christian Love, The Brownes

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**Leah and Jeffrey Browne** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I did not know Joey personally, but I am his brother in the faith. May the family continue to put their faith in the sure hope of the resurrection and constantly keep in mind that as this weeks Watchtower lesson states, Joey will soon experience the 'glorious freedom of the children of God.' (Romans 8:21) What a wonderful day that will be!

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**K. Jackson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Crystal, Mary and Dennis, Joey had a beautiful service today. So sorry I did not get to come up and talk to you all afterward, I had to rush back to work. You have all been in my constant thoughts and prayers. As was Joey. He was such a beautiful person. I remember fondly how he could make a person feel at ease. Which me being a shy person is not an easy task to accomplish. But he did. I will always remember the small things like going out for ice cream, the movies, going in service, and baseball games. The one thing I have to say in the whole time I knew Joey is that there was never anything but a smile on his face. A rarity in this world. At pioneer school our teacher gave us a touching illustration about the resurrection...think of Adam. How Jehovah blew the breath of life into a perfect human he personally created. The love Jehovah must have felt! And Adam as he took in that deep breath, must have immediately felt that love. So it will be with Joey. It is so hard to comprehend the love that Jehovah is going to feel as he personally recreates Joe with his own hands! And the love that Joe will experience for Jehovah as he takes in his first deep breath! A love Joe always showed. A picture Glenda gave me a long time ago of the Jackson congregation sits on my dresser. It takes on added meaning now. It's comforting to know that this is not where it ends, we can carry memories with us, until we see Joe again. Love you all lots! Isaiah 41:10,13

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**Joshua Schreiner** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I hate it we are out of town and will not be at Joe's funeral, you all deserve much support from your spiritual family. You know what we loved about Joe.....his sense of humor....he would just crack us up! Even in bad times he tried to find the good. Thankfully right now Joe is just getting some MUCH deserved rest, but it won't be long till Jesus says: "Joe, it's time to get up!" He will be sorely missed by all of us.....soon we will meet again, but with different circumstances.....strong healthy bodies living on a paradise earth. At Isaiah 55:11 Jehovah says his "word will not return to him unfulfilled!" At the very start of creation Jehovah promised the entire earth would be a paradise inhabited by perfect, healthy people.....it WILL happen as surely as our sun rises and sets everyday. Joe is just taking the "underground" route to that paradise earth. "Whether we live or die.....we belong to Jehovah!" With Love, Allen and Debbie

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Allen and Debbie Jennings - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I was reading the paper on-line when I seen Joey's notice. We are Witnesses in Ky. and just wanted you to know how sorry we are for your loss. We know that soon we will welcome Joey back, maybe we will have a change to meet him then He sounded like a wonderful man. Just know that your brothers and Sisters are there for you, but most of all Jehovah will be there with you all the time. Love from your spiritual family

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Charlie and Sandie Minon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mary and Family, My prayers and sympathy to you all. I am so sorry Joe lost his battle but it seems as if he put up a long and hard fight. He will be at peace now in heaven. He was such a big help to me when I was first getting started. I will miss seeing him drop by now to "check on me." My parents and sister in law whom also used to be accounts send their condolences as well. Mary, if there is anything I can do, please let me know. Otherwise will just keep you in my prayers. May God be with you in your time of mourning to help heal. Tonya Landewee

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**Tonya Landewee** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To Joey's family and friends, Lee and I wish we could be with all of you at the Kingdom Hall today. We will be attending the assembly but wanted all of you to know that we will be thinking of you this afternoon. Here it is 2 AM and thinking of Joey has again awakened me from sleep. So many things I appreciate and fondly remember about Joey: Foremost is working with him in the field ministry. The way he would talk to people as if he already knew them was a special gift Joe had and opened up nice Bible conversations for him. Also, him keeping and playing my piano for me during our temporary relocation out of state. Seems like a little thing maybe but solved a big delima for me. And then later helped move it back to us. He was helpful to many people like that, using his time so generously. This is a very anxious time for all of us. The scripture that came to mind this morning is 1 Peter 5:6-9. Jehovah wants us to throw all our anxiety on him because he cares for us. He will make us firm and he will make us strong.

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**Lee and Glenda Hawkins** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM