



Mr. Joseph Handelman

January 16, 1993 - March 23, 2015

Joseph Stuart Handelman 22 of Albany Georgia, died Monday morning, March 23, 2015, at Wellstarr Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia. Beloved son, brother, and grandson, he was born January 6, 1993. Son of Joy Sheffield Handelman, Todd Stuart Handelman and Bonita Handelman. Brother, Daniel Todd Handelman of Albany, Georgia. Grandson of Dr. Charles Sheffield and Ann Horne Sheffield of Americus, Georgia. Preceded in death by grandparents, Leon and Irene Handelman of Trinity, Florida. Stepbrother to Brandon Graham and Jessica Tucker.

Joseph's funeral service will be at 11 AM on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. The family will receive friends at Byne Memorial Baptist Church on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 5-7 PM. Internment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery following the service.

Joseph was educated in Albany Georgia. His life's passion was professional wrestling. He entered the business like a bright-eyed child in a candy store and finished his career as a well respected, admired and loved professional though he was younger by far than nearly everyone he encountered in the business.

He began his wrestling career at 15 and was trained by Kevin Thomas, Georgia Championship Wrestling, in Phenix City, Alabama. His first match

was on November 22, 2008 at the "God Bless Fort Benning Day" celebration in Columbus, Georgia where he wrestled as a Russian "Josef Barkon" and, to his delight, was heckled by soldiers for his part in the match as the bad guy. He continued his training in Tifton, Georgia, with Jake "the Real Deal" Slater who helped him become "Wild Child Joey Kidman" the name that he kept for the rest of his career. Wild Child wrestled from Maine to Illinois to Mississippi, and Florida. He was with Platinum Championship Wrestling, then Peach Wrestling Alliance, UIW, DPW, and many, many other promotions. Among his favorite opponents were Vordell Walker, the Exotic Ones, Pain, and his trainer the Real Deal. He was thrilled to have the opportunity to train with his hero Bret "the Hitman" Harte. Wrestling was Joe's life and breath until a back injury sidelined him in late in 2014. Still, he kept close contact with his beloved wrestling family and had hopes for returning to the squared circle one day. Their many tributes to him have been an inspiration and comfort for his family.

During his career, Joseph became a favorite among the children, and developed a special bond with them. They cheered Wild Child's victories and cried over his defeats. Joe's love for others reflected his belief that we are created by God. He was never too busy to listen to a friend or to try to help out someone with a problem.

You may sign the online guestbook and share your memories with the family of Joseph Stuart Handelman by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Byne Memorial Baptist Church
Albany

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Byne Memorial Baptist Church
2832 Ledo Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Handelman*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Mr. Joseph Handelman*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Joseph. He seemed to be and still is a warm and compassionate person with lots of humor. For Joy (his mother), his father and his brother, I want to say I have been and will continue to be praying for all of you. Always remember Joseph is not gone, he's just changed his address. Even though I lost my 21 year old son several years ago, it doesn't mean I can say I know what you are going through. Please know I am here if needed.*

Carolyn Wills

Carolyn Wills - March 30, 2015 at 12:36 PM

CF

“ I just heard about Joseph's death, and I am so saddened and shocked to hear of his passing. I still remember him in my first grade class not so long ago! However, I am truly thinking of the evening we saw you at El Vaquero and what a delightful and handsome young man he had become!! He was so sweet and friendly and still as loving as when he was in my class. I thought of him often after that, and I am so glad that we had that lovely visit that night. My heart is breaking for you, his dad and his brother. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry I didn't know about this sooner. I definitely would have been by to see you. Fondly, Connie Finnicum

