



Joel E. Gresmer

February 15, 1960 - June 4, 2015

Joel Eric Gremser, age 55, of Minocqua, passed away unexpectedly on June 4, 2015. He was born on February 15th 1960 in Elkhart, Indiana. Joel was the youngest of three sons to his parents Jan and Jim Gresmer. He is survived by his two brothers, Jeff and Jack, his mother, Jan, his two sons, Jason and Kevin, and loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews, and close friends. At 18 years old he began his employment with International Trucks, which brought him an exciting career in sales. This career gave him the opportunity to travel to numerous countries, meet many different people and have incredibly interesting experiences. He was a fantastic athlete that played many sports including tennis, basketball, waterskiing, snow skiing, and anything else that involved the outdoors. He was an outgoing, adventurous, incredibly caring, and intelligent person. He touched many lives in a positive way and will continue to be a symbol of a great father and man. A Memorial Service was held on June 7, 2015 at Bolger Funeral Home Woodruff Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel
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Memorial Service

JUN 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WL

“ I too recently learned of Joel's passing. It breaks my heart. Even though we had drifted apart I thought of him frequently. We shared a lot of good times way back to high school, rode many, many miles together on our bicycles and had a just few drinks together. He hosted my crazy bachelor party and spoke at my wedding reception. Gregarious was his middle name - there was constant laughter with Joel. I'm sure most people that met Joel never forgot him - I know I won't.

Walt Lutz
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Walt Lutz - October 31, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CP

“ Recently learned of Joel's passing..., I lived in Century Oaks & was a childhood friend. Although We hadnt had contact for decades; to this day thinking of Joel makes me smile. I remember him as the lanky, thin kid with big feet. He was energetic and had a great sence of Intelligent humor. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Colette (Hopp) Price - August 27, 2015 at 06:37 AM

MM

“ Joel you leave a legacy here in Australia. You were a great friend and so much fun to be with. We will miss you. Also, you taught us so much about handling truck fleet busines and we still prosper today. We are sad you are gone, but grateful to have had you in our lives. Until we meet again.

Mike, Jan, Jennifer and Andrew Marmo

mike Marmo - July 22, 2015 at 07:00 PM

GS

“ To the Gresmers -

I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Joel's passing. Joel was the poster child for good humor and positive attitude. Joel had the ability to win people over just through his laughter and conviction. My heartfelt sympathies to you. I know that the world is a dimmer place without Joel in it.

George Shaw

George Shaw - June 14, 2015 at 08:14 PM

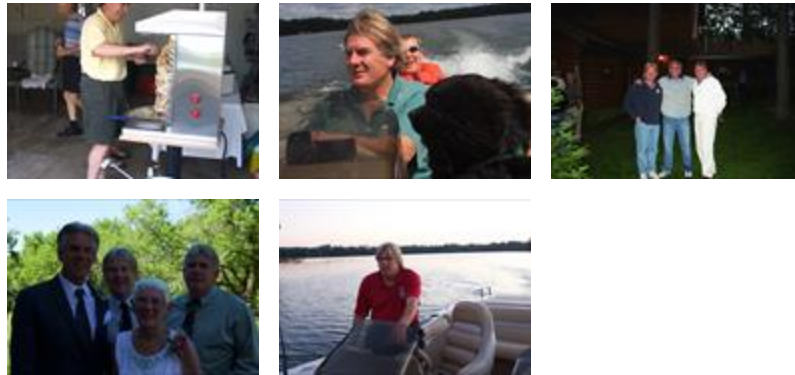
TR

“ *I was 6 years old when Joel Eric Gresmer moved in across the street from me. Having no brother, Joel is mine. His energy could fill any space he was in. Even outside. I am so blessed to have had him in my life. There were no limits in Joel. No silver spoon, no training, no formal education, yet able to fly around the world and lead others! He taught me that being and believing in oneself is the ONLY way to be. A true individual. I will be forever grateful for his spirit to have been placed in my life. A spirit like this is never confined, but always free. I miss you so much brother. I miss you so much.*

Todd Royer - June 14, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JG

“ 5 files added to the album *In Memory*



Jack Gresmer - June 12, 2015 at 08:27 AM

RH

“ *Grismer family,*

What a loss! As a Larkin highschool friend I will always remember the fun we had knowing each other and am so glad that we were able to reconnect later in life.

