



Joel D. Maxwell

April 24, 1956 - July 25, 2024

Joel D. Maxwell, 68 year old resident of Burtrum, MN, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Caring for Joel and his family is Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Joel Dean Maxwell was born on April 24, 1956 in Ames, Iowa to the late Charles and Dorothy (Collins) Maxwell. He was united with his Life Partner, Barb Notsch on July 11, 2019 and together they made their home in Burtrum, MN. Family and time with family was a priority in his life. Joel was the owner and photographer of Max Baily Photography for well over 30 years. He loved the art of photography, the creativity, the rush of wedding photography, the challenge of school pictures. He had the eye for light and it's attributes in pictures. Joel always made a point of keeping in contact with family and friends. His "gift of gab" was one of his most remembered attributes, as well as being a great storyteller. Joel enjoyed going to Rendezvous whenever he had a chance, and enjoyed history, experimental archeology, history re-enactment-1700's to "mountain man" times. He loved hand-crafting wood, leather, metal, cloth and growing natural resources. He loved camping, hunting, fishing, water, woods and nature. Joel was interested in learning how to live "off grid" as a hobby. He learned to be self-sufficient and develop the values learned in boy scouts. He was very proud to be an Al-anon mentor and

sponsor and abides their values.

Joel is survived by his life partner, Barb Notsch of Burtrum; daughter, Sarah Maxwell of Kansas City, MO; son, Kipp (Jenny) Maxwell of Ft. Wayne, IN; grandchildren, Jack, Charlie and Wes Maxwell, Taylor Hansen and James McDowell; great-grandson, Weston Garner; brother, Bruce (Diane) Maxwell of Iowa; and his many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Dorothy Maxwell; sister, Jeri Knode; and his first wife and mother of his children, Teri Whiting.

The family requests that donations should be given to Al-Anon.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
155 Walnut Ave West
Upsala, MN 56384
(320) 573-2001

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Joel D. Maxwell*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - July 29, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DS

Joel was a wonderful human being, and we will all miss him.

Dave Schwonke - July 30, 2024 at 07:42 PM

CM

Joel was a very special guy. He always had funny things to say to make us all laugh! Also, he had profound thoughts that showed so much insight! He will be sorely missed! RIP Joel

cathy may - July 31, 2024 at 09:31 AM

MC

“ *I am glad I had the chance to do some 1800s rendezvous with Joel.*

Mark Carter - April 11, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TK

“ *I'm shocked and saddened by losing Joel. I'll honor his life by saying and doing with others, more of the things I hoped to say and do with Joel.*

Todd Kunstman - August 05, 2024 at 03:19 PM

JC

“ My heart is heavy with the loss of my cousin Joel Maxwell. He was our childhood playmate our cousin and in adulthood, my friend. Keeping all his family in my prayers.
With love from his cousin Julie Caster

Julie Caster - July 29, 2024 at 11:47 PM

NU

“ Nancy U. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Nancy U. - July 29, 2024 at 10:58 PM

PM

“ Precise Manufacturing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Precise Manufacturing - July 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



July 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM

CJ

“ Christopher J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Christopher J. - July 29, 2024 at 11:17 AM



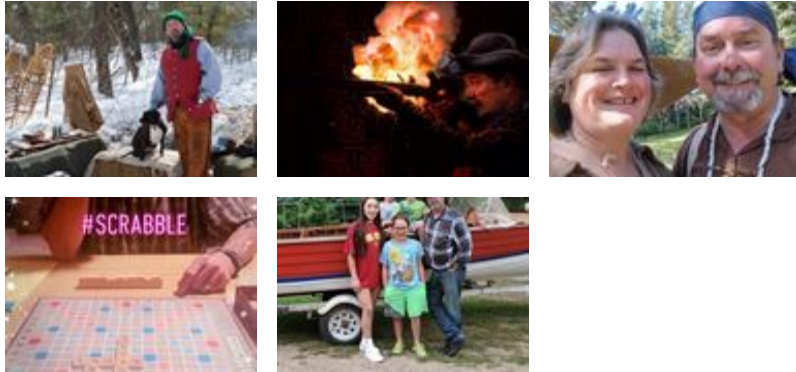
“ Joan, Laura, Angie, Cathy C. & Barb C. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



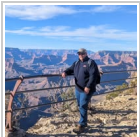
Joan, Laura, Angie, Cathy C. & Barb C. - July 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - July 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Zachary Johnson - July 29, 2024 at 09:48 AM

JF

“ Jessica Fulk & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Jessica Fulk & Family - July 28, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.

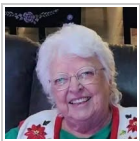


July 28, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Joel always captured beautiful images, memories and experiences with his camera -- He worked with so many families and businesses and individuals in the Park Rapids area, and he was always a kind and interesting man! Celebrating his life, fond memories and his beautiful photographic creations.

Sue Tomte - July 28, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ Joel was a good friend. We kind of drifted apart in these last few years due to my many illnesses. Joel stayed in touch with me and that was the kind of friend he was. Intelligent, funny, creative and the creator of the photo memories I have for my grandson Zach. Thanks Joel. Say hi to Zach when you see him.

Dixine Woyach - July 27, 2024 at 05:56 PM

ML

“ Joel was a member of Hubbard (IA) High School Class of 1974 & was instrumental in planning our 50 Year Class Reunion. We visited quite often exchanging thoughts & ideas over the phone. Joel had a quick wit & wonderful sense of humor and was a really talented photographer!! He will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched!

Marlene Lepper - July 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM

LH

“ Joel and I worked together on Park Rapids Downtown Business Association projects. He did good work in the association's early days and helped it grow. Like Teresa, my best memories are of him firing off the candy cannon at Legends and Logging Days.

Lu Ann Hurd-Lof - July 27, 2024 at 02:20 PM

TB

“ Joel was a great friend throughout school in Hubbard. Though we lost touch after high school except for following his adventures on Facebook. It was great to see him again at our reunion in June. I was looking forward to shearing conversations with him again after reconnecting. Prayers for Joel's family.

Terry Bachman - July 27, 2024 at 01:18 PM

TL

“ I worked with Joel with the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and he took pride in photography and taking pictures of us members of the chamber and our community events. He loved being part of Legend and logging days committee. I have some wonderful memories of him with his candy cannon. He would shoot for legends and logging days, and the kids loved when he would shoot his candy filled canon. Prayers to his family at this difficult time.

Teresa Leshovsky

Teresa Leshovsky - July 27, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MO

“ Joel and I have been friends for 50 years. We met and worked together at a photography studio in Rapid City SD. We always got asking great and have kept in touch. I last talked to Joel just a couple weeks ago. Farewell friend!

Mike Olson - July 26, 2024 at 09:37 PM

TS

“ So sorry to hear of Joel's passing. What a tremendous man. An intellectual, pioneer, craftsman, artist and so much more. He truly made an impact on so many. As a young man he mesmerized me with his primitive style outdoor skills. Never saw him take the easy way with anything he took the path that required skills, patience, and persistence. The world is surely a better place having had Joel in it.

Tim Shoemaker - July 26, 2024 at 07:33 PM

MK

“ Meghan Kindle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Meghan Kindle - July 26, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



July 26, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Fishing*



Paul Shoemaker - July 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



July 26, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Joel and I were good friends for 40 years. Joel was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back, even if it was the only one he had. I will miss him tremendously.

Paul Shoemaker - July 26, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



July 26, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



July 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Jason K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel D. Maxwell.

Jason K. - July 26, 2024 at 08:38 AM

JK

“ Jason K. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joel D. Maxwell.



Jason K. - July 26, 2024 at 08:38 AM