



Joel David Painter

March 14, 1967 - January 4, 2019

After fighting a courageous battle against cancer, Joel Painter, 51, passed away on January 4th.

One of the many things that Joel will be remembered for is his sense of humor. When explaining what the effects of chemo might look like, he told his staff that his arms might fall off and he'll have to type up his reports using his nose-that should make the reports readable for a change. He rode his bike to the Cancer Center, raced motocross, and skied more than 40 days last season. This year was the first time in over 30 years he didn't buy a season pass.

He will also be remembered for the passion and dedication he had for the children who came through the Jacob Center. Joel was their advocate and loudest supporter and did what was necessary to get their physical, emotional, and academic needs met.

Joel will be missed by the hundreds of people he connected with through the Jacob Center and Rem House, skiing in Steamboat, indoor and outdoor soccer teams, the motocross family, the review board at CSU-the man was always busy.

He also leaves behind a daughter, Katie, son, Seth, former wife, Lori, brothers

Brett and Lance, sister-in-law Tiffany, significant other Stephanie Sloane Turner, and many other friends and family. He was loved. He will be missed.

Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 11, 2019 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

“I do not know what my future holds, but what I do know is I am living day by day and enjoying life.”

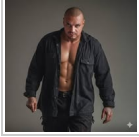
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Memorial Service

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Bohlender Funeral Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Just ran across this page...

Joel... man... He was amazing. I was one of the kids in the Jacob Center. I also happened to be a troubled youth. One time, I broke into the Jacob Center through the basement window and went upstairs. My goal was to search Joels office because I knew he kept a bunch of pipes that he confiscated and i figured I would scrape some and see if I could get stoned. Well his office was locked but it was late and nobody was there so I kicked the door open. I grabbed some things and found keys to a van and left taking the van only to get pulled over not long after.

Long story short, I ran from the cops and got away for a while and eventually was caught. When I saw Joel again I was pretty worried because I knew he knew that I had kicked the door in and was expecting to just be treated like a foster kid usually would have been and just waved away but to my surprise and absolute humbling, the interaction instead went as follows:

ME- "Hi Joel, I'm sorry that I kicked your door in I don't know what I was thinking." I was expecting an angry response and a chastising about responsibility or something before being shipped off somewhere else. But, his response wasn't like that at all.

JOEL- smiles "Thats alright, you actually saved me some money anyways, I was actually thinking about taking that lock off the door you just saved me the trouble!" He rubbed my head as if to say all was forgiven and then said, "You actually must have some really strong legs you almost knocked the door off its frame!"

That was Joel. He cared about people and kids especially. He was a shining light in my childhood and I'll never forget that moment because it was one of caring and actual genuine caring foster kids never expect but sometimes get from a person such as Joel with the heart of an Angel.

I hope you're having the time of your life Joel, you deserve it!

Mark Lopez

Mark Lopez - April 14, 2023 at 03:02 AM

HR

“*Thank you Joel, for being a shining light in our lives you have touched us in ways that will carry us through our life. Rest easy our friend and ski those heavenly mountains. It's probably a powder day everyday for you.*

*Love,
Heidi and Lucy*

heidi lucy romero - March 12, 2019 at 01:23 AM

JW

“ So deeply saddened by the news of Joel’s passing.

I knew of Joel throughout my junior high & high school years. But it wasn’t until the latter part of our senior year, that we really connected & began a friendship. He went to CSU & I went to DU, but we stayed in contact throughout our college years. During that time, we became very good friends. Reflecting back, & on the many connections I’ve had with people over the years, I would say that Joel was truly one of the dearest friends that I’d had the privilege of welcoming into my life. He was always kind, encouraging, very funny, & supportive. I can’t think of a time when I observed that he wasn’t positive.

It’s now been many years since we last saw each other, but Joel has frequently entered my thoughts. I wish that we’d had the opportunity to reconnect.

Joel was a gift, & a very bright light in this world. He will be dearly missed.

Blessings & love to you on your next journey, Joel. 

Jeanne Wicks - February 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM

LT

“ Learning of Joel's death made me mighty blue. Yet, at the same time, I am filled with gratitude for him and the positive impact he, the Rem House and the Jacob Center had on my daughter's life and mine. Who knows how many lives he touched and will continue to touch? That is quite a legacy!

Thank you Joel. I send my condolences to your family and loved ones.

Lucin Turner - January 11, 2019 at 06:28 PM

TB

“ Always kind. That is what I remember most. Growing up together he was always kind. Great smile and a great friend. You will be missed.

Tiffany Berry - January 11, 2019 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ I know Joel from the soccer pitch, as a captain and friend. He was always there to calm hot heads, laugh with the referees, joke with our opponents and to show you how to tape up your middle-aged knee. Time spent with Joel was always a reminder of what was really important and I know that my life is better for having known him.

Jason Brewington - January 11, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ To Joel's family, please accept our condolences on Joel's passing.

Joel made a difference in our community through his work and volunteering. My daughters Rachel and Rebecca remember him making balloon animals at Bauder Elementary. I remember him from the soccer field and all the good times we shared. He had a passion for life that was contagious, a heart that was huge, and was a joy to be around. We loved you, you will be greatly missed, and we thank you for sharing a little bit of yourself with us all.

