



Joseph Mancuso

August 2, 1950 - December 28, 2023

Joseph “Joe” Frank Mancuso, age 73, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, born in Buffalo, NY. Cherished son of the late Frank & Adamae Mancuso. Joe is survived by his loving son, Sterling and devoted mother of their son, De’Anne Mancuso. He was the loving brother of Terry Lee, (Jerry) Crawford, Betty Jo (Garnet) Hanson, John Mancuso, and Jacqueline (Louis) Simone. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joseph was an accomplished harmonica player and was a Hohner Harmonica Endorsee. In 1995 Joe won the Buffalo Artvoice Magazine Outstanding Musician Award. He loved playing with the Steam Donkeys at Nietzsche’s and The Sportsman Club in Buffalo. In 2018, he and the members of the Steam Donkeys, were inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame.

He was a gifted Harmonica player with his own flair and style and often you would see him playing with his eyes closed. Joe was an adept sound engineer with a great ear and he oversaw many shows throughout his career. He worked with all types of Musicians who brought a variety of music styles to the public while playing the Blues, Country, Jazz, Bluegrass and Americana.

A Celebration of Life was held for him on Sunday, January 28, 2024, in Albuquerque, NM. at the Kaktus Brewing Co., in Bernalillo, NM.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (MT)

Kaktus Brewing Company Inc.
471 South Hill, Bernalillo, NM 87004
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Brought Joe to the Kaktus for his final Harmonica Fest at the Kaktus Brewery and sat in with him..didn't know Joe long but I felt close to this fine musician and honest, thoughtful human being..

Dave Hruden - January 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LS

“ Joe was a kind and gentle soul. We loved hearing him play harp. His spirit will live on in the music community. Sending love to his family.

Lita Sandoval and Marisa Wickham

Lita Sandoval - January 29, 2024 at 04:38 AM

WP

“ I liked him and enjoyed playing with him. Wake Patterson

WAKE PATTERSON - January 28, 2024 at 03:42 PM

ST

“ Kind, sensitive, caring, talented and an over all great soul. You will be missed Joe! Condolences to all who loved him. Sally Townes

Sally Townes - January 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joe has been my friend for 20 years. I had to leave New Mexico and move to Savannah where I knew no one and started my life over due to health reasons 3 years ago. No matter his own health issues he could think of me and be my best support and cheerleader. He was very special to me.

Carolyn Griffin - January 28, 2024 at 09:22 AM