



Joel Ward Tabler

March 9, 2021

Joel Ward Tabler, 62, of Dumfries, Virginia died on March 9, 2021 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born October 11, 1958 in Washington DC and would spend the rest of his life in the Northern Virginia area. Always a self-starter, he graduated from the University of Virginia where he made lifelong friends and received a BA in Chemistry.

During his life, he worked as a phlebotomist, a real estate agent, and as a pharmaceutical sales representative for the same pharmaceutical company for over 35 years. Always passionate about medicine, he loved his job and loved building long lasting relationships with doctors and staff. Through his work as a pharmaceutical sales representative, he made many friends and became an advocate for Vietnamese Human Rights. For 28 years, he helped to organize and attend May 11th, Vietnamese Human Rights Day.

On October 1, 1994, he married the love of his life, Joan, in Waldorf, Maryland. They were lovingly devoted to each other for 26 years and had two children: Grant (1998) and Morgan (2000). His children were the pride and joy of his life and he spent many hours chauffeuring, coaching, and adopting whatever interest they had just to spend time together. He never missed the opportunity to videotape any important event. Joel loved to listen to Grant sing

and enjoyed finding new songs to request from him. In 2018, he was awarded, the Best Barn Dad award in recognition of the countless hours he spent mucking stalls, cleaning the barn, and videotaping Morgan ride. Some of Joel's fondest memories included watching movies outside by the fire, spending hours talking with Joan, helping Morgan pursue her passion of riding horses, and visiting Grant while he was studying abroad in France.

Joel is survived by his wife, Joan, son, Grant, and daughter, Morgan. He will be remembered as a selfless husband, father, and friend to many.

A viewing will be held at Miller Funeral home on Friday, March 12th 2021 from 12 PM to 3 PM with a small service and celebration of life to follow at 3PM.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Joel Tabler may be directed to support Prostate Cancer Research at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Please make checks payable to Johns Hopkins University. Gifts may be mailed with a memo indicating that this gift is in memory of Joel Tabler to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, PO Box 17029 Baltimore, MD 21297-1029 or make a gift online at www.hopkinscancer.org

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Ward Tabler*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Jan Powers lit a candle in memory of Joel Ward Tabler*



Jan Powers - March 15, 2021 at 08:17 AM



I had the privilege of being Joel's research nurse. What a kind wonderful man! Always concerned for his family first, he is/was a true light to the world. My hope is that his family will hold the love he has for all of them in their hearts, as he holds yours.

Jan

Jan Powers - March 15, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *Ethel Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Joel Ward Tabler*



Ethel Lawrence - March 12, 2021 at 01:14 PM

AM

“ Uncle Joel aka my dad. I just found out this morning from an email from Aunt Joyce that you passed. I am still in shock and really cannot believe it. You were am AMAZING person and even though you were my uncle, I considered you to be my dad. I was restless last night and now I know why. I last saw you at my college graduation and we spoke last after my daughter was born. I'm so sorry that I didn't keep in touch but I forever have the memories from my childhood into adulthood. You are now with our Lord and Savior. Please tell your mom/my Grandma Jean and my Grandma Ernestine hello and give them hugs and kisses for me.

Amber - March 12, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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Amber - March 12, 2021 at 12:03 PM

TR

“ Joel was a great help to me, competent and knowledgeable and in his role as a TEVA pharmaceutical representative He was a great supporter of medical education at George Washington University. Over many years he sponsored our Neurology Journal Club for our Neurology Faculty and Residents, and GW Medical Students. He would always be present at our meetings and we welcomed his presence and savvy contributions. Moreover, he was a loyal friend. Joel would always come by for a chat to discuss medicine, world affairs and our families. He will be sorely missed.

Ted Rothstein MD, Professor of Neurology, George Washington University

Ted Rothstein - March 12, 2021 at 10:23 AM

NM

“ Neurological Medicine lit a candle in memory of Joel Ward Tabler



Neurological Medicine - March 12, 2021 at 09:00 AM

JW

“ Jeanne Ward lit a candle in memory of Joel Ward Tabler



Jeanne Ward - March 12, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



March 11, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *Joel you will forever be 'Papason'!
Prayers for peace Joan, Grant and Morgan
Aunt Cathy WTD*

cathy - March 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Jere and Patty Harris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



Jere and Patty Harris - March 11, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *I worked at the school where his children attended high school and it was evident every time he visited the school, that he was a gracious, supporting and loving father.*

The Stoessel family extends their heartfelt condolences. May God bless each of you.

Donna F Stoessel - March 11, 2021 at 03:40 PM

YF

“ *Your Booz Allen family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



Your Booz Allen family - March 11, 2021 at 02:29 PM

MC

“ *I worked at the high school his children attended. Every time he walked into the front office, he had a smile. He was so polite and kind. He was such a gentleman. My condolences and prayers to his family.*

Maria-Elena Chellis - March 11, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



March 11, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



March 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



March 11, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Joel Ward Tabler.*



March 11, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Although I hadn't seen or spoken with Joel since Grant was a student in our "Rainbows" preschool classroom, it appears that his warmth and kindness continued to be ever present. His life was a blessing to all that know and love him.*

Amy Fernandez - March 11, 2021 at 10:29 AM



I can't believe you gone. You was such a nice person and I will never forget you and your kindness to me. My heart is broken and sad for your wife and children. Thinking of you rest easy Joel love christiana Asante.(GW Neurology)

christiana Asante - March 11, 2021 at 12:29 PM



You were such a nice person and will forever be missed. So sad to hear this news my condolences to your wife and kids. My heart is broken rest easy Joel forever in my heart. Chrissy (GW Neurology)

christiana Asante - March 11, 2021 at 12:37 PM

RO

Joel, I can't seem to grasp my head around this. I remember the times you'd always ask about my dad while he was sick and how you'd always make sure he had something to eat for lunch haha! No matter how late it got into the evening, you'd still text me so we could coordinate the office lunch for the next day. You always made sure our office was taken care of no matter what and I am truly going to miss texting you to see how you're doing. I am so saddened and heartbroken by this news. I wish you could've came and said "hi" to everyone here one more time. You were a joy to speak with and be around and I know that heaven has truly gained an amazing angel! Rest peacefully Joel!

Raealyn O. - March 11, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MS

Joel was a good man and a great neighbor. Him and his wife raised two great children.

Matthew Schmitt - March 11, 2021 at 07:45 PM

DH

Joel was such a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you Joan, Grant and Morgan.

Dawn Harris - March 13, 2021 at 07:52 PM



May Joel Tabler RIP. My memories of Joel go back to high school, Joel taught and mentored the younger drummers in Lee High School Marching Band, and also Manassas Joycettes Baton and Drum Corp. Anyway, I consider Joel one of my important drum teachers, he was a good mentor and coach, to this day I still remember drum cadences he taught us. (I was Mark D. Clingenpeel growing up and in school, now Mark D. Webster.)

Mark Webster - October 21, 2024 at 10:48 AM