



Joel West Jackson

March 29, 2019

Joel West Jackson, age 47, died on March 29, 2019 at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, Woodbridge, Virginia.

He was born on June 14, 1971 to parents Joel and Barbara Jackson of Tampa Florida. At an early age they imparted their affinity for all things outdoors to Joel. Like most boys, he started with bicycles and skateboards, and soccer and swimming. These activities transitioned into hours of hunting and fishing with best friends Dave Martinez, Ryan Russell, and Rob Noguez as his modes of transportation morphed into motorcycles and Jeeps and air boats.

Upon graduation from University of South Florida in 2000 with a degree in Education, he took a teaching position at Twin Lakes Elementary School in Tampa. As a new teacher, his innate ability to connect with young children began his love affair with teaching, coaching, and mentoring. After 6 years teaching, Joel and Rob began a short career together in his second love – working with his hands remodeling kitchens and bathrooms and landscaping. Though this career would be short lived, he remained the steadfast do-it-yourselfer throughout the rest of his life.

In 2009 his love of teaching (and his soon to be wife Lisa) pulled him away from his beloved outdoor life in Florida and deposited him in Woodbridge Virginia. Shoveling 3 feet of snow off of his sidewalk that winter, he questioned out loud why anyone would want to live “up North”. The answer to that question was obvious – Lisa. So Joel became a Virginian, and accepted a position as a health and physical education teacher at the Department of

Defense Schools at Quantico Marine Corps Base.

He and Lisa married on April 10, 2010 and soon began the journey of building their family together. Joel truly loved the outdoors and teaching, but his deepest passion was his family. He was a devoted teacher, a true family man and a loving father. He imparted his love of the outdoors to his son Ethan at every opportunity; teaching him at an early age the joys of escaping the confines of the indoors. Together they built a tree house, a zip line and a swing set for Carly. He taught him to shoot a bow and arrow, ride a motorcycle, play baseball, and engaged in countless other father-son activities.

And it is true what they say about the special bond between fathers and daughters. Carly could easily melt away the tough veneer of this outdoorsman with a simple hug and a kiss. Carly would quickly transform Joel into his gentle side where he would spend hours pushing a swing or pulling a wagon, reading an endless volume of stories “just one more book daddy”, having a tea party, playing Princess, or just snuggling under a blanket on the couch to watch her favorite cartoon show.

His family and friends will always remember him as a man who loved to fix it himself, laughed heartily, lived fully, and adored his family. Joel is survived by his wife, Lisa Jackson; his son, Ethan Jackson; his daughter Carly Jackson; his parents Joel and Barbara Jackson and his sister, Rachel Hambrick with her husband Aaron Hambrick and their two children, Pheobe and Adam of Illinois; his extended family, in-laws Marsha and Charles Swanson, Leslieanne and David Grendysz, and Ryan Swanson, all of Woodbridge, VA and Matthew and Carrie Swanson of Charlotte, NC, along with 2 nieces and 6 nephews. Joel’s visitation will be at Miller Funeral Home located at 3200 Golansky Blvd on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 6-8 pm. A funeral is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019 at 11 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 12975 Purcell Rd, Manassas, VA 20112, with interment immediately after the service. A reception will follow and all are welcome to attend and celebrate Joel's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Down Syndrome Association of

Northern Virginia (<https://www.dsanhv.org>) or to the Arc of Greater Prince William (<https://arcgpw.org>).

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12975 Purcell Rd
Manassas, VA 20110

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel West Jackson*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Remembering all the Jackson family with love, appreciation and prayers; and fond memories of our years together at Trinity. - Ray & Clanell Cameron*

Ray Cameron - April 06, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dearest One Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.*



April 04, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.*



April 04, 2019 at 06:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.*



April 03, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ *Karen Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joel West Jackson.*



Karen Smith - April 03, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *My heart broke today when I heard this news. Larry and I were always so fond of Joel in high school and the years following. We were thrilled to learn about his beautiful family and I got to say a quick "hello and congratulations" to him a few years ago. My he rest in peace in the loving hands of our Lord.*

All our Love,

Kim and Larry Wiezycki

Kim Wiezycki - April 03, 2019 at 04:44 PM



He was such a nice person. He was so good with the autism students that I would bring to his class he took his time and pick and was patient with them. And we would always talk about Florida since that's where I was from. I am so very sad ,I will be praying for the family.

