



## Joel "BJ" Dale Larsen

February 20, 1959 - March 15, 2026

Joel "BJ" Dale Larsen, age 67, of Ocheyedan, Iowa passed away peacefully under the care of Care Initiative Hospice on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at Sibley Specialty Care.

Memorial services will be held this summer at Lone Tree Cemetery in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a tree in Joel's memory. He would be honored. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements

Joel was born on February 20, 1959, in Sheldon, Iowa, to Dale and Dolores Larsen. He attended school in the Sheldon community and graduated from Sheldon High School in 1977. Following high school, he worked in construction forming his own company, Larsen Drywall.

Joel married Barbara Watters, and they had one son, Adam. In 1998, Joel welcomed another son, Kyle, with Petina Hall, who became his long-time partner.

Joel and his family made their home on an acreage near Ocheyedan, where

he lived the remainder of his life.

Joel lived for thirty-five years with a debilitating illness, Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency which he faced with strength and resilience. He was part of an experimental drug trial. Joel was the sole survivor of five support groups he attended over the years for his disease.

He had a natural talent for creating spices, BBQ sauces, and preparing meats. When his health allowed, Joel enjoyed smoking meats, developing his own spice blends and sauces, and even doing some catering. He dreamed of one day opening a business with his son Kyle to share his creations.

Joel is survived by his long-time companion, Petina Hall; his sons, Adam and Kyle Larsen; as well as Adam's family, wife, Jennifer and children Aedan and Gabriella; sisters, Judy Jones and Nancy Larsen, her wife, Charisse Tregoning; nieces, Carly Smith and Amy Jones; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Dolores Larsen; infant sister Barbara Jo; grandparents, Earl and Edith Larsen and Harvey W. and Alma Dailey; and aunts and uncles.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joel was a kind and compassionate soul, who faced his health difficulties with courage and determination. His legacy will live on in his children and grandchildren, and he will be missed and remembered by his many cousins and friends.

Steve Larsen - April 16 at 07:18 PM

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“ To all his friends he was known as BJ. We had been friends since our kids were little . BJ was very easy to talk to. He will and is missed dearly. Ok this sounds strange first song tha comes to mind is . Heaven wasn't so far away. RIP my beloved friend .

Darcy Storey - March 19 at 09:46 PM

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Tina Hall - March 24 at 11:59 AM

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For 38 year's you either pissed me off or astounded and amazed me. For 32 of those you got continuously sicker till you couldn't stand it anymore. I respected your wishes and let you go with the same mixed emotions. Love you so much and miss you . Some day , far from this moment , it won't hurt so much

Tina Hall - March 24 at 12:05 PM