Connie Finnicum - March 29, 2015 at 09:36 AM

JH

Connie, he always loved you his first grade teacher. You understood him! I am so glad we had that visit. Thank you for your kind words. We do miss him so!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ Remember the days that Joey wrestled with us in the GIWA. One night during a shown my 9 year old grandson fell and hurt himself. Well he came to the dressing room where I was. The Match we were working was next and Kidman said I will take care of him. When the match was over I came back and there was Joey and my grandson sitting in the floor playing with wrestling toys. My grandson Braden had forgot about the bloody nose and was in another world. He talked about Kidman being his best friend for months. I told him yesterday about Joey passing and I have never seen a blank look come on a 11 year olds face like that. He got teared up and say that Kidman was is best friend. Now that was alittle over two years ago and the memory lives on. RIP Joey "Wild Child" Kidman

Steve Stacker
KI Manager

Steve Stacker - March 27, 2015 at 11:47 AM

JH

Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful message. I know Joe had a wonderful time with your grandson. He loved sharing wrestling with kids. Thank you so much.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:52 PM

AF

“ Andy Anderson, Jackie Marler and rest of NWA Atlanta Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.



Andy Anderson, Jackie Marler and rest of NWA Atlanta Family - March 26, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



March 26, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ *Was very sad to read of Joey's passing. He was always super respectful when we met in locker room. Prayers to his family and he will be missed. RIP Joey Kidman.*

Kyle Matthews - March 26, 2015 at 11:23 AM



Thank you, Kyle. He had great respect for you and your words would mean so much to him.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ *I am so heart broken over this. He was a loving son to his family & all of you should be so proud! RIP Joey Kidman! I will miss you!!*

Terri Boulware - March 26, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Although I never had the opportunity to meet Joey, I have seen quite a few of his matches over the years online. You can definitely see he had a passion for his craft that spilled out in every aspect of his personality and performance. My condolences to Joey's family and friends, the world has truly lost a special person.*

Joe Capone - March 26, 2015 at 08:06 AM

RS

“ Sad day when i heard the news with Joey i was riding a greyhound from Jacksonville,Fl to Albany GA to a wrestling show in July 7th 2012 FOR A PROMOTION CALLED South Georgia Championship Wrestling to reunited with some of my favorite wrestlers in the biz talking bout the Rock N Roll Express. anyway reunited with 1 of the members after the show Jake Slater introduced me to the talent and 1 of them was Joey. He told me thanks For coming UP and have a trip home i friend ed him on Facebook he accepted. well after the shows i got to see him in Jacksonville and remembered me and we reunited then last Oct AT A USWA show in town i was excited to see him as he was me. I WANNA THANK JOEY'S PARENTS FOR WHAT YOU DID YOU RAISED A GOOD YOUNG MAN AND HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND I'M PROUD TO CALL JOEY A BROTHER GOD BLESS YOU HANDELMAN FAMILY. SO LONG JOEY EVERYBODY THAT KNOWS YOU LOVES YOU AND WILL MISS YOU Russ Stiles Jacksonville fl

Russ Stiles - March 25, 2015 at 11:03 PM

JH

Thank you, Mr. Stiles, for those kind words. Being the mother of both my boys is an honor. I will miss hearing Joe and his brother laugh together for the rest of my life. Thank you so much.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.



March 25, 2015 at 10:26 PM

DS

“ Some people you just click with or you don't, Joey and I clicked in and out of the ring. My biggest regret now is that he wasn't able to stay last time he came to Jax. We were going to play Dynasty Warriors and hang out at the beach. We kept making rain checks and saying next time. Next time just wasn't soon enough. My prayers and thoughts are with the Handelman family, may God give you peace and know that Joey will live on forever in heaven and in the hearts of everyone that knew him.



Derek "Ian Shire" Shropshire - March 25, 2015 at 09:42 PM

JH


Thank you, Ian. He thought so highly of you. We will miss him everyday until we see him again.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:59 PM

Larnard Johnson

“ My heart goes out to the Handelman family. Joey was a great guy and any time I saw him, he was always in great spirits. I miss you buddy. God bless.

Larnard Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 08:28 PM

Zane Stevens

“ I remember, Joey had a way of making all the boys in the locker room laugh. He never excluded anyone. What a great friend and Pro Wrestler. Joey my friend our Brother you will be missed....