John, Laura, Rachel and Rebecca Knaff

John Knaff - January 10, 2019 at 07:51 PM

PA

“ I was so sad to read of Joel's passing, though not at all surprised that he faced it with his wonderful positive attitude and humor. Joel helped us save our marriage a while back, gave our sons some wisdom, and helped bring me back to life after my husband's passing. He will be sorely missed.

Piper Aune - January 10, 2019 at 06:20 PM

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“ - Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joel David Painter.



- Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee -
January 10, 2019 at 06:10 PM

YF

“ Your AFM Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joel David Painter.



Your AFM Family - January 10, 2019 at 12:59 PM

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“ -Jake, Adam and Tami O'Hara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joel David Painter.



-Jake, Adam and Tami O'Hara - January 10, 2019 at 12:24 PM

GG

“ Joel,
You are my hero. You have taught me so much about life and death. The idea around the love with post a notes will be part of me forever and that process has changed the way I think. You will always be part of me.
Gene Gloeckner

Gene Gloeckner - January 10, 2019 at 11:58 AM

AM

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Joel. We as a family have many fond memories of the happy guy at soccer games and school events.

The Macbeth family

Ann Macbeth - January 10, 2019 at 10:48 AM

RT

“ Joel,
With a sincere heart, I would like to say thank you for spending your valuable time with me. The discussions we had, gave me comfort, hope, and courage no matter the circumstance. Once again, thank you for your words of wisdom.

You will truly be missed by all those whose lives you touched in ways you didn't realize.

Rick Taylor - January 10, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joel David Painter.



January 10, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joel David Painter.



January 10, 2019 at 01:48 AM



“ *Respect to you Joel and my condolences to the family especially my class mate Brett. Fly safe we will light a candle for you. You were loved and will be missed.*

Colin Olmstead - January 09, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Joel David Painter.



January 09, 2019 at 11:10 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bruno Melli - January 09, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel David Painter.



January 09, 2019 at 12:24 PM

RM

“ I went over to Joel's house a few times his whole family was awesome to me, busting out steaks from the meat locker when I spent the night during March Madness in the early 80's.

I am saddened by this news. Best wishes to all.

Randy May - January 09, 2019 at 10:41 AM

JK

“ I was so shocked and sad because I had not seen Joel since I quit playing soccer and we'd only emailed a couple of times since then. I remember Joel and I laughing SO HARD in 2nd grade we got in trouble, and then I got in trouble again by singing the Dole banana song as "Joel Banana". I was SO lucky to have been able to grow up with Joel. Not surprisingly, Joel was "Mr. Rampart High School", because he had every attribute the rest of us wished we did - good looks, a great sense of humor, athleticism, and a gift for truly connecting with people. Joel and I reconnected when he refereed soccer and we went on to play 3V3 soccer together! He was one of the best, most fun, teammates ever, as well as one of the kindest humans on the planet! Joel generously loaned his Steamboat condo to Dawn Stafford Pedersen, Susan Garritano Foster and I for a girls weekend, and he advised me when I needed a therapist. I will always remember him saying, "You may have smudged the glass a little, but you didn't break your kids. They always have known they were loved." AND "I'm glad you are learning to recognize your kids as gifts in your life." Those little words of wisdom will stay with me forever, as will the memory of Joel's laugh. Janet Haley Krech

Janet Krech - January 09, 2019 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Joel welcomed me on the Jacob Center indoor soccer team even though I lacked any sort of skill. We had laughs and we played to have fun and that is what mattered to him. He defused countless overly competitive situations on the field with a laugh and that smile. I am absolutely a better person for having known him.

Jason Sharp - January 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM

PD

“ I have known Joel since he first bought his condominium at The Lodge at Steamboat. I always enjoyed his commitment to skiing and fun and his great sense of humor. He was one of the first homeowners to reach out to us when we formed Resort Lodging Company he signed with us because he valued friendships above business. Steamboat is a better place for having been blessed by Joel. My condolences to friends and family.
Patrick Delaney

Patrick Delaney - January 08, 2019 at 07:42 PM

AM

“ Joel was the second boss I had out of grad school. I was quite insecure in my abilities as a therapist. He really helped me gain confidence in myself professionally and provided support and consultation even after I stopped working directly with him. I have some fond memories of him calling other professionals out when they were not doing what was in the best interest of the kids we were working with. He had a huge heart and will be greatly missed.

Ashley Mauldin - January 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM

BR

“ Joel was an exemplary colleague and friend. We served together on the IRB for as long as he was a member. Chatting with him was adrenaline for my soul. He never failed to lift my spirit whenever we met. Losing him creates a hole in my heart.
Bernie Rollin

Bernard Rollin - January 08, 2019 at 05:27 PM

JT

“ *Jacob Center Indoor Soccer Team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joel David Painter.*



Jacob Center Indoor Soccer Team - January 08, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *I've played soccer with and against Joel for the better part of 20 years. I'd be hard pressed to find a better person I've known in that time. I am glad to have known Joel.*

Eric Weedin - January 08, 2019 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ *"How lucky we are to have memories of you that make saying goodbye so hard." Such a good soul and positive spirit - you will be missed. God speed Joel I'm sure you'll be helping moto riders out in heaven just as you did here on earth. My heart is broken but I'm grateful I got to know you, to take moto pictures of you and to help you give medical care when necessary on the track. My prayers to your family. ❤️ Cindy Bolton RN/Moto Mom*

Cindy Bolton - January 07, 2019 at 04:16 PM