



Joel William Sult

October 21, 1951 - July 27, 2022

Joel William Sult, age 70, and Rosemary Annette (Meyer) Sult, age 68, of Allison, Iowa, entered into Heaven's glory on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, as the result of a car/train accident.

Their visitation will be held from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at North Butler Elementary School Gymnasium. Their funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022, at North Butler Elementary School Gymnasium in Allison, Iowa, with Pastor Jeremy Van Genderen presiding. Burial will be held at Allison Cemetery.

Joel was born on October 21, 1951, to Weldon "Welly" and Lillian "Toodles" (Thieman) Sult of Marble Rock, Iowa. Joel was the second of three children. Joel was a Boy Scout and achieved the highest merit, Eagle Scout. He graduated as a Rockford Warrior, Class of '69. Joel had many adventures, including a European backpacking trip and cross-country motorcycle rides. Joel tried his hand at many trades including a salesman, phone company man, short order cook, carpet installer, welder, tire man, and in the end, a master electrician. Each one of his jobs gave Joel the knowledge and ability to tackle any problem. Joel surrendered his life to the Lord on April 17, 1997. He had a passion for learning more about his Lord and Savior and was always looking for opportunities to share his faith with everyone he encountered. He served in various leadership positions at Trinity Reformed Church in Allison,

including deacon, elder, adult Sunday School leader, and praise team singer, and could always be counted on to lead a round of “Happy Birthday” whenever anyone at church had a birthday.

Rosemary was born on January 23, 1954, to Edward and Marjorie (Miller) Meyer of Greene, Iowa. Rosemary was the fourth of nine children. The Meyer family moved to a dairy farm in Clarksville in 1969, where Rosemary lived until graduating from Clarksville High School, Class of '72. Rosemary attended Allen School of Nursing, graduating as a registered nurse. She worked as a nurse in Waterloo, Mason City, and Milwaukee before landing at Waverly Municipal Hospital, retiring in 2001. Rosemary was a quiet leader with a strong faith, teaching Sunday School, and coordinating and leading the women's ministries at Trinity Reformed Church. She also led Cub Scouts and 4-H and had strong involvement in Allison Little Lambs Daycare. She meticulously kept the books for her and Joel's businesses and also served as an administrative and financial assistant for Trinity Reformed Church in Allison for many years. Rosemary added many 'adopted' kids to her family through her passion and work at EF, getting exchange students connected with host families, including her own.

Joel and Rosemary were united in marriage on June 25, 1977. The couple first lived in Mason City, followed work to Milwaukee and settled into their hometown of Allison in 1982. They carved out a life in Allison for 40 years and were strong members of the community while building Sult Electric, Joe's Carwash, and Sult Mini Storage. Joel was a recent member of the Lion's Club, and both Joel and Rosemary were heavily involved with Trinity Reformed Church, with many members being considered their closest friends. Joel was a lifelong member of the River City Barbershop Chorus in Mason City. He loved to sing with anyone, willing or not, and Rosemary loved to cheer him on. They traveled to many shows, and Joel performed on many stages, including Carnegie Hall. Joel and Rosemary had fun traveling, camping, golfing, and

hitting up any garage sale. They fiercely loved their family and found ways to make time for each grandchild.

Joel and Rosemary are survived by their three children: Kelly (Adam) Peuse of Ames, Iowa, Casey (Theresa) Sult of Marshalltown, Iowa, and Kara (Adam) Halford of Urbandale, Iowa; their nine grandchildren: Sophia, Tyce, and Bryson Peuse; Eliza, Lincoln, and Mason Sult; and John, Eady, and Jack Halford. Extended family members include Joel's siblings: Nancy (Larry) Glubka of Eugene, Oregon, and Jon (Rhonda) Sult of Marble Rock, Iowa; Rosemary's siblings: Anita (Jim) Kowalski of Salinas, California, Steven (Barb) Meyer of Clarksville, Iowa, David Meyer of Clarksville, Iowa, Stanley (Denise) Meyer of Clarksville, Iowa, Heidi (Jeff) Kayser of Webster City, Iowa, Thomas (Brenda) Meyer of Parkersburg, Iowa, and Ginger (Scott) Schild of Clarksville, Iowa; brother-in-law Dan Gritzner of Batavia, Illinois; and foreign exchange students: Stefanie (Dirk) Linnemann of Germany, Ilona Huuhtanen of Finland, Christa (Xaver) Hangartner of Switzerland, and Tobias (Marion) Jaeger of Germany.

They are preceded in death by both their parents as well as Rosemary's sister Diana Gritzner.

Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for Joel and Rosemary.

Cemetery Details

Allison Cemetery

IA-14
Allison, IA 50602

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

North Butler Elementary School
513 Birch Street
Allison, IA 50602

Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

North Butler Elementary School
513 Birch Street
Allison, IA 50602

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Alyson Fishel lit a candle in memory of Joel William Sult*



Alyson Fishel - September 24, 2022 at 08:03 PM

GH

“ *Such a tragic, sad loss. My Dad, Phil Hunget was also a member of the River City Chorus from 1961-2008. He always spoke highly of Joel, and I had the honor of knowing Joel as well within the barbershop show/contest circles. Such a great guy. I didn't know Rosemary. My sincere condolences to the family at this difficult time. Grant Hunget, Olathe KS.*

Grant Hunget - August 05, 2022 at 09:58 AM

DS

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I also grew up in Marble Rock and remember him as always having a smile; being so upbeat. In the 70s he gave me my first (probably only) motorcycle ride. I don't remember the specifics now, but at that time it was unique in the way the engine was cooled. Joel told me all about it. It was a great ride. I'm thinking of the family at this time of loss.*

Diane Staudt - August 04, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MW

“ I belonged to Cedar Harmony Chorus for over 30 years. I clearly remember “Toodles” and Joel from the barbershop world and his chorus singing with ours on a show for a fun day. He was a wonderful man of faith and charity, contacting us about hosting a foreign exchange student. Rosemary was right there every step with him. Praise God for the gift of them in the world. I am so very sorry for your tragic losses.

Marilynn Buxton of Waverly - August 03, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel William Sult.



August 03, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel William Sult.



August 03, 2022 at 10:04 AM

CB

“ The first time I met Joel, was probably at one of the Waverly Municipal Hospital's Christmas parties. Joel was always a talker and a jokester. Rosemary would always shush him and tell him "Ok, I think they've heard enough" Sometimes, I wasn't sure if it was a story he made up or if it actually happened. I remember, Rosemary and Joel going to so many Barbershop Choir competitions or functions and Rosemary would talk about how much fun they had....she was so proud of Joel and their choir. Probably, the most fun and enjoyable thing I remember about Joel, was he and the "Docs" - Dr. Eggers, Dr. Berstler, and I can't remember who else, sang at the Waverly Municipal Hospital Christmas parties as the "Boon Docs". They put on quite a show, made fun of each other, and sang so well together. Another funny story about Joel, was when my husband, Mike, bought one of Joel's old work pickups - it had been a painter's truck when Joel bought it to use as one of his electrical business trucks when he first started Sult Electric. This truck was light blue with paint splatters all over it and was a stick shift. Mike had just bought it to use around the farm. One day, I was to pick up my daughter, Beth, from track practice, and the battery in my van had died. I had to pick up my daughter in that truck and she couldn't believe I would drive the "farm" truck to pick her up. She immediately slid down in the seat so no one could see her as we drove away. Needless to say, I loved that truck with all the paint splatters! As Sult Electric grew and Joel became in such high demand, Rosemary decided she needed to quit working at the hospital and become Joel's fulltime bookkeeper. I would tease Joel and say he couldn't have her. He just laughed and said that she was his first! RIP Joel.....I will miss the teasing and fun conversations we had.

Connie M Bartlett - August 02, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joel William Sult.*



August 02, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Joel and Rosemary were amazing people. They started us on what has now been over a 20 year journey working with EF High School Exchange Year students. They were great supporters, teachers, and friends. We learned so much from them, and they definitely have had a big impact on our lives. You could always count on Joel for a smile, a tease, and a song. We will miss both of them, and send our love and prayers to their family.*

Cecilia McCloud - August 02, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joel William Sult.*



August 02, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *The Proud Image Chorus purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joel William Sult.*



The Proud Image Chorus - August 01, 2022 at 10:35 PM

CC

“ *Caleb, Calla, Joely and Penelope Case purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joel William Sult.*



Caleb, Calla, Joely and Penelope Case - August 01, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joel William Sult.*



August 01, 2022 at 04:23 PM

RK

“ *Kelly, I am so sorry for your losses. Your parents were so warm and caring and your dad reminded me so much of my own father. I'll never forget the time we were at your parents house and your dad was trying to get me to sing in harmony with him for a barbershop song. He loved life to the fullest. I know God is holding you tight during this time. Love, Rose Kundel*

Rose Kundel - August 01, 2022 at 09:07 AM

LD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Shocking and heartbreaking. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and guide you through this tragedy.

