



## Joseph Gerard Endres

December 16, 1952 - May 29, 2012

Mr. Joseph Gerard Endres, 59, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at CMC Northeast Medical Center.

Born December 16, 1952 in Washington, DC to the late Hedvig Smith Endres and Arthur Endres, he was a graduate of Duval High School in Lanham, MD and of Catholic University of America.

Mr. Endres started working in the food industry as a food clerk for Safeway and Food Lion. Then he was owner/operator of Jomco Cleaning Service. He was a custodian for Catawba College, East Rowan High School, and most recently East Rowan YMCA. He was a mentor for Catawba College Student Athletes.

Mr. Endres was a member of First United Church of Christ in Salisbury.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Douglas Endres.

Surviving is his wife Connie Withers Endres whom he married on September 22, 1984; step-son, Michael Blank and wife Michelle DiGia of Mooresville, NC; brothers, David Endres of VA and Arthur "Skip" Endres, Jr. and wife Nancy of MD; and sisters, Catherine Evans and husband Bobby of MD and Teresa Meehan and husband Michael of NY.

A visitation will be held from 6-8 PM Friday (June 1) at Summersett Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Saturday (June 2) at Summersett Memorial Chapel, conducted by Rev. Joe Thomas. Burial will follow at City Memorial Park.

This is not a time to be sad, as Joe now lives life in a place that exceeds perfection in every way; a place where ones imagination can't fathom how awesome a life of bliss can be, a place where dreams become reality every moment of everyday; thank you all for your support and love, for Joe now lives in heaven!

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Endres family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ My deepest condolences for the members of Joe's family. I was the guy in the wheelchair at the visitation & funeral. I worked with Joe at Kroger here in Salisbury for a few years. We had a lot of fun and good times. We played on their softball team together and often played football on Sunday afternoons with some co-workers & other guys and even went skiing in the NC mountains a time or two.

*I was at his & Connie's wedding and was actually the bartender at the reception afterwards.*

*After my car accident in 1985 I didn't see Joe much. Years later I saw him working at Catawba College when I was going to the evening program there. Was glad to see him there and equally glad when he & Connie came to my church (Franklin Baptist) for a while. He was a nice, funny guy and I guess was my best "yankee" pal.*

*I looked for hours trying to find an old Washington Redskins pin I had so I could give it to Connie to put with Joe, but I never could find it. I remember watching the SuperBowl the Skins won in the early 80's at Joe & Connies house.*

*Will miss him a lot but will be glad to see him again in Heaven since he won't be suffering & I won't be in a wheelchair!*

*May God comfort you all.##imported-begin##Gregg Phillips##imported-end##*

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June 08, 2012 at 04:42 PM



*Joe was one's who gave me my nickname in high school 10th grade.  
wallywonder21@gmail.com*

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**John Wallace** - March 19, 2022 at 05:18 PM

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*John Wallace the one who played the Harmonica?*

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**connie Endres cowan** - May 03, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Connie,  
Really sorry to hear about Joe, I know he is in heaven now in no more pain. He will be greatly missed. Not sure if you knew but, Mike my husband also lost his life to cancer 8/3/11. If there is anything I can do or if you just want to talk give me a call 704-232-5215.  
Tammy Lambeth##imported-begin##Tammy Lambeth##imported-end##*

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June 04, 2012 at 09:14 PM



“ *The Endres Family will be in our prayer during this time of grief. Joe will certainly missed by all who knew him. He was an inspiration to whomever he met.JCP##imported-begin##Wanda, Robin, and George Foil##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2012 at 09:50 PM



*Joe was 1st manager I ever had. I got my start into Neil Young covers because of him. I have tape of him calling for "blue" when I sang too sad. I only learned of his passing this month,from Rick Procter.*

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**John Wallace** - March 19, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ Connie, I will truly miss Joe, his smile, his sense of humor, his strength, and especially the way his eyes lit up when he spoke about the love of his life, you. sorry I can't be there today but promise to visit soon.  
All my love and prayers,  
Debbie###imported-begin###Debbie Burnett###imported-end##

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June 02, 2012 at 08:15 AM



“ Always smiling and always talking, he wanted to know how YOU were doing. He focused the conversation on you not on him. He made you feel that he admired you when really it was the other way around. I will miss that positive energy and laughter. I always left a talk with Joe with a smile on my face.###imported-begin###Wayne Crowder###imported-end##

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May 31, 2012 at 10:48 PM



“ Deepest sympathy for Connie and family may the Good Lord welcome him home.###imported-begin###David Poole###imported-end##

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May 31, 2012 at 06:27 PM



“ Connie,

*I'm so very sorry to read about Joe's passing. You and I have never met but I worked with Joe years ago at Krogers uptown on the 3rd shift. We had so much fun, I have always remembered one night he got on the intercom and gave this big speech and then presented himself with the coveted 'Silver Mop' Award for excellence in mopping. He was such a cut up, it made the nights go by faster and I thought the world of him.*

*He was a wonderful guy and I'm honored to have known him.*

*Praying for continued strength for you.*

*Tammy Lynn.##imported-begin##Tammy Lynn  
Misenheimer##imported-end##*

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May 31, 2012 at 12:53 PM



“ Truly a Prince of a man! He never lost his sense of humor ... we'll miss you, Joe!##imported-begin##Dennis Davidson##imported-end##

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May 31, 2012 at 10:06 AM



“ Saying good bye so soon is too hard. Joe was one of the bravest and most positive people I have known. My life is better for having known him. Go in peace.##imported-begin##Patti Sullivan##imported-end##

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May 31, 2012 at 09:18 AM



“ Thank you for being so friendly, and always being such a wonderful person to talk to, made my visits to the Y so special. Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Hannah Hawkins##imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 08:18 AM



“ I taught at East Rowan while Joe worked there and he was always so happy and upbeat. Joe always greeted everyone with a smile. Joe will certainly be missed by many, many people. Heaven will be a better place because of Joe.##imported-begin##Gina Talbert##imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 07:46 AM



“ Joe was a nice guy. He always had a smile on his face at the YMCA. He always was willing to help others. Lord Bless and comfort each of you.

Romans 5:8##imported-begin##Pastor Joey Spry##imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 01:06 AM



“ With deepest sympathy to the family. May the Lord welcome a servant home. From Neville and Rachel Storey as well. God Bless##imported-begin##lynn messick##imported-end##

May 30, 2012 at 06:12 PM



“ Joe was the most positive and upbeat man I knew, and I have lost a great friend. Joe won't experience any more pain. I will look forward to seeing him again soon, and I wouldn't be surprised if Joe is now talking some of those angels into going for a run.##imported-begin##David Freeze##imported-end##

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May 30, 2012 at 05:18 PM



“ Joe was the bravest man I know - he ran the race to the end - he will truly be missed in my life - I am so thankful to have known him and thank God he is at peace -he finished this race a winner##imported-begin##Debbie & Edwin Martin##imported-end##

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May 30, 2012 at 12:45 PM