



Joel Mark Cromley

December 27, 1961 - March 30, 2020

Joel Mark Cromley was born December 27, 1961 to Dale Wayne Cromley and Phyllis Jean Cromley (maiden name Avey) at St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. He was the fourth child in their family of eight. Throughout his life Joel would site his father as his hero – shaping his spiritual life, work ethic, and firm commitment to his family. In his junior year in High School the family moved to Denver, Colorado. His high school years were filled with wrestling, football, and activity in the church.

In 1980, Joel Graduated from Silver State Baptist School. He then went to Bob Jones for his early college education and later transferred Maranatha Bible College. The biblical education which he received in these institutions supplied him with a wealth of Biblical and pastoral knowledge with which he served the body of Christ throughout his life.

It was while studying at Maranatha Bible College in the fall of 1983 that he met the love of his life Shelia Lucille Heflin. They dated for a year and were joined in holy matrimony in Pekin, Illinois on April 6, 1985. After marrying, Joel and Shelia moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. They were blessed to receive their first son Joshua Mark Cromley on January 21, 1988. One month later beginning his career working at Colorado State University as a custodian. Years of faithful service would see him rise through the ranks at CSU, finally retiring as the Supervisor of General Services and Heavy Equipment. Of all

his many duties he derived the greatest joy from being the stadium manager at Hughes Stadium for 20 years. He always loved taking care of the stadium and overseeing the many different features of facilitating the football games at CSU.

On February 13, 1989, their family grew as they were blessed by the birth of their daughter Courtnie Ann Cromley. Throughout these years Joel enjoyed motorcycle riding, cooking, rooting for the Minnesota Vikings and spending time with his children. Joel's life was above all characterized by an abiding love for Jesus Christ and service in the local church. Over the years he served as a deacon, elder, youth-pastor, bible-teacher, mentor, and pastor to untold multitudes in the Fort Collins area. As a skilled communicator of God's word, and an embodiment of God's grace and love, he always treasured the years that he got to spend in youth ministry.

On October 18, 2018 Joel celebrated his retirement from 30 years of faithful service at Colorado State University and used his freedom of schedule to spend time with his two beloved granddaughters – Natalie Ann Platz (16-months old) and Jersey Sue-Lucille Cromley (14-months old), and actively teaching, making disciples, and being involved in the leadership team at Fort Collins Bible Church.

March 30, 2020 marked the day in which Joel took his final breath due to complications in an upper-respiratory infection. He is survived by his wife Shelia Lucille Cromley, his son Joshua Mark Cromley, his daughter Courtnie Ann Cromley, his seven siblings (David, Rebecca, Beth, Martha, Steven, Thomas, and Timothy). Joel was loved by all, and will be missed. Service dates will be announced once the quarantine ends and will be held at Fort Collins Bible Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with Joel at CSU football games for 15 years. So calm, so kind, I always smiled when Joel was around.*

Greg Greaves

Greg Greaves - April 15, 2020 at 03:58 PM

AF

“ *Thank you for your service to CSU and our community. Heartfelt condolences to your family. May you rest in peace. Aaron Fodge and Margit Hentschel*

Aaron Fodge - April 09, 2020 at 10:38 AM

PP

“ *Dear Sheila and Family ...I pray that you find the strength to cope with your loss . May God bless your precious family, always...Phil Pringle*

Phil Pringle - April 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ To The Cormley Family, I was told by a relative that goes to your church that Joel passed away. I was shocked! For years I worked with Joel at Hughes Stadium and never knew his last name I just has him listed as Joel in my phone. He was such a great guy to work with and always willing to jump in and help. My sincere apologies to the entire Cromey Family for your loss.



Sincerely,

*--Richard Duffy
ACNS Colostate.Edu*

Richard Duffy - April 03, 2020 at 06:35 PM

MO

“ We are so sorry to hear about Joel. We have fond memories of working together in AWANA at Front Range many years ago! May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time. Max & Pam Oesterle

Max & Pam Oesterle - April 03, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MH

“ I worked with Joel for about 25 years at CSU. We team taught fork lift operator certification training and I taught CDL to almost all of his Labor Crew. Always enjoyed being around him, talking about our families, our common interests, and life in general. He was a great guy to be around and I will miss him very much. I know from our conversations how much he loved all of you and how proud he was of you. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.

Mic Hardin

Mic Hardin - April 02, 2020 at 04:21 PM

BA

“ I'll miss game day and how well you had the details all planned out. Your family are in our thoughts.

Bruce Atkins - April 02, 2020 at 02:05 PM

CI

“ Joel was a great husband, father and grandfather. I had the opportunity to work with Joel at CSU and loved every minute. He was my friend and I will miss him every day. Shelia, Josh and Courtnie we love you.
Doug & Cindy Max

cindy - April 02, 2020 at 12:38 AM

MA

“ My heart is breaking for you! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Find comfort in your love for each other, your memories, and in God! I know he will be missed!

Love to you all!

Michelle Arnold

Michelle Arnold - April 01, 2020 at 11:48 PM


DL

“ So sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I worked with him for about 10 years at CSU on the annual Ag Day celebration. He was always very dependable and it was obvious how much his crew respected him, as did I. He will be missed.

