



Joey Heistand

July 1, 1975 - October 13, 2017

Joey "RED" Heistand, 42, of Leesburg lost his battle with Lymphoma Friday, October 13, 2017 in Orlando, Florida, with family by his side. Commonly known as "Red" he was born July 1, 1975 in Midland, Michigan, the first son of Robert and Rebecca Heistand. He was a graduate of Umatilla High School, Lake-Sumter State College and Lake VoTech. He married his sweetheart in 1995 at Mission Inn Resort in Howey-In-The-Hills, FL and they had two beautiful daughters, Scarlotte and Lydia. He was a computer specialist and a concrete specialist for Dura-Stress, Inc. for 18 years. Red was a drummer (and also played piano, harmonica and guitar) and he shared stages with such acts as The Marshall Tucker Band, The Drifters, Alice Cooper and many more. He was the drummer for many churches, including his current church home of Fairway Christian Church in The Villages, FL. He was also a special effects artist, being the creator of the Leesburg Haunted Maze and raising thousands of dollars for the Easter Seals in Sorrento, FL at the Haunted Woods while he was a teenager. He was known for his exceptional make-up abilities and imagination. Red was a Talented actor as well and you can find him in movies such as "Save the Gator Queen", "The Essence of Irwin" and "Magical Gathering" starring alongside Colin Mochrie or T.V. shows such as "Dr. G Medical Examiner". He was a sound and lighting specialist and D.J. He could speak any dialect or accent and did voice over work for online children's books. Red was known as an avid music lover, a fan of baseball, race cars, history and science. Red was always the life of the party, he loved entertaining

people and helping others. He strived to help kids of all ages and backgrounds and you could sometimes find him speaking to fostered and group home kids about becoming their own success story. He was a "dad" to many kids who didn't have one. He was proud of his own children and a supporting, loving father who believed his greatest accomplishment was his two girls. He loved his church family and found no better fulfillment than to praise God with his drumming. Red was the guy everyone went to when they had a bad day or when they wanted to do something fun. He was everyone's friend. He is survived by his wife, his true love of 22 years, Georgia; daughter, Scarlotte Butler and son-in-law Craig Butler of Los Angeles, CA; daughter, Lydia Heistand of Leesburg, FL; brothers, Shane (Tiffany) of Leesburg, Jesse (Amber) of Mt. Pleasant, MI; niece, Sarah Heistand of Leesburg; nephews, Ozzy, Delsin, Axl of Leesburg; sister, Amanda Herr (Thomas) of Leesburg,; parents, Gregg and Cindy Fricke of Leesburg, Bob Heistand of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Becky Roath of Orlando, FL; aunt and uncle, Hal and Suki Heistand of Anna Maria Island, FL; and a countless number of friends and church family. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Tony Williamson. Service and Interment Services will be held at Fairway Christian Church in The Villages, Florida on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 3pm, interment to immediately follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I am sorry for your loss. Please allow God to comfort you through this painful loss through His promise to care for our dead loved ones in the resurrection at Acts 24:15. Death was not a part of God's original purpose for mankind and that is why it is so hard to deal with this kind of loss. But our loving Heavenly Father has provided a solution to all of our problems including sickness and death through His kingdom{government} in the hands of Jesus Christ our Lord real soon so that we can welcome our loved ones back in the promised resurrection to enjoy the wonderful life He purposed on a paradise earth. {Psalms 37:9-11,29}

cw - October 24, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DC

“ Georgia:
I always loved to watch Joey play the drums at Fairway Services. He had so much enthusiasm for the music and our prayer songs. My prayers go out to you and your family during this most difficult time. Joey is with our Lord who will take very good care of him.

Diane Cadd - October 19, 2017 at 03:16 PM

EG

“ Dearest Family - Our Deepest Sympathy - We didn't get to know Red - Just know He always has a Beautiful Smile and Peace about Him. And - the Deepest Unconditional Love Between His Dearest Wife Georgia and Him. And his Amazing relationship and Love of his Lovely Daughters. He's Missed for Sure by us all. Much Love.

Eleni, John and Mama Girl - October 18, 2017 at 08:49 PM

JS

“ I first met Red and his family about 4 years ago at Fairway Christian Church when I sang in the Saturday night Praise Team and he played drums. I was mesmerized by his talent and ability to reach out to people to show them the love of Jesus Christ. He just shined. He will be missed but we are comforted in knowing Red is playing his drums in heaven.

Janet Sandefur - October 18, 2017 at 07:37 PM

PS

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Georgia and her family. Joey was a special person who faced his battle with strength and dignity. May you peace in your memories of what a special man he was

Pete & Nancy Steriti - October 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM

JC

“ Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn,for they will be comforted.
Red- You will always be in the hearts of those who knew you. Peace to Georgia, Scarlotte, Lydia and all of Red's family.



Julie Copenhaver - October 18, 2017 at 03:02 PM

DH

“ I only knew Joey "Red" for a short time. During this time it was very obviously how much Joey loved the Lord. When he played the drums at Fairway Christian Church his heart and sole were in it completely. You know he was playing for the Lord. He always had a smile on his face and was a very kind hearted gentleman. He will be missed. Peace in Heaven Joey playing the drums for Jesus now :-)



Dottie Henriksen - October 18, 2017 at 01:43 PM

AS

“ We will miss Red and his participation in our church, Fairway Christian Church. We appreciate how Red and his family would always step in when we needed actors for a play. We will especially miss seeing him on stage drumming away in a world of his own. He truly loved those drums, and we could see his passion for the Lord through his drumming. God bless you, Red.



Allan and Jean Ann Stover - October 18, 2017 at 01:33 PM

LH

“ Dear Family,
Joey was such a joy to watch on the drums in church. He had such flair and such a wonderful presence about him. I'm certain he's rocking Jesus and all the apostles in heaven right now on his drums, his body whole and perfect and full of light and life. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, especially his family, but now you have your own personal angel, only he's playing the drums and not a harp. Our deepest sympathies to all of you but always know that Joey left a deep impression on all who knew and loved him. Blessings to you all.

Lori and Tom Hollister - October 18, 2017 at 12:04 PM

TM

“ Tom and I remember watching Red when he played his drums. I remember when he was in so much pain and yet when he was playing his drums it was like it was him and Jesus, having their own Praise and Worship. His face lit up the church as his drum sticks flew in the air. He brought us peace and strength. We fell in love with the whole family, thank you for letting us be part of your joy, your sorrow and your long walk.

God bless, Father give them each strength and hope as walk through their new journey.

Tom and Kay Mowers

Tom and Kaye Mowers - October 18, 2017 at 11:49 AM

CB

“ YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW AND LOVED YOU.
REST IN PEACE.

CAROL BESSETTE - October 16, 2017 at 06:56 PM

PB

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all.

Paul & Dawn Beart - October 16, 2017 at 05:47 PM

CF

“ Our family is praying for your peace during this most difficult time. We are so very sorry of the loss of your Father Lydia. Georgia, I am blessed to call you my friend and we are here in any way to help. God bless to all of you. Cole, Chris, Cage, and Leona

Cole Tumey & Family - October 16, 2017 at 02:52 PM