Elisabeth - April 03, 2019 at 05:02 PM

SK

“ Sincerely, Denise King purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joel West Jackson.



Sincerely, Denise King - April 03, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 03, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 03, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 03, 2019 at 02:19 PM

LF

“ Love from your Quantico Middle High School Friends purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Joel West Jackson.



Love from your Quantico Middle High School Friends - April 03, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 03, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Rest peacefully my friend. Thanks for all your help coaching and for being a calming presence in the dugout. Until we meet again.

John Hering

John Hering - April 03, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 03, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.*



April 03, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *Lisa and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss, Joel was a humble and great human being, but most of all a loving husband and father. He will be missed around the baseball fields, but always remembered by everyone.

The Canonicos

Stephen Canonico - April 03, 2019 at 06:21 AM



“ *Way too young. He was always so much fun with the kids. Always had them running around playing games outside. Your kids from Ashurst will miss you. 😭*

Jill Stone

Jill Stone - April 03, 2019 at 12:32 AM

LB

“ My husband and I, Mike and Linda Berger were blessed to know Joel. We had known his in-laws, Marsha and Chuck Swanson, having been neighbors on Pineneedle Court for several years. We became fast friends of the Swanson and all of their children, Leslie Ann, Lisa, Ryan and Matthew and watched them grow into wonderful people. Lisa's heart was stolen by Joel whom she met in Florida while serving as a Guidance Counsel. Joel painted a bedroom in our home one summer while off as a teacher and did a super job. He and I talked for a long time of how much in love he was with Lisa and then we attended their wedding in 2010. Ethan and Carly couldn't have been luckier to have such fantastic parents. It deeply saddens us to think of more awesome young husband, Dad and friend being taken away from everyone so early. Much love and prayers to the Swanson family and especially to Lisa, Ethan and Carly

Linda L. Berger & Michael L. Berger - April 02, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 02, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle was purchased for the family of Joel West Jackson.



April 02, 2019 at 05:35 PM

PK

“ Patricia Klenner lit a candle in memory of Joel West Jackson



Patricia Klenner - April 02, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ I don't know where to start but my heart is breaking for Lisa, Ethan, and Carly. Joel was a wonderful father and he loved his children dearly. I can't thank him enough for all he has done with and for Ethan. I am so sorry for their loss.



Mary Warfel - April 02, 2019 at 05:19 PM

Sue Cleary

“ Oh Lisa, Carly, Ethan, Marsha, Charles, and extended family,

How saddened when we heard of Joel's passing. We are truly sorry and pray for comfort during this time of loss. I was fortunate to meet Joel just this past Christmas in your neighborhood's Santa party. Yes he was certainly a "family man" as he entertained his children and participated in the fun.

I have known the Swanson's for around 30 years and always have enjoyed hearing about their children, all now grown, and their grandchildren. My heart was so saddened when Dawn called me. I pray that many wonderful, happy memories fill your hearts as you prepared for his celebration of life and during the months and years ahead. Dan and I will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Sue Cleary

Sue Cleary - April 02, 2019 at 05:18 PM

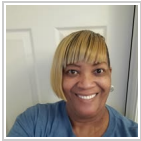


Patricia
Coffey

“ *Such a beautiful obituary. It speaks the truth and describes Joel completely. My thoughts are with Lisa, Ethan, Carly and his family and friends. May the road ahead be filled with wonderful memories of this incredible husband and father.*



Patricia Coffey - April 02, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Lisa, Ethan and Carly, you all are in my prayers. May God continue to keep you wrapped in His comforting arms. Loving you, Teresa Davie*

Teresa Satchell-Davie - April 02, 2019 at 04:10 PM