Please take comfort knowing others care.

Dennis Lamm (retired)

Dennis Lamm - April 01, 2020 at 11:30 PM

 Carol
Aberle-
Carroll

“ So sorry for your loss, I meet Joel at csu. He will be missed.

Keven and Carol Carroll

Carol Aberle-Carroll - April 01, 2020 at 10:15 PM

PR

“ Paul, Carol, Roy, Lynn, Steve, Susan, Heather,
Ryan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the
family of Joel Mark Cromley.



Paul, Carol, Roy, Lynn, Steve, Susan, Heather, Ryan - April 01,
2020 at 09:38 PM

SB

“ Dear Cromley Family,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss.
I knew Joel from working at CSU.
He was very well liked by everyone.
I will miss Joel.

*Steve Bogart
CSU Facilities Management (retired)*

Steve Bogart - April 01, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DT

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to your family.
Doyle and Linda Thornton

Doyle Thornton - April 01, 2020 at 08:11 PM

SH

“ To the gentle Cromley families, so sorry to hear of Joels' passing. It's been many years since I've seen Joel, but have many fond memories of Cromley's and softball games. Take care, Steve Hyland

steve hyland - April 01, 2020 at 02:08 PM

RD

“ Dear Dear Sheila, Joshua and Courtnie. This is so heartbreaking to hear this. We are sending you and your family our Love, our Deepest Sympathy and will be keeping you all in our Prayers. May the Lord give you some peace knowing Joel will be waiting for you all in our Father's House. I can just imagine, Sheila, your Dad, in his greeting his son in law up there. That had to be an awesome greeting! Your Dad was such an awesome Christian and all around man!! Love & Hugs to your hearts...
Russ & Diane DeLong



Russ & Diane DeLong - April 01, 2020 at 01:27 PM

AB

“ Comfort comes in knowing death is not the end. Those who die in Christ will live eternally. Joel will be missed at church. He was bring the congregation together to pray for each other so we could be apart of each others lives in a beautiful way. My heart goes out to you Shelia and your whole family at this time. Ann Burroughs



Ann Burroughs - April 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM

LP

“ So sorry to hear about Joel , the go to guy at Facilities for years, always willing to help in any way he could, my deepest condolences....

Larry Page



Larry Page - April 01, 2020 at 12:19 PM

AL

“ To the Cromley family, know that you have our deepest condolences. I never met Joel personally, but have heard nothing but great things about him. Shelia, you and yours are in our prayers right now for the Lord to give you peace and strength. Put yourself totally in His hands right now and he will carry you through. If there is anything you need, please let Vivian and me know. Tony and Vivian Lanius

Anthony J Lanius - April 01, 2020 at 09:02 AM

EB

“ I worked with Joel at CSU for many years. What I remember most was his kindness to everyone. Joel was always available to talk about work and life. Your family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Eva Burch - April 01, 2020 at 09:01 AM

SA

“ Joel was a kind and compassionate man. He was the youth pastor at the church I grew up in. When Joel and Shelia came to Wellington, I was in High School and I used to babysit Josh and Courtnie for them when they would have date nights. Joel was a kind and compassionate man. Although it's been many years since I have seen him, the memories I have of him are like gold nuggets in my mind. He showed me how to use a compound bow, taught how important it was to learn scripture and when we would play any kind of sport, you could always count on his competitiveness, while showing true sportsmanship. His laugh and smile were contagious, to say the least. I am so saddened by his loss and heart broken for the Cromley family. There is little that can bring peace to you during this time, but I hope that knowing he is in the presence of God is comforting to you. Please know that you are loved and thought of often. We are holding you up in prayer during this very difficult time.

Sheila Anderson - April 01, 2020 at 08:21 AM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.

Lisa Camden - April 01, 2020 at 08:12 AM

MS

“ My deepest condolences go out to the Cromley family. I worked in CSU Athletics for many years and Joel was a part of our facilities management team. He helped me solve many problems and was often one step ahead in providing solutions. But more than that, his calm and helpful approach in game preparation and game day was a testament to him as a human being. He believed in putting his best foot forward and representing CSU to the best of his ability. And that laugh, it would just bubble up from him and lighten up any situation. The world lost a shining light but, by knowing Joel, we were all blessed with a piece of it to carry on. Rest in piece Joel.

Marsha Smeltzer - April 01, 2020 at 07:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Mark Cromley.*



April 01, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ *Every police officers that worked a football game at CSU for the last 20 years job was made easier because of Joel. I worked for CSUPD and helped run the games from our end and we knew Joel was the goto guy if we needed anything done and done fast and right. He was also a good man. Welcome home good and faithful servant.*

Reed Beery CSUPD retired

Reed Beery - March 31, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *Josh, I am so sorry to hear about your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I met him for a brief moment at your home at Christmas but I saw you were a very close family. Kara-friend of Lindy and Rachel.*

Kara - March 31, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joel Mark Cromley.*



March 31, 2020 at 06:37 PM