

## “Guide Joe Paterno Home”

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On Wednesday, January 25th 2012, Eric Bress and I had learned what it was like to be a Penn Stater. After creating a Facebook event entitled “Guide Joe Paterno Home” encouraging the Penn State community to come out and show their support for the entire Paterno Family regarding Joe’s passing, Eric and I could not believe our eyes. Standing in the middle of Curtain Road with jaws dropped and eyes wide, “we did this” was about the only words we could speak. They say about 10,000 people came out to line the streets of Joe Paterno’s funeral procession, from not only University Park Campus, but branch campuses such as Abington, Berks and Altoona. There were even a few alumni I had the chance to meet who came from states such as Maryland and Illinois. Being Facebook messaged, texted, tweeted at and called by numerous news stations asking for interviews was nice, but knowing the entire Penn State community was behind us stronger than ever was nothing less than incredible, and something Eric and I will simply never forget. We are, and always will be, Penn State.

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