



Joel Lerich

September 25, 1940 - May 23, 2010

Joel Lerich Age 69 of Fort Collins, Colorado died May 23,2010 at Poudre Valley Hospital. A graveside service was held at Grandview Cemetery. A Shiva minion will be observed at 6:00 pm today at the family residence at 1418 West Oak St., Ft. Collins. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 Thursday, May 27th at Congregation Har Shalom, 725 West Drake Road, Ft. Collins. Joel Lerich was born September 25, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York to Lester and Hannah Cohen Lerich. Joel received his undergraduate education in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University in Pottsdam, NY and then grad school at The University of Colorado in Boulder receiving his Masters degree in Fluid Dynamics. Joel married Susan Temple in 1964 and fathered two sons, Randy and Scott. During that time, he went to work for Thermo Systems Inc, in Minneapolis MN. Joel divorced in 1972; in 1974 Joel sustained a broken neck and spinal injury from an automobile accident which left him disabled. The challenges Joel faced was the impetus behind him inventing and manufacturing durable medical equipment for others with spinal cord and mobility issues. Soon thereafter, Joel created Rand-Scot manufacturing here in Fort Collins. For over 27 years Joel has continued to invent and manufacture equipment for those with disabilities. On September 7, 1982, he married Barbara Boyd Hoehn in Fort Collins. The two were soul-mates... Joel was a founding member of Congregation Har Shalom and was proud of his Jewish heritage. He was always inventing and solving problems where he saw a need. He loved computers and what they could do. Joel was

the “ultimate Mensch.” He is survived by his wife Barbara; three sons, Randy (and Barbara) Lerich of Ft. Collins, Scott Lerich of Cave Junction, Oregon and Robert Hoehn of Paris, France; a daughter, Brecca Hoehn of Martinsburg, WV; his mother, Hannah Lerich of Broomfield, CO; brother, Barry Lerich of Nordland, WA; his sister, Bonnie Simmons of Oakland, CA; three grandchildren, Matthew, Eli and Milo; and three great-grandchildren, Lilly, Izabel and Sophia. The family requests that any memorial donations please be made to Hadassas, Congregation Har Shalom or Clarkson College, in care of Goes Funeral Care.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Joel was my neighbor in Roseville Mn for several years. I met Barb at that time and we had so much fun together while living in the apartment complex. Joel helped me fixed my transistor radio one day...he served as the brains and I was able to follow his directions. He was so cool...I just now saw his obit...My husband passed in 2012. Our family visited his family in Colorado shortly after they moved from MN. Barb and family, you have my deepest sympathy...Joel will always be one of my favorite friends...so sorry we lost contact...I lost my soulmate also, I am so very sorry for your loss...Sharon Bouwman....P.S. my roommate at that time was Deb Stout, she too has passed away...Please take care...

Sharon Bouwman - June 03, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ Joel Lerich

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

GL

“ It was such a pleasure working with Joel. We are so saddened to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful man. God Bless you.

The staff at PVH GI lab

GI Lab - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Randy I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Nancy Kaps - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I love you Roli-Poli, you taught and gave me so much!

Erin Thames - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Late Fragment*

*And did you get what
you wanted from this life, even so?
I did.
And what did you want?
To call myself beloved, to feel myself
beloved on the earth.*

r. carver

*Barbara: The love story of you and Joel will go on forever.....I
send my thoughts, prayers, friendship. ellie*

Ellie Maynerick - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Joel, you will always hold such a special place in my heart. You taught me so much, changed my life in innumerable ways and helped me learn to understand this crazy world we live in. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything. Your spirit will "live forever" ... thank you for making this world a beter place. Love you, rolli-polli man!*

Kate Stephens - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I met Joel while working for First Interstate Bank. He was a very dedicated businessman and so interested in his business and inventions. He was generous to show me and the bank officer around and tell us all about his business and his ideas. He took the time to make it a very memorable day; I have never forgotten his drive and determination. He left a lasting impression of what one can do with their lives inspite of adversity. I am sorry to hear of his passing; I send my sincere sympathy and thanks for having met him. He truly left a valuable mark in this life!

Teema Rutledge McIntosh - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ I will always remember Joel as a businessman who truly carried about others needs. There are numerous individuals who have benefited from his desire to turn his ideas into products that made their days better. Thank you Joel. You made the world a better place for many.

Glenn & Nellie Kuhns - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Barbara,
Long ago, when I was working as a homecare nurse, I made many visits to Joel at your lovely home. I always looked forward to seeing him, because I learned so much about the spirit of living a full life from him. My deepest sympathy to you now.
Sincerely,
Marian

Marian Weisser Wemple, R.N. - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Joel is one of the people I will always keep in my life, he was a true friend who didn't expect anything special from his friends and simply enjoyed the daily tales.

We have not seen each other for several years after I began to work out of state but I would remember the funny things we did and to my eternal regret I did not call him up at the time to talk.

He was one of a kind, with all the good and sometimes crazy things that implies.

He actually gave me the courage to try to do many things I was unsure of.

I just found out you passed away....I will always miss your just being there.

May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM