



## Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte

December 27, 1946 - January 6, 2019

Joseph Casper Monteforte, Sr. was born to Frank and Clara (Ortmeier) Monteforte on December 27, 1946 in Snyder, NE. Joe passed away at the Buffet Cancer Center at UNMC on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the age of 72 years and 10 days following a short battle with Leukemia.

Joe attended grade school at St. Leo's Catholic School and then attended Snyder High School in Snyder, NE. Joe entered into the army right after high school.

Joe and Constance (Girmus) Monteforte were united in marriage on August 29, 1969.

Their first home was south of Johnie & Wilma Girmus' farm. They had a son Joseph Casper, Jr. and a daughter Jean Ann. Six months after their daughter was born, they moved into their current home in Geneva.

Joe worked for Biba's for over 30 years until the business closed. He then went to work for Webb Construction for a short while before working at Overland in Geneva until his accident at work.

Joe, "The Dude" as everyone called him, loved being around family and friends. He also loved tinkering in his garage almost every evening and on the weekends. Anyone driving by could see him in his garage. Many times he was

joined by Joe Jr., Colin, Jim, Tom, and Bryan. Sunday's were extra special as those were his polka music days. Sunday's turned into "Sunday Fundays" in the lot with family and neighbors with lots of laughs, food, and sometimes even dancing. Dude always made sure mint julep was made because Grandma Connie enjoyed her refreshing sips.

Dude also loved to supervise everywhere he went, especially at Joe Jr's shop and office, harvesting or even when his grandsons mowed the lawn. Any time Joe Jr., Colin and Jim would be working on something, Dude always had to be right there to supervise. When one of those three weren't there, Dude would always say "call them and see what's going on." He also loved to go out to the office with Joe Jr. and Colin, to just sit talking about all kinds of things and watching movies. Of course, you always wanted to be careful of what topic you brought up, because he had some pretty strong opinions on some things and he would let you know it!. Colin would always say to his dad "Now why did you have to bring that up," and Dude would always tell Joe Jr. "you always blow everything out of proportion." At the end of conversations, Dude always said "It's all the Big Red One."

Harvest time was always special to Papa Dude. He would always make sure he was there, even if someone had to drive him out. This fall when he was dismissed from the hospital he wanted to go straight out to the field. Since that was the last field left to harvest, he had to make sure he was a part of it. He had to be the supervisor and make sure they were doing things correctly. He would sit in his pickup and say, "now why is Colin going that way" or "why did Joey park the semi there?" He would also have to give Jared and Jorden grief about why they went the way they did to get to Colin or for not paying attention. When something broke down he would say "you better call Jim to come out and fix it."

Dude loved his grandkids. The grandkids have so many fun memories with

Papa Dude that they will cherish forever. When it came to the granddaughters, he would always be calling Jo Jo, "Lo Lo" and Jo Jo would always give papa that look. He also liked to call the granddaughters to sing "happy birthday" to them, and at the end of the song, he made sure he told them "this is grandpa."

Dude always complained about having a garden, yet he was always out there planting or picking the veggies. He would tell Jim the rows weren't straight. After his accident, you may have seen him riding around on his 4-wheeler checking out what was happening in Geneva. After his surgery, Dude once tried to ride his scooter out to the fairgrounds without checking the battery and had to have someone come pick him up.

Dude also loved his auctions. He was always going to auctions to find a "good deal" - much to Connie's dismay! When no one else wanted something, he would at least bid \$0.50. When he brought home his items, there was maybe only one thing that was worth keeping, but he said "it was a good deal" so it was worth it. His most recent "treasures" he brought home were lots of wind chimes.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Clara; sisters Herminia Jones and Rita Hoffman; Father-in-law and Mother-in-law Johnie and Wilma Girmus; sisters-in-law Shirley Moroney and Mary Monteforte; and brothers-in-law Johnie Dale Girmus, Roy Jones, Frank Nadrchal, Joe Siedlik and Jim Moroney.

