



Joe Sunderlage

October 11, 1975 - January 6, 2026

Joe Sunderlage was born on October 11, 1975 in Elgin Illinois. He passed unexpectedly on the morning of January 6, 2026 in Broadhead Wisconsin. Joe had a gift for lighting up a room with his quick wit and humor. He had a deep passion for music and writing poetry. Especially music. His love for music began as soon as he was old enough to turn on the radio. A sentiment that continued throughout his life. He enjoyed a wide variety of genres and personally introduced many bands to me such as The Doors, Pink Floyd, Nirvana, Beastie Boys, Metallica, and Mötley Crüe.

For most of his life, Joe enjoyed hiking. In his youth, he regularly hiked up to 20 miles per week. Through the various jobs he held over the years, Joe was known for his strong work ethic.

Above all, Joe loved his family. He often said that having his daughter, Ava, made him a better man and father, as she truly opened his heart to love. Joe was authentically himself—sometimes a little hard to handle, some might say “a tough one to love”—but you always knew where you stood with him.

Joe is survived by his Mother Elaine Todd; Stepfather William Schnell; Father John Sunderlage; Siblings Aaron Sunderlage, Monica Scofield, Tyler Schnell; Daughter Ava Sunderlage; Partner Jenni Bednarke

Joe's family kindly asks for prayers for the safety of his soul during the journey to the next destination.