



Joseph Nic Buchholz "Joey"

July 29, 2022

Born to Eternal Life on July 29, 2022, age 46 years. Loving and proud father of Grace. He also cherished every moment he had with Nicola. Beloved son of Nina G. (nee Conigliaro) and the late James R. Buchholz. Dear brother of Jill Buchholz. Proud uncle of Gina. Further survived by other relatives and many friends

Family was everything to him, which is why he dedicated his final years to caring for his mother. It wasn't just a job, but a beautiful and selfless act of love carried out unconditionally. He was a true hero.

Joey's love of baseball, his hometown Milwaukee Brewers and his favorite New York Mets, was his true passion, which is what led him to write the book "Two Loves; The Story Of A Baseball Polygamist". Often seen with a ball and glove on his hand, Joey lived and breathed baseball. Although he loved his Mets and Brewers, he loved the game more. Through this, he created the Utopian Baseball Universe- a fictional baseball world that puts players from all eras on teams and played out for the season. This universe connected so many people across the world, regardless of which team they rooted for. Joey leaves behind an entire universe, which is his extended baseball family. Though he left us too soon, he continues to be a "Uniter of People" with his legacy.

Aside from baseball, Joey was a connoisseur of all things mustard, hot sauce and Kit Kats. He also had a love for music (Billy Joel, Weezer and Jeff Buckley were among his favorites), WWE, pizza, SNL, reading, writing, Fugazzi Fantasy Football and The Cleveland Browns.

If Joey didn't bring you to tears with his insanely unique and witty humor, you likely never met him. Making people laugh was a gift that will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Joey's Life will be held Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Helfaer Field, 1 Brewer Way, Milwaukee 53214

"There's a moon asking to stay

Long Enough for the clouds to fly me away

Well it's my time coming, I'm not afraid, afraid to (go)

My fading voice sings of love"

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Joey has left this world. I met Joey when he worked at the UW Credit Union on the UWM Campus. When I learned his last name was Buchholz, I had to "interrogate" him about his Buchholz ancestors and where they were from. My paternal grandma's maiden name was Buchholz. As a genealogist, I always have to know if I'm related to any other Buchholz people that I meet. We decided we probably weren't related. I've always thought fondly of Joey since then, though it has been years since that particular encounter. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Mary R. Frank - August 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Nina, your old neighbor Jack from Kiehnau Ave. Sorry for your loss. Sorry for your loss.

Jack Baker - August 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Im truly blessed that God chose me to be Joeys mom

Nina Conigliaro - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Joey we met once and chatted innumerable times about our shared baseball passion. Ill greatly miss our chats and comments! Youre an amazing baseball fan and a better man! Godspeed my brother.

Allen Twillie - August 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *RIP IN Peace My Freind till we meet again or should I say face to face*

Michael V COURT - August 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *He was the best of the best and he treated everyone like family*

Ed Attanasio - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I was honored to join Joey on his podcast even though I knew nothing about baseball. We connected on our love for SNL but I predict Joey could connect with anyone at all. Sending love. His memory will be a blessing to me.*

Jenny Russak - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Got to know Joey a bit and am lucky I did. He was a pleasure to share a passion with. Last time I saw him we agreed to get hot dogs next time we got together. Joey, dude, I'll definitely have one in your honor when the guys and I get together in your honor soon.*

Tony Leva - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I had the pleasure of Joey's friendship for only a little more than a year, but there are some people you meet whom you feel you feel you've known for a lifetime. He'll be missed until the end of my days.*

J.C. Tsistinas - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Joey welcomed me into the Utopian Baseball Universe with open arms and we quickly became friendly. Hes such a down to earth, funny and likeable guy. Baseball was our immediate connection, though we shared many same interests. I just wish we couldve taken in a game this year. He invited to be a guest on his trivia shows, his podcast, Have a Catch and offered to lend me a copy of his book. Timing never worked out for any of these things to happen but just him offering was amazing and I wish we couldve made it happen. Youll be sadly missed Joey. The Czar of the UBU shall live on forever though, thanks to you!

Matt Schafer - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Joey, you captivated a huge audience with your ability to win people over with your knowledge and humor. You my friend will never be forgotten. Much love to you for all I have learned from you

Brian Pelletier - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Myself and Joey came to know each other through an online baseball book club. Right away I knew this guy was kind and a good dude. I sometimes feel like a nerd reading about baseball so much, and seeing that he did the exact same thing a lot made me feel more cool. When the late author Roger Angell died I found it funny that we both took photos of ourselves at a ballpark reading the exact same Roger Angell book, Late Innings. I'm hoping wherever Joey is, he's able to have some great conversations with Angell and my personal hero, Vin Scully. Vin, please look after Joey, he is a kind person. We didn't talk a whole lot, but I just remembering him smiling and posting about how he was so peaceful just sitting somewhere having coffee or some drink and reading about baseball. Sorry I didn't get to know you better Joey. RIP.

Thomas Gase - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM