



Joel Oltmanns

May 24, 1974 - August 13, 2012

Joel Oltmanns, 38, died Monday, August 13, 2012 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE from acute pancreatitis. Joel Anton Oltmanns was born at Viborg, SD on May 24, 1974, the son of Lynn and Anita (Buus) Oltmanns. He grew up in the Davis/Hurley area attending school in Hurley, graduating from Hurley High School in 1992. He went on to receive a Broadcast Journalism degree from Iowa Lakes Community College. On August 29, 1998 he was united in marriage to Heather Stewart at St. Magdalen's Catholic Church, Lennox. The couple lived in Randolph, NE moving into Norfolk, NE in October of 1998. In 2004 Joel, with the help of his many friends and contractor contacts, built the family home in Battle Creek, NE. Joel worked as a Vice-President for Carhart Lumber Company. Joel had been a member of Turner County First Presbyterian Church and attended Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Norfolk. He was a member of the Nebraska Home Builders Association and helped with the local Whitetails Unlimited organization. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved to coach his son's baseball, football and basketballs teams. He led the neighborhood kids in countless frontyard ballgames. With Heather and friends, Anthony and Dawn, they operated Dakota Ridgeway Outfitters. Joel was a huge sports fan, especially of the Tarheels, Huskers, Dolphins and the Yankees. The loves of his life were his wife and children. Joel was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Min Buus and Anton Oltmanns. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Heather; three children: Chase, age 9, Madeline,

age 8, and Noah, age 1 ½ all of Battle Creek, NE; parents, Lynn and Anita Oltmanns, Davis; siblings: Jill (Scott) Dangel, Hurley, Josh (Stacy) Oltmanns, Alexandria and Janel Oltmanns, Hartford; grandmother: Iva Oltmanns, Lennox; parents-in law, Chuck and Barb Stewart, Lennox, brothers-in-law: Bob (DeeAnne) Stewart, Nelson, NE and Bill (Katie) Stewart, Waddell, AZ plus nephews, nieces, other relatives and a host of friends. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at Turner Co. 1st Presbyterian Church, rural Davis with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation will begin Friday at noon with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *To Joel's Family:
I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". (2 Cor. 1: 3, 4). Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.*

D. Anderson - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dear Families of Joel:
What a shock to read of Joel's death. Death at such a young age is so very difficult to understand. Our heart aches for you in this tragic loss of such a special person. Our prayers are with you during this very difficult time of sorrow and grief
Ron and Janell Beck*

Drs Ron and Janell Beck - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Heather,
I got on FB tonight and saw people wishing you condolences and prayers. I am stunned. I don't know what to say. I am in shock. I am soooo sorry for your loss of Joel. I am crying as I write this. I pray for you and your beautiful children that God would give you comfort and strength during this very tragic time. If there is anything at all I can do please contact me on FB or my email. I just don't understand. I saw in his obituary that he died of pancreatits. I can't believe it. I'd like to talk to you sometime when you feel up to it. I think of all the great times we had together and of you and Joel together. Cherish those memories of the two of you forever. Again, I'm so sorry.

Rita Anderson - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Heather, *Our hearts cry out in sorrow and our prayers seek to find understanding for you and your children.*

I regret not being able to attend to show my love and to celebrate the life of such an awesome young man. I have only great memories, what a bear, what a smile, what a life.

Joel was a great friend no matter the length between meetings, he was by nature the rock that all daddies aspire to be and all husbands should be.

Our deepest sympathies and know that our prayers will be amongst the many reaching out to comfort you and your family.

Craig & Kathy Christiansen - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Heather and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God lift you up and give you peace in this time of sadness. We are thinking of you and praying for you.

Shane & Steph Jibben - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Unfortunately I didn't know Joel that well at all, but family is family and my heart hurts for you Heather. I'm praying for you, Chase, Maddie and Noah during this time. We love you guys.

