

Joel Law

May 4, 1948 - December 19, 2022

Funeral service for Joel Law, 74, of Piedmont will be Monday, December 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Irwin and Roger Young officiating. Burial will follow Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. The family will receive friends Monday one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Joel passed away Monday, December 19, 2022 at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his son, Shane Law of Piedmont; one grandson, Rogan Law; three sisters, Elaine Roberts (Ray) of Jacksonville, Donna Murphy (Greg) of Anniston, and Melba Russell (Rocky) of Weaver; one brother, Phillip Law (Allison) of Piedmont; mother of his son, Connie Downey; special friends, Gus Coogler, David Parker and Roger Young. Pallbearers will be Shane Law, Roger Young, and Chip Russell. Honorary pallbearer will be Lee Langley. Joel was a long-time resident of Piedmont and was a member of Harvest Church of God in Anniston. He was a United States Army Vietnam veteran and received two purple hearts. He retired from the Anniston Army Depot. Joel enjoyed working on his farm and with his animals. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Law, Father, Ottis Law; one brother, Rev. Kenneth Law and one sister Alice Gribble. The family request no flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Joel to the Salvation Army, 114 North 11th Street, Gadsden AL 35901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Highway 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Sheryl A Porter lit a candle in memory of Joel Law*



Sheryl A Porter - February 23, 2023 at 05:16 PM

SH

“ *Susan Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Joel Law*



Susan Hoskins - December 27, 2022 at 03:28 PM

MP

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Mary Perez - December 26, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MP

“ *Mary Perez lit a candle in memory of Joel Law*



Mary Perez - December 26, 2022 at 02:33 PM

MP

I'm so glad we were able to see you at the Law reunion in August. You are so special to us and we are heartbroken you've left us so soon. We love you Joel - until we see you again! Your Oregon and Alaska family - Ellen and Kelley

Mary Perez - December 26, 2022 at 02:37 PM

DW

“*Joel Law was a blessing to so many people in his later years of life. He had a beautiful relationship with our Lord and Savior and became a doer of good deeds for many people who might have been in need. He talked about Jesus, the Bible and Heaven on regular basis. Joel had shared with my husband and I that he had a plan to move to Israel. We were concerned that might not be the best idea without him going to visit there first. Jeff and I told him we would travel with him to Israel to visit and see if he really wanted to live there. We decided to go with a travel tour group. Joel Law made fast friendships with those on the tour. Everyone fell in love with Joel and developed a respect for his knowledge of the Bible and his quick wit/humor. Jeff and I were both in awe of Joel's fan club that developed on that tour. If someone didn't see Joel nearby to us, they were asking where he was! When we returned home to Alabama, we had people calling to check on us and Joel after they had heard about a tornado near our area. Two college professors that were on our trip wanted to write a book about Joel's life and what he had been though in Vietnam. Joel was an Infantryman and received : National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three (3) Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Sharpshooter, Purple Heart with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster. Joel also volunteered to be a tunnel rat in Vietnam. He was selfless and thought it was an obligation to do it so other married men did not have that obligation. That's the kind of man he was. Our hearts are truly broken. Fly high Uncle Joel until we see you again! Love, Daphne*

Daphne Wilson - December 25, 2022 at 01:19 PM

DW

He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts.

Daphne Wilson - December 25, 2022 at 02:18 PM

NK

“ *Nancy Knighten lit a candle in memory of Joel Law*



Nancy Knighten - December 24, 2022 at 09:59 PM

GC

“ *Joel, I'm not much at writing, but I did have to let you know how much you meant to us. We went many places together and it meant more than you'll know. I had no idea when you stopped by Monday that would be our last visit. You will certainly be missed at our house. I knew most of your family, but some not as well as others. However, it didn't take long for a close relationship to begin. I felt like one of the family. Joel loved his friends and family more than anyone could imagine and that went both ways. Joel, as we've discussed, wait for us at the river. We love you, and may the Lord give the family the strength they're gonna need in the coming days.*
Gus and Pam



Gus Pam Coogler - December 22, 2022 at 11:46 PM

RM

“ Renee Morgan lit a candle in memory of Joel Law



Renee Morgan - December 21, 2022 at 07:52 PM



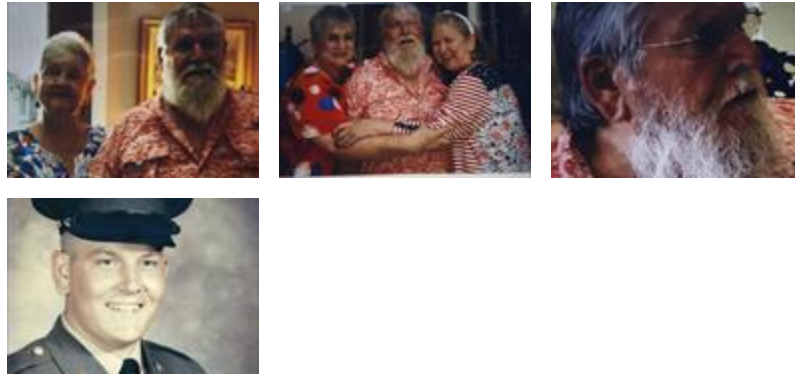
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Thompson Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 10:23 AM



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