



Joel A. Hoehn

September 6, 1956 - March 9, 2024

Joel A. Hoehn, 67, peacefully passed away on March 9, 2024.

Joel was born on September 6, 1956 in Silver Lake, Indiana, to Robert & Norma Hoehn. He had one older brother, Jeff. His family later moved to Waynedale, Indiana where he was a graduate of Wayne High School in 1975. His childhood was spent riding bikes with his friends. He later upgraded his two wheels to a classic 1972 Nova leading to a lifetime love of classic muscle cars. As he and his brother got older they shared memories of cruising in their cars and attending NASCAR races together.

He met his wife, LaDonna, of 37 years in 1986. Joel has two children, a son Kortoney of Chicago, IL and daughter Heather of Denver, NC. Joel enjoyed many family vacations in Frankenmuth, MI and to the beaches of the Carolinas.

Joel was an avid IU basketball fan, one of his final moments spent watching IU win with his children at his side. Joel enjoyed many hobbies including spending time outdoors, woodworking, and do-it-yourself projects. The most notable, a complete remodel on the early 1900s family home in Ossian, IN.

He dedicated his life to providing for his family by servicing northern Indiana and parts of Ohio as a professional land surveyor and owner of Stoodly

Associates in Bluffton, IN. Joel began his career in land surveying at the age of 17. Joel volunteered for 35 years to wetland conservation. Joel was a kind and soft spoken man who was always offering a helping hand. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Joel is preceded in death by his parents Robert & Norma Hoehn. He is survived by his wife, LaDonna; brother Jeffrey (Faith) Hoehn; son Kortoney Gaff; daughter Heather Hoehn. As well as an extended family of beloved friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Joel Hoehn Memorial Scholarship Fund % Wells County Foundation. Donations may be made online at wellscountyfound.org (<http://wellscountyfound.org/>)

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Those details will be updated here as soon as they are available.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ I got to know Joel thru his brother Jeff and he always had a smile on his face, very kind and just a genuinely nice person. Traits we all could use more of. My deepest sympathies to his entire family and especially to Jeff and Faith!

Chris Leeper - March 18, 2024 at 05:45 PM

CK

“ I got to know Joel thru his brother, Jeff. We were all much younger and I must admit, a little wild. He made us laugh out loud and became one of the gang. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to his family and friends, may his memories sustain us all.

Cheryl Kratzert-Walls - March 16, 2024 at 06:58 AM

KM

“ *LaDonna, Kort and Heather,*
I just learned this morning about Joel's passing. I had not known he had been sick. But looking back I now realize I had not talked to him since October.
I wanted to let you know that you and he will be in my thoughts and prayers. I have no idea how long I had worked with Joel. I don't remember exactly when we first had Kort in our office. But thinking about it, I know he and I watched the towers come down together in September of 2001. So I know I had probably been working with Joel on projects long before that.
I never got the chance to know LaDonna and Heather. But I always enjoyed hearing about Joel's vacations and the times you all had together. And getting updates about Kort's life after our time together.
I will miss Joel and his friendship. But I will always have fond memories of the work we did together and the friendship I felt we had over the years.
Kevin McDermitt

Kevin McDermitt - March 14, 2024 at 10:59 AM

JE

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences to you Kortoney, Heather, Jeff, Faith and your loved ones.*

The news of Joel's deeply saddens me. We were childhood best friends, and our shared memories and experiences from boyhood to young men are a significant part of my life. He was truly a gentle and remarkable soul.

I cannot begin to imagine the depth of your grief, but I hope you find solace in the cherished memories you shared with Joel. May those memories serve as a source of comfort and strength as you navigate through this difficult period.

Rest in peace my brother.

*With heart felt sympathy,
John Emerson*

John Emerson - March 13, 2024 at 08:02 PM

NG

“ *Joel and I would go out cruising and street racing his beautiful green Nova on many occasions. Sadly we lost touch with each other after graduating in 75. I'm very saddened by his passing and my heart felt sympathy goes out to his family and friends he was such a great guy. I can still see him walking the halls of Wayne with his full beard ,his jeans jacket and bell bottom jeans and that big grin. Rest well my friend. You will be missed.*

Ned Gatchell - March 13, 2024 at 06:12 PM

VP

“ Your family has our deepest sympathy on the loss of Joel. He would come into our office to Search and was always a joy to work with. He has surveyed properties for my family since the late 80's. We always looked forward to his stories and great personality. I remember one winter day going out 300 W in Lancaster Township, it was cold and snowy and I saw 2 guys standing in the middle of the road and the closer I got I found out it was Joel and Joe, so I pulled up beside them and said what on earth are you doing out here in the middle of the road in the freezing cold and Joel said we have work to do. He will be greatly missed, always loved and never forgotten. He made a huge impact on a lot of people's lives.

Office of the Huntington County Recorder, Vicki Pearson and Girls

Vicki Pearson - March 13, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JH

“ Heather, you have my deepest sympathy on the passing of your dad. I remember him well from when you were in my third grade class. Mrs. Judy Harkless.

Judy Harkless - March 12, 2024 at 06:51 PM

KB

“ I have known Joel since we were small children and have so many great memories of him over the years. He was a kind and generous person and he will be missed. My condolences to LaDonna and his children. Fly high Joel.

Kathy Bumgardner - March 12, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MS

“ Worked with Joel through my employment at Huntington County DCD. He was a great guy with a kind heart. He will be missed. Condolences to the family . He will be missed

Marla Stambazze - March 12, 2024 at 03:26 PM

MJ

“ I am glad to have worked with Joel on the many surveying projects he did for my family and our company. He provided professional property points.new building points and elevation benchmarks. Joel invited me to join Ducks unlimited and we attended many banquets and events throughout northern Indiana. His last DU event was our bingo on February 24th. He would always help with anything asked of him.

We hunted game birds, hogs and deer these many years. A person would be blessed to have his friendship. My condolences to Ladonna, Heather, Kort and Jeff. His parting leaves a hole in my heart. God bless.

Mick Jackson

Mick Jackson - March 12, 2024 at 01:24 PM

EB

“ Joel was such a caring and fun man. I enjoyed seeing him every time he came in to the Surveyors Office. I will continue to miss seeing him and will keep the family in my prayers. RIP

Erica Bair - March 12, 2024 at 12:39 PM