The memories made with the Hearn/Sult families would fill a page. Till we meet again.....

Lou Ann Hearn Demaray

Lou Ann Demaray - July 31, 2022 at 10:10 AM

JA

“ I have many memories of Joe. Probably the most memorable was in the summer of 77 (i think) my girlfriend and I were at her home in Tucson and the morning paper had a picture of a motorcycle and a couple with a home made sign on the back which said just married. I said "I know those two". After a lot of "oh sure ya do" and the like from her parents and her I convinced them that it was Joe and his new bride. I know a lot of Joe storied, some of them are even true, but that one kinda came to the fore front. They will be missed.

J R Ackley

J R Ackley - July 31, 2022 at 12:21 AM

JF

“ Joel and I were friends in high school. He was the shortest boy, and I was the shortest girl. We liked to joke around in the hall between classes. He always made me laugh. I will miss our talks at the class reunions. He was a very kind person. Jean Forbes

Jean Smith Forbes - July 30, 2022 at 10:57 PM

BJ

“ Kelly, Casey and Kara. We grieve with you on the loss of your parents. They were very special people and will be greatly missed. Everyone walked away with a smile after visiting with them. The community of Allison has lost a great couple. We are thankful we will see them again someday. Our prayers are with you and your families.

Love Terry and Barb Jensen

Barb and Terry Jensen - July 30, 2022 at 11:42 AM

JK

“ Joel and Rosemary were always the kindest people to everyone, and especially to we Leslie Van Raden kids. Our deepest sympathy.

Joyce Elaine Keeling - July 30, 2022 at 10:29 AM

AC

“ Joel always had a smile on his face, a song that came from his heart, and a new idea bubbling in his brain. The world was always a better place because of Joel's talents. Now Joel will be sharing his gifts in Heaven. Ann Chinander

Ann Chinander - July 30, 2022 at 02:18 AM



“ Joel was always there with a smile and a helping hand. I am so grateful to have been able to know him. Thank you God for bringing Joel and Rosemary in to the lives of myself and my children. Thank you for your support through all the trials I have faced you were always there. Ann will miss singing with you. You get to sing in a greater place then Carnegie Hall. We love you and long for the day we meet again. Hug Melu fir me.

Daniel Shafer - July 29, 2022 at 09:11 PM

KS

“ Joel, Mike Hanson, Denny Staudt and I (Kevin Scharper) were privileged to sing in the River City Rascals Barbershop Quartet. One of our favorite songs was "I asked the Lord". It summed up our message of encouragement that we wanted to leave with those who had come out to enjoy a time of listening and singing with us. We will never forget Joel's "one time only" version of his solo on the third line of the second verse. We had sung this song dozens of times, yet Joel challenged us to sing each song like it was the first time for each new audience. So as we "oo-ed" in the background, Joel's deep smooth, yet commanding bass voice rang out...

*"I did not ask for riches, He gave me wealth untold, the"
(then came the slightest of pauses - but not noticeable to the crowd. Out of the corner of our eyes we could tell Joel was looking around- he knew the crowd was hanging on his every word. God promises to provide right? The next words we heard were God's provision. Had he forgotten the actual words - the moon, the stars, the sun, the sky?*

Joel continued, confident, full of faith.....As Joel looked out, he sang..."the trees, (He looked down)..."the grass", (He looked up), "the clouds", (he looked around)..."the earth," Joel not only made it through all "his made up lyrics", but the next line of the song had never been more true.

"He gave me eyes to behold." (Yes Joel - Even in the middle of the song!!!)

Joel was like that...for all of us - helping us see many things for the first time in a brand new way. We all have a wonderful beautiful Joel stories!! He sure brought the best out of us as a quartet also...and in his family...and his church ...and his community...and even across the world.

So to Joel, and the best helpmate Joel could ever have in Rosemary, we simply say ...“thanks, you TWO, ...not only for the memories, but for your focus on Jesus and living out the gospel ... for others to see the Jesus you so desperately want everyone to know, believe in, and surrender to before death comes and it is too late.”

We will miss you here on this earth, where we will grieve, especially you, Kelly and Kara, and Casey and families. We'll soon look for your parents, our friends... worshipping right by Jesus in heaven ... And in the distance, will be their fully furnished, brand new Winnebago, ... which, by the way, will never ... ever ... need repair work. I am so sad you are going through this. Jesus knows your pain and grieve and promises to be with you.

Kevin & Jill Scharper

Kevin & Jill Scharper - July 29, 2022 at 05:32 PM