Renee Molander Hill

Renee Hill - June 10, 2015 at 06:00 PM

CO

“ *Jan, I'm so sorry to hear about Joel.....I only met him a few times at Milestone for lunch, but what a neat son you had....I'm sending peaceful thoughts to you, my dear.*

Cindy Olsofka - your Art Guru

Cindy olsofka - June 09, 2015 at 02:52 PM

SJ

“ To Wendy and family,
I worked with Joel way back when he was a National Acct Mgr. He worked at the time for John Gorski I believe who reported to my boss, the late Kirk Plagman (I was the Administrative Ass't). Joel was a young pup at the time - eager to learn and had the energy to move a mountain. He often talked about you Wendy - bragging at the beautiful work you did when you painted and how well you were doing at that. He spoke of his children all the time - he so loved you all. When I look at the pictures shown, that is how I remember him - always smiling. I am very saddened by your loss and send my sympathy. I will keep you all in my prayers. God bless you and keep you close.

Susan Jamros (Sue)

Susan Jamros - June 09, 2015 at 01:20 PM

EL

“ I did not see him on the last 10 years but were had worked together for more than 15 years . There are so many stories that span from China to South Africa. So many extravagant dinners....
He has carved my memory and for ever I will never forget him.
Emmanuel Lepere

emmanuel Lepere - June 08, 2015 at 05:46 PM

PG

“ So sad to hear of Joel's passing. He was a fun, friendly man.
Prayers to his family's.

Pat & Glenn - June 08, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MB

“ Condolences to The Gresmer family from his friends at Packer City Intl Trucks. He was a valuable allie while working as a Navistar Fleet Parts Manager. His contributions to our success were huge in a very tough assignment. He always carried himself with honor, integrity; and a great sense of humor. Mark Betz (retired owner of Packer City Intl Trucks)

mark betz - June 08, 2015 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mark betz - June 08, 2015 at 02:57 PM

JH

“ We are all so saddened to hear this news. Joel was so full of life and fun. He always made a get-together better. He will be missed. Janet, Mike, Matt and JP Heine



Janet Heine - June 08, 2015 at 01:47 PM

LK

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Joel's passing, my heart felt condolences to the Gresmer Family. Joel was a great person, always smiling and hospitable, he always created a good time through storytelling and his bigger than life personality. I still laugh at my college graduation gift- a nice pen to fill out resumes and a bible to pray for a job, followed up by telling me how proud the entire family was of me. A lifetime of endless Uncle Joel's stories and great memories will not be forgotten.

Liz Kara - June 07, 2015 at 09:51 PM

MF

“ I didn't know Joel for very long, but he was such a kind, loving person! I will always remember his graciousness ...and his amazing pies and cookies!

Margaret Foss - June 06, 2015 at 07:49 PM

RW

“ To the Gresmer family, we can't express how deeply saddened we are at hearing about Joel. He was an incredibly energetic and charismatic person who always told a great story and put a smile on anyone's face who listened to him. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Please accept our heart felt condolences, and know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. All our Love, Rich & Dee

Rich Weigel - June 06, 2015 at 07:24 PM

GS

“ I will miss a great northwoods friend in Joel..... Gary Szychlinski

Gary Szychlinski - June 06, 2015 at 12:16 PM

BD

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Bob Denholm - June 06, 2015 at 10:18 AM

BD

“ I met Joel in 1984, and he brightened my life with his sense of humor and his joy in entertaining. He had the greatest stories, and he will be missed.

Bob Denholm - June 06, 2015 at 10:16 AM

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Bob Denholm - June 06, 2015 at 10:14 AM

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Bob Denholm - June 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM



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Olivia Soltow - June 05, 2015 at 10:44 AM

JT

“ *We will always remember that big smile and awesome laugh. Joel was a friend to many of us, especially our son, Brandon and wife Shannon. He will be missed.*

Jim and Debbie Trapp

Jim and Debbie Trapp - June 05, 2015 at 10:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Gresmer family, I will so dearly miss the "Indiana Jones" style life experience stories that Joel shared with all of us. Dramatic and often dangerous, he told them with humor and laughter. Joel's generosity showed no limits. He loved to take people out to dinner, or host dinner parties at home. Joel is already missed by so many who care. To Joel's family, you are in my prayers. Annemarie Ready

Annemarie Ready - June 05, 2015 at 06:10 AM