



JOEL SIMON LISSAUER

June 25, 1944 - April 5, 2018

Joel S. Lissauer, 73, passed away April 5, 2018, due to complications from Acute Myeloid Leukemia. His family was by his side and he was surrounded by love. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am Sunday, April 8, 2018 at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64131 with burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Wayside Waifs at www.waysidewaifs.org, Children's Mercy at www.childrensmercy.org, or a memorial contribution to the charity of your choice.

Joel inspired kindness, smiles and compassion in others, whether it was in his work, spending time with his friends eating barbecue and watching action movies, or spending time with his family. After graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, he started his career in Houston at NASA and worked on several of the Apollo missions. Some of his accomplishments while at NASA are that he designed the golf club for Alan Shepherd as well as the sleeping hammocks on the shuttles for the astronauts. He also worked on the LEM (Lunar Module) that now is on display at the Smithsonian.

After his time at NASA, he moved to the Kansas City area and worked at Harlan Global. He started his own company, L & L Manufacturing, making skylights and eventually moving to fabricating display units for numerous stores around the world. He returned to Harlan Global a few years ago. He was known for his creativity and his ability to design furniture, toys, display cases, aquariums, and decorative items just to name a few. He loved his music and spent time composing, but he most loved spending time with his family, working around the house on various projects with Carol, watching the Dallas Cowboys, or going to quilt stores. He loved attending sports events and musical events for his grandchildren or just having dinner and playing games. Joel was a dear friend to so many, and he always gave of himself without hesitation.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Phyllis and father-in-law, Herbert William Alport. Joel is survived by his wife Carol, his children David (Sara), Catherine (James), and Jodi (Tim); his grandchildren Leah, Anna, Isaac, Logan, and Grant; and his sister Joyce (Jimmy); mother-in-law, Gustava Alport and many nieces and nephews.

Events

APR **Funeral** 11:00AM

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Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

APR **Shiva** 07:00PM

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at home of Jody and Tim Shroba. Please call funeral home for additional information

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Comments



“ Joyce, Jim and Family. Please accept my sincere condolences. Knowing and working with Joel was a pleasure.
Flora Faverman

Flora - April 17, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Carol and family, Bob and I send our thoughts and prayers. Lots of sweet memories we have of Joel. Joel's stories always kept us in awe! Thinking of you. Judy and Bob

judy and bob handleman - April 15, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ Carol so sorry to hear about Joel. My memory of him was the peach cobbler I made him that one summer. May he Rest In Peace. Barb and Herb Simon

herb simon - April 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, and have no words to express our sorrow. We have so many fond memories of Uncle Joel, especially his generosity in sharing his creative talents by building my Pinewood Derby cars, and we recalled him fondly as we toured Cowboys stadium last summer. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Scott and Adina Alport

Scott - April 10, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ Joel was one of the sweetest and most innovative people I've ever know. He designed displays for Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and would accommodate whatever crazy idea anyone had. I feel honored to have known and worked with him. I'll never forget his love of Dark Non Pareils.

Debbie Smith - April 09, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ Carol, Joyce and Family....I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you.
Carol Margolin

Carol Margolin - April 07, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ What an incredible man who has left a legacy to his family and friends of greatness. May you find strength in this time of great sorrow.
Big hug,
Cindy Leidner

cindy Leidner - April 07, 2018 at 05:03 AM



“ Joel was one of the kindest souls one could ever meet. It was an honor to have known him. A certain mensch. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss. This is a loss for the world.
Janice and Mike Sandler

janice sandler - April 06, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ Carol and family, words cannot express how deeply saddened we are by Joel's passing. We have many fond memories of special times we have spent together during our visits. Family celebrations, holidays, the boy's baseball and soccer games and many meals we have shared come to mind. You have our deepest sympathies. We hope you navigate through your grief and get to a place where you are comforted by the memories of a wonderful life together as well as the enduring love of your family and friends. You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Ken and Mary Pat Shroba

Mary Pat Shroba - April 06, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Dearest friend Catherine, I am so sorry for your loss. I know this is very painful and please always know, I am here for you. I wish I had some magical words but I don't. Just know I love you.

Tammy Dessauer

Tammy Dessauer - April 06, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Joel. My heart goes out to you and your family.

sharon fallek - April 06, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ Carol & Family,

Our hearts go out to you, Joel was such a decent, kind, smart, funny and hard-working guy. One of our last memories of him was when we went on the great garter snake hunt of 2017, which seems like it was just last week. We know this is a difficult time, but we also know it is because he was such a good father/husband/man that the pain is worse in the short run and, in the fullness of time, the memories of love and laughter will last forever. May the Source of Peace bring comfort to you all.

Love,
Larry & Susan Schumaker

LARRY SCHUMAKER - April 06, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ Carol: My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. My deepest condolences on your family's loss.

Bev Agron - April 05, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ Carol and family, so sorry for your loss. We send our condolences from Arizona.

marie and phil koffman - April 05, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ Carol, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear husband. Sending love and my sincerest condolences.
Love Hanie

hanie langner - April 05, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Dear Carol & Family, Robert and I are so very sorry for your loss Fondly, Janet Bloom

janet bloom - April 05, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Carol and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Carol, I know what a great team you and Joel made. I know you will miss him dearly. I am heartbroken for you. You and your family are in my thoughts.

-Jill Craft

Jill Craft - April 05, 2018 at 04:00 PM