Zane Stevens - March 25, 2015 at 08:20 PM

JH

Thank you so much! He loved every minute he was in wrestling and especially his wrestling family.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 09:01 PM

KJ

“ *Joey will be missed a lot for his wonderful personality be a cool kid and wanting to learn an further him self in the wrestling business. Just wish I could hear him impersonate me again. You will be missed until we see each again shiii for the last time buddy.*

Kimbro Jones - March 25, 2015 at 07:24 PM

JH

Mr. Jones -- How kind of you! He loved being there with you at AWN!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:21 PM

AC

“ *Joey,
You will be greatly missed. Thinking of your family during this time.*

Amanda Cashen



Amanda Cashen - March 25, 2015 at 06:34 PM

JH

Thank you, Ms. Cashen!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 09:01 PM

SR

“ *From Peachstate fans we love and we are going to miss Joey (Wild Child).
Stephanie Ragland
Christine Jones*

Stephanie Ragland - March 25, 2015 at 06:11 PM

JH

He loved his fans at Peachstate; they always gave him the most incredible welcome. Thank you!!!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Sam Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Handelman*



Sam Ray - March 25, 2015 at 04:49 PM



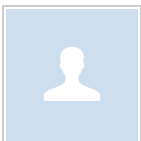
He was a great friend I got to travel the roads with him n watch him wrestle and hang out with him away from the wrestling he will be missed loved ya like a brother rip my friend

Sam Ray - March 25, 2015 at 04:53 PM

JH

Thank you so much, Mr. Ray.

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



March 25, 2015 at 02:33 PM

DA

“ *Dougherty Circuit Bar Association purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



Dougherty Circuit Bar Association - March 25, 2015 at 02:10 PM

MD

“ *The entire Handelman family is in my heart and prayers. Love and miss you Joey.*

Morgan Davis - March 25, 2015 at 12:50 PM

AM

“ *Alisa Cornetto, Carmen & Marchael Bullard(Concierge Medical) purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



Alisa Cornetto, Carmen & Marchael Bullard(Concierge Medical) - March 25, 2015 at 08:54 AM

SL

“ *SPS - Southern Pan Structures, LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



SPS - Southern Pan Structures, LLC - March 25, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



March 25, 2015 at 08:09 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Handelman.*



March 25, 2015 at 08:04 AM



“ *Bruce & I are thinking of you all & send you our prayers at this difficult time. We Remember Joseph coming into our store. What a fine young man! He will be missed!
Much love, Janie & Bruce Bitterman*

Janie & Bruce Bitterman - March 24, 2015 at 07:38 PM



Thank you, Janie. Those were precious days -- shopping in your store with Daniel and Joseph!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 09:05 PM



“ *Thinking and praying for you and the family during this most difficult time. God bless.*

Randy Tucker - March 24, 2015 at 03:09 PM

HW

My heart goes out to the Handelman family and my prayers will continue to ask for strength and that the love of God enfolds this family during this most trying time. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

The wrestling family loved Joey Kidman, he was a brash, cocky, fun loving, big kid, who also had amazing charisma, a love for the business and great talent. There will be a part of wrestling that forever will be changed. Some of the fun has gone, the fellowship of being around the boys is missing one of our boys and the brotherhood has lost it's "Wild Child".

We will all miss Joey Kidman/Joseph Handelman, he brought so many gifts to all our lives. But he left us the gift of his dedication for the wrestling business, he left us his passion for the wrestling business and most of all he left us his love for the wrestling business.

Destined to be a star, you were taken too soon. But we can have faith that you are the brightest star in heaven.

Halle Wilson - March 26, 2015 at 12:59 PM

JH

Thank you so very much! It's wonderful to hear from those who know and understand his love for wrestling!

Joy Sheffield Handelman - May 25, 2015 at 08:19 PM