



Joel Stephen Purkerson

February 22, 1969 - December 31, 2020

Joel Stephen Purkerson, 51, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 31, 2020, at his home in Corvallis, Oregon, after a long struggle with chronic illness. Joel was born Feb. 22, 1969, in Lebanon, Oregon, to Kaye and Grace Purkerson. He grew up in Lebanon, and graduated from Lebanon Academy of Christian Education.

Joel is survived by his beloved wife, Ellen (Corvallis); his son Stephen Purkerson of Vancouver, WA; his step-sons Jim Rinehart of Vancouver, and Nikolai Serban (Ron Wixman) of Eugene; his step-daughters Ceitdh Belleque (Nick) of Beaverton, Jessica Serban of Eugene, Maggie Cairns (Neil) of Aloha, and Caroline Hart of Portland; his mother, Grace Purkerson of Lebanon; his older brothers Neil (Judy) of Lebanon, and Paul (Lisa) of Adair Village, and his older sister Karen Bales of Lebanon; his two grandchildren, Serenity and Arlo, as well as multiple nieces and nephews. Joel was predeceased by his father Kaye Purkerson in 1987.

The family plans to spread Joel's ashes at Crater Lake, and have an informal memorial gathering when it's deemed safe to do so. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Joel's name to the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Condolences may be left at www.demossdurdan.com

Comments



“ Wow, I am speechless. As a childhood friend of Joel, he taught me a lot about archery. He was the reason I picked up my paper route and quite honestly one of my closest childhood friends. Rest in peace Joel, way to young.

Damon

Damon Plattner - January 14, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ Thank you, Damon, for your kind words. I remember Joel mentioning you as a childhood friend.

Ellen - January 15, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I haven't seen him since we moved from our house across the street but have many memories shared with him growing up. I hope you find peace during this difficult time.

-- Lara (Plattner) Kelley

Lara Kelley - January 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ Thank you, Lara.

Ellen - January 15, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of Joel's passing. Although I hadn't seen or spoken to him in years he was special to me and my family as neighborhood friends growing up together. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Tina Bass Fitzjohn - January 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Thank you, Tina.

Ellen - January 15, 2021 at 05:31 PM