



Joel Lium

November 29, 1967 - January 21, 2021

Joel Lium, 53, beloved son, brother, and friend to many, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2021 in Mansfield, Texas. His battle with Parkinson's came to an end after 10 years of fighting.

Joel was born in Minot, North Dakota to Larry and Adell (Guidinger) Lium. He moved to Hanover, Indiana; Jacksonville, Florida; Norman, Oklahoma; and Ellensburg, Washington as a child. He attended Ellensburg High School, graduating in 1986; and went on to attend Central Washington University, graduating in 1992, with a major in Journalism. Joel moved to Mansfield, TX in 2005 to be with his parents and his sister, Alison and her family.

Joel had many interests and he loved to talk with anyone about his favorites. His sports knowledge was extensive and ask him anything about the Oklahoma Sooners, Pittsburgh Steelers, Cincinnati Reds, and Boston Celtics and you could be involved in a long conversation. He also loved music; his CD collection was immense and he liked to play DJ in his apartment for visitors. He was a real fan of 80s sitcoms and his knowledge of Pop Culture was as extensive as his knowledge of sports. He enjoyed working out, and those training sessions really helped keep the symptoms of Parkinson's minimized.

He was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's at age 44. He fought for almost 10 years and it was only in the last month of his life that he experienced the most terrible parts of the disease.

Most notable about Joel is his kind, friendly nature. He never met an enemy. All of his interests led him to make lifelong friends who all enjoyed spending time with him doing the things he loved.

Joel is preceded in death by his father, Larry in 2020; and his mother, Adell in 2013.

Survivors: Sister, Alison and her husband Ron Mendelsohn and his niece, Laurin Mendelsohn; numerous Aunts and Uncles and Cousins on both the Lium side and the Guidinger side.

No memorial service is currently planned. When the time comes that we can safely gather, the family of Joel will notify friends and loved ones if a service is scheduled.

Donations in Joel's name can be made to support Parkinson's research (www.parkinson.org or www.michaeljfox.org)

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I got to know Joel for only a short amount of time but I am so glad I did! He was always finding the positive and bringing it to light. He loved to talk about his family, fitness, Washington and music. He was always blunt with me during our chats and I loved that about him! He didn't allow his circumstances to overtake him and I really respected him for that. I know he is at peace with his parents who he loves so much.

Brie Miranda - January 25, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BC

“ Joel was always the older and wiser cousin! I remember our lake family reunions and visiting in WA. I got to visit school with Joel and Allie and everyone liked them! My condolences to Alison and her family in the loss of Joel. He is out of pain with his loving family.

Brenda Cain - January 24, 2021 at 01:21 AM

ML

“ It is an honor to have known you while you were here my dear friend. All I have is good memories of the times we shared. Your spirit is full of joy, hope, and an inspiring drive. I am sure God is loving to have you with him. To know you are no longer in pain brings peace, but your presence will forever be missed. Your smile is still contagious, even if it is only in memories. I will be fighting harder in life because of you. I will be loving more in life because of you. Thank you, Joel, for being a light on this earth in the time you were here and for being a light in my life and many others in the time you are gone. I will miss and love you forever. God bless you and your family dear friend.



Michael A Lara - January 23, 2021 at 10:16 AM

WH

“ Joel was a wonderful person. I loved his sense of humor. I was his reading teacher at Morgan Middle School and worked with his mother at Mt. Stuart. Later we kept up on Facebook. He showed a lot of strength battling Parkinson's. Sending my condolences to Alison and her family. It is heartbreaking to say goodbye to Larry and Joel in such a short period of time. Holding you in my heart. Wendy Hinckle

Wendy Hinckle - January 23, 2021 at 01:03 AM

MA

“ Mr. Lium, you will always be my favorite Sooner. I love you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for changing me for the better. I will always remember you. I am blessed to have met you. With love, Mariah.

Mariah - January 22, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JL

“ Joel was a valuable member of the Alutant newspaper staff as a student at Ellensburg High School. His background knowledge of sports and his talent as a writer brought the best features and most interesting sports highlights to his readers .I fondly remember him as a student and appreciated the kindness he showed to other students on the staff. He will be missed by all who loved him.

Joy Lessard - January 22, 2021 at 02:29 PM

TV

“ RIP Joel. You will be missed 🙏. Prayers to family for the loss.

Tracy Valdez - January 22, 2021 at 10:53 AM