Jenni Wilts Lovins - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I've known Joel for years and while I haven't seen him much lately I have many fond memories. Our hearts go out to each and everyone of you during this difficult time. Keep all of your memories vivid and share them often! With many hugs and love ...

The Nelson's ~ Tom, Linda & Charley

Linda Nelson - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ To Joel's family:
Our hearts go out to each and everyone of you during this difficult time! Hold your memories of Joel close to your heart, his precious memories will get you through!

Kim (Pingrey) Kaufman - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Our hearts are broken for the entire Oltmanns and Stewart families!!!...and honestly for both the Hurley and Lennox communities that knew Joel and his entire families! Memories are always good to have and they now become even more precious! Only God knows why Joel was taken way before his time...I believe He has bigger plans for Joel than any of us could ever imagine!!! Take care of yourselves and know there are many many people who feel your pain and are always here for you all.

*HUGS my friends!
Mike, Nikki
Kirsten & Klayton Paetow*

Nicole Paetow - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Joel, you are all in our thoughts and prayers!

Dan & Nyla Kerber - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ The family of Joel, we were deeply shocked to hear the passing of Joel, I met Joel while on hunting trips, and at conventions of the lumber industries, what a great person. he will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

monty&teri reicks - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My heart aches for your family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you.

Jill (Poppens) Palcovic - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Many hugs and thoughts of you in our prayers at this time.*

Eli Family - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *Joel was very patient with me as I learned the system on the computer at work and was an excellent teacher. It was a shock to me as I'm sure to you to learn of his passing. My thoughts are with you at this time. Teri*

Teri Edwards - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Jill and family, I was so sorry to hear about Joel. Whenever I was in his company, I was laughing. You're in my prayers.*

Linda (Stoltz) Meyer - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ *I was sorry to read of Joel's unexpected death. With deep sympathy and prayers for the entire family. Peg*

Peg Younger - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *I met Joel when he gave me an opportunity to work for him at Carhart Lumber, he was not only a great coworker he was a great friend. He always made me laugh, he will be missed. Joel, his wife, and children will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Servando (Jr) Espitia - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I knew Joel professionally and personally. He pointed my son to Iowa Lakes Community College and helped introduce him to the coaches there. I knew him to be an honest, direct, fair, kind and caring person. He will be sorely missed by me and anyone that knew him.

Tim Doyle, GBPD - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Laura (Woodward) Softley

Laura (Woodward) Softley - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I am so sorry for the Oltmanns and Stewart's families sudden and tragic loss of Joel. There are really no words. Prayers to all the family and friends who knew him, especially his wife and children. And Jill, thinking of you and praying for you during this terrible time. You are all in my thoughts.

Suzanne (Petersen) Nolte - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ So sorry for your loss. Joel will be greatly missed by many. We will be thinking and praying for your family.
Kenneth Porter and all the employees.

K.Porter Construction, Inc. - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So Sad, how this happened.....Many people prayed for a miracle, and many people's hearts are broken. Joel was a Good, Good guy. Tom could tell all sorts of stories of hanging out on Sundays growing up. He will be missed by MANY, near and far!

Jodi & Tom Rops - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike & Melanie McManigal and family - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. We were very sorry to hear of Joel's passing.

Mitch & Jane Herrington - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Our sympathies to the Oltmanns and Stewart families in this tragic time of loss. God called Joel home early, he must have big plans for him. Praying for the family and friends in the days and months to come.
Kristie

Kristie Georgeson Gavette - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My sincere sympathy on the incomprehensible loss of Joel. Many prayers for you as you face the difficult days, weeks and months ahead.

Samantha Meadors - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Heather and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.

Johnny Kirchner - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear, Heather and Family

I'm sorry to hear about Joel. He was a great guy to work with, and its was an honor working with him at Carhart Lumber Co. He will be deeply missed I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Kyler Christiansen - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Oltmanns family, You have our deepest symphy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Glen and Beth henglefeld - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ To the family of Joel...My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers being sent to you.

Kathy Wilts - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM