



## Joseph E. "Joe" Lange

May 14, 1964 - November 18, 2015

Joseph E. "Joe" Lange, age 51 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Thursday, May 14, 1964, in Highland, IL, the son of John I. and Juliana C. (nee Haislar) Lange.

He was a Honorary Life Member of the Highland Jaycees; Madison County Fair Board.

Joe was born at Highland, IL, where he grew up and was a graduate of Highland High School in 1982. He was in the Boy Scouts Troop 40 for many years. He ran a lawn cutting business for many years. He also worked for the Madison County Fair Board for 22 years.

Survivors include:

Sister - Joanne A. Lange of Breese, IL

Brother - James R. (Brenda) Lange of Rolesville, NC

Sister - Judith C. (Leon) Buehler of Highland, IL

Sister - Jacquelyn S. (David) Dillingham of Jackson, TN

Half Brother - Rocky R. (Janice) Lange of Tampa, FL

Nephew - Franklin (Lisa) Lange

Nephew - Benjamin (Crystal) Lange

Nephew - Shamus Lange  
Niece - Shandi (Zachary) Sheets  
Great Niece - Aushona Prevatte  
Great Nephew - Dylan Prevatte  
Great Niece - Sariah Prevatte  
Great Niece - Brooklyn Rae Sheets  
Great Niece - Gabriele Lange  
Great Nephew - Beau Ryker Sheets  
Great Niece - Blakely Raylon-Dai Sheets  
Step Great Nephew - Carsten Grandy-Richardson  
Step Great Niece - Zoe Grandy-Richardson  
Step Great Niece - Soren Grandy-Richardson

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John I. Lange died 8/9/2012

Mother - Juliana C Lange nee Haislar died 05/20/1996

Brother - Jerome C. Lange died 10/22/1972

Sister - Janet M. Lange died 11/6/2010.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL., with Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter; Camp New Hope with the Jaycees; Special Olympics; American Kidney Fund.

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ *The Highland Community lost a Great guy. I went to school with Joe, and he would come up to Lettie's Gas Station on his bike or lawn mower and have a long chat with me while I was working sitting in the wooden chairs. I am going to miss this guy, seeing him at Homecoming or at the Fairgrounds, it won't be the same. When he saw me, he would call me Essey, yes this guy will be missed. Deepest sympathy.*

*Kirk Essenpreis*

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**kirk essenpreis** - November 21, 2015 at 09:06 AM

BA

“ *So sorry to hear about Joe, my thoughts & prayers go out to the family. When he was younger we had him cut our grass and sweep the floor, empty the trash at our family business (Highland Auto Parts) those were the good old days. Joe was always happy and all he would do is smile & laugh.... The Bill Alexander Family*

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**Bill Alexander** - November 21, 2015 at 08:35 AM

 Kathy  
Kitty  
Schuman

“ Joe was a very special person to me, I am his neighbor Kathy Schuman. He always cheered me up when you came to my house The first thing out of his mouth what always be what's up trouble? He would always stick my little boys bike when he needed it fixed. Before I broke my back last August I would always bring you a plate of food when I cooked He was so grateful to be receiving it. During the baseball game she would sit down at my house and we will talk about the Cardinals. He used to love sitting outside on my green lawn chairs with me during the summer And just talk. He made me a thing to put the card on it so the squirrels would have something to eat. The man was just a gentle soul And he would always talk about his lawnmower service And working at the Jaycees and the Madison County Fair He was so proud of himself. I couldn't take him anywhere in town Without everybody knowing joe. I sure hope everyone Knows about this and they're able to stay one more goodbye to joe, Every night that I come home And turn my car around and see his apartment door Saddens me to know I will never see him again. God bless the family And I hope you can find peace during this time No that joe Was dearly loved and whites by a bunch of people.

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Kathy Kitty Schuman - November 20, 2015 at 11:16 PM

SG

“ *To the Lange Family,  
My deepest Symathy goes out to your whole family at the loss of Joe. I knew from High School on when we became close and we shared many phone calls and letters and he was a very special man in my life. He made me laugh with his stories about his work or the people he met and his overall good outlook on life despite his challenges. We shared health issues and sadly the last 10 years or so my health made it impossible for me to get to see him. He was a friend who loved me unconditionally whether I was able to call him when I was supposed to or not and I pray that he knew I always loved him. I will miss him. The world has truly lost a very special man. Shelley Busch Gilfoil*

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**Shelley Gilfoil** - November 20, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Carrie Burrus sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph E. "Joe" Lange*



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**Carrie Burrus** - November 20, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *Carrie Burrus lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. "Joe" Lange*



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**Carrie Burrus** - November 20, 2015 at 02:17 PM

BK

“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to the Lange family. Joe was our friend, helped whenever he could. I'll miss him on his tractor in the parade and miss his story telling.

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**Bonnie Kloss** - November 20, 2015 at 09:37 AM

KM

“ As a neighbor of Joe's, I have many memories of Joe and his family! The Lange family growing up were very close and I have always enjoy remembering the fun times! I am sorry for your loss - Joe will never be forgotten!

*Kay (Luitjohan) Medley*

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**Kay Medley** - November 20, 2015 at 07:58 AM

DB

“ DEBRA BITTER sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph E. "Joe" Lange



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**DEBRA BITTER** - November 19, 2015 at 11:01 PM

DM

*So sorry for the loss of joe.*

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**Dean melton** - November 20, 2015 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ DEBRA BITTER lit a candle in memory of Joseph E. "Joe" Lange



DEBRA BITTER - November 19, 2015 at 11:00 PM



“ I remember Mr. Joe Lange when he was in elementary school. He was very cheerful and generous. I remember his smile and laugh and how he had a great personality.



Anne Parkinson - November 19, 2015 at 09:55 PM

KR

“ Deepest sympathy to the Lange family and may God grant him peace and light.



Kevin Ratermann - November 19, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *It saddens me to hear of the passing of my classmate and friend Joe. He always had a friendly "Hello" and enjoyed sharing a story with you. Although he faced challenges in his life, Joe volunteered his time and service to our town of Highland. He was self-sufficient as he would ride his bike, with lawn mower in tow, or drive his tractor to his next lawn cutting job. Joe was a very special person and member of our community. He will be greatly missed.*

*My condolences,  
Tami Kleinhoffer*

Tami Kleinhoffer - November 19, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ *Judy, I am so sorry to hear this. I just talked to you on Wednesday morning at physical therapy. You said then you were trying to get him on the phone and got no answer at the hospital. I am so, so sorry for you and your family's loss.*

*Irene Armbruster*

Irene Armbruster - November 19, 2015 at 06:10 PM



*sorry to hear of joes death,my family all knew him very well,R I P Runge Family*

mavis runge - November 23, 2015 at 09:08 PM



*When we lived on 13th street, Joe and his family were our neighbors. Joe was the best neighbor we could ask for. He was always there to help, and of course to talk about lawn mowers and the Cardinals. :) May his gentle soul rest in the arms of Jesus. The King family - Leamon, Kim, Cherry, Andy & Katie*

Barbara "Kim" (King) Catron - November 24, 2015 at 10:47 PM