Joe is survived by his wife Connie Monteforte; son Joseph Monteforte Jr. and wife Kristen; daughter Jean Engle and husband Jim; Grandchildren Morgan Houck and husband Ross, Colin Monteforte, Lauryn Monteforte, Jared Engle and Jordan Engle; Brothers Herman Monteforte and wife Mildred and Frank Monteforte Jr.; sisters Marge Ellis and husband Dave, Marion Nadrchal, and

Marty Siedlik; Brother-in-law Richard Girmus and wife Vicky; sister-in-law Kay Girmus; and many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

A Funeral Service for Joe was held on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Griger and Kim Dunker officiated the service. Recorded selections played during the service included "Amazing Grace," "Go Rest High On That Mountain," "When I Get Where I'm Going," and "In Heaven There Is No Beer."

Pallbearers for the service included Colin Monteforte, Jared Engle, Jordan Engle, Ross Houck, Jason Tatro, Wendell Nelson, and Rob Zeutzius. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Warrelman, Tim Warrelman, Chirs DeBoer, Tom Hiatt, Bryan Nun, Rick Jones, Don Jones, Tom Jones, Mike Jones, and Rodger Stofer. Interment was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service. Military Rites were performed by the Geneva VFW Post 7102 and Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the Quilts Of Valor C/O Jody Houck or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Donor Services, PO Box 98018, Washington DC 20090-8018.

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Monteforte Flower Pics



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 13, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ 116 files added to the album Monteforte Flower Pics



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 11, 2019 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ Aunt Connie and family. Uncle Joe was surely a one of a kind Gem who will be missed. Hold onto your memories for they will forever remain in your hearts. When we grieve Angels are always near us to let us know are loved ones are safe in Gods hands.Perhaps they are not Stars in the sky. But openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy and love us so. May time heal your sorrow, May friends ease the pain, May Peace replace heartaches and may warmest memories remain. Those we love never go away, but walk beside us ever day. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you.

*With much Love Mark, Suzi, Sarah and Alex Spohn*



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**Sue Spohn** - January 10, 2019 at 04:29 PM


DB

“ Doug Brandt lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte



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**Doug Brandt** - January 09, 2019 at 12:53 PM

 Cindi McDaniel Cochran

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. We are praying for strength and comfort for you at this time.

*Jay, Cindi and Bella Cochran*



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**Cindi McDaniel Cochran** - January 09, 2019 at 10:48 AM

CA

“ *Monteforte family,  
May you always share your wonderful  
memories of Joe. When you remember his  
life, I'm sure it will be smiles and laughter.  
Cousin,  
Catherine Huhman Placzek*



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**Catherine** - January 08, 2019 at 06:36 PM

LK

“ *Love - Tom, Tammy and Maddie Kielty purchased  
the Fairest of All for the family of Joseph C.  
"Dude" Monteforte.*



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**Love - Tom, Tammy and Maddie Kielty** - January 08, 2019 at  
12:38 PM

RS

“ *Richard Sieber lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**Richard Sieber** - January 08, 2019 at 11:25 AM

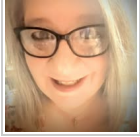
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“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**steve & barb sadd** - January 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**Janine Uldrich** - January 08, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ *Cory Ellison lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**Cory Ellison** - January 07, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Rhonda & Randy lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**Rhonda & Randy** - January 07, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - January 07, 2019 at 07:44 PM

PG

“ Joe I can't believe you left us, our hearts are broken. You have left a void that will never be filled. RIP. With Love and Caring. Pat and Dayle

pat gewecke - January 07, 2019 at 05:11 PM

BW

“ Barb Whitley lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. "Dude" Monteforte



Barb Whitley - January 07, 2019 at 02:47 PM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I was so sad when I heard. Joe was a wonderful person. Thinking about you all. He will be missed. R.I.P. Joe.



Deborah Salmon - January 07, 2019 at 12:16 PM

JG

Dear Monteforte family. So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Cousin,  
Joanie Peatrowsky Graham

Joanie Peatrowsky Graham - January 07, 2019 at 06:24 PM

SS

So sorry to hear this, thoughts and prayers to you, Connie and your family

sandra schaffer\_nagy - January 08, 2019 at 09:18 AM