



Joe "Bro Joe" Swearingen

September 11, 1937 - June 18, 2006

Bro. Joe Swearingen was having breakfast Sunday morning, at the Waterford Nursing Home, where he's been living the past year, and took ill. Whatever it was that was causing his discomfort caught up and then overwhelmed him very quickly. He died this morning there. May the angels lead him into paradise, but they better be ready for a handful. Service will be at St. Gertrude on Wednesday: Visitation: 5:30pm to 7pm Mass of the Resurrection: 7pm His brother and family will be joining us to celebrate the extraordinary life of this wonderful man. He is loved by many and loved just as many right back, with his zanny take on life. His iconoclastic disposition and artists way both endeared him to a huge constituency around the parish, and his dedication to the Ministry Center makes him beloved by hundreds who received hospitality from him over his tenure as residential manager and resident "character." His artistic touch adorned every room in the former convent, and his series of paintings depicting himself as such notables as The Dalai Lama, Cardinal Bernadin and Mother Theresa have left more than a few of us in stitches. Bless you, Bro Joe, for blessing us these many years.

Tribute Wall



“ Joe "Bro Joe" Swearingen

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ Great photos! I've always wanted to get one of those pans but didn't think I'd find a good enough excuse to use it, until now!

Tommy Hilfiger Roma - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Barr Funeral Home

<http://www.unlimmobile.ru/forum/index.php?topic=24> - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Smit - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Proud to have known you, and called you friend. I'm gonna miss you Joe, May God bless you and keep you, love Tanya/ Nurse!
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Tanya - July 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Put in a good word for us brojoe.

Thomas Compton - July 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My deepest sympathie with the lost of Br Joe he was a wonderful man and was loved so much may God and hes angles take hime home. I am going to miss you Br Jo

Joanne - July 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I never met out BroJoe in person, but I have had hundreds of chats with him in the MSN Catholic Chat rooms and communities. I shared with Bro that I was a Youth Minister in California at ST. Helen Parish. We shared many thing: Native American Heritage, Love of the Latino lifestyle and cooking, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and just being silly at times.I'm saddened that I don't have this loving man to speak to for guidance or humor now. But I know he is looking down upon us all and laughing.I don't think he likes the fact that I'm bothering him in heaven already asking him for his input. But he's already pointed me in the right direction once.Sunday when I learned of his death, I had to sit down and have a bowl of ice cream.Bro I miss you. Pilamaya yelstamnea tecapatty

Patty Nelson - June 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ my condolences to bro joe's family on the loss of this special man. a good friend is gone.

catherine kerr - June 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Bro was the life of our Catholic Chatroom. I never met him in person, but I still will miss him so much. He ate a lot of ice cream and then "shuffled" off to bed every night. You have my deepest sympanthy.

Joyce - June 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“*Bro, I already miss you so very much but I also celebrate that you are in a much better place!*”

Mariah L Kennedy - June 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM