



Joel R. Hermann

March 27, 1956 - June 16, 2020

Joel Robert Hermann, age 64, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away in his home of natural causes on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at his home in Storm Lake.

Due to the pandemic, the service will be private at St. Pauls' Methodist Chapel.

Joel graduated from Kennedy High School and Iowa State University. After college, he worked at KAYL radio station in Storm Lake, Iowa for 41 years. He served as music director, moderated "Matter of Opinion" and the Albert City Polka Hour and was news director for the last 36 years.

He is survived by his parents Ed and Pat Hermann and a number of cousins and his beloved dog, Liza.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Stella and Clare Broshar and Beth and George Hremann and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may, if you wish, be directed to the United Methodist Church, 211 3rd Street, Storm Lake, Iowa 50588, Methwick Foundation, or Camp Courageous.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Jeff Myers lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann



Jeff Myers - June 23, 2020 at 01:14 PM

KA

“ I first met Joel through the Storm Lake Jaycees back in the late 70s/80s where he helped on various community projects. He did a great job gathering news for KAYL. This is noticeable since he retired. His voice was so pleasant and soothing on the radio - I still miss him! Gone too soon, but I'm glad for all the time we had him.

Kim Aronson

Kim Aronson - June 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CB

“ I was News Director at KAYL when Joel started working at KAYL as an announcer and music director. I moved on after six years, but Joel stayed for a remarkable 41 years. Here is an article and audio interview I did with Joel when he retired last year; <https://ibna.org/2019/09/18/joel-hermann-retires-after-4-decades-in-storm-lake/>
Cliff Brockman

Cliff Brockman - June 21, 2020 at 01:28 PM

DL

“ *Totally shocked to hear of my friend’s passing. Joel was one of my closest friends in college. We shared many good times together. I’m saddened by his passing and even sadder that we didn’t keep in touch over the years. He was a great friend!* ”

Doug Lower - June 20, 2020 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ *Shocked to hear of Joel's passing. We worked together for several years at KAYL. Joel was a tremendous talent in the news department. So sad he didn't have time to enjoy retirement! Lifting up prayers for Joel's family and friends. Becky Sharar* ”

Becky Sharar - June 19, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann* ”



John/Connie Demers - June 19, 2020 at 10:37 AM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann* ”



connie roche - June 18, 2020 at 09:12 PM

AW

“ My deepest sympathy to Joel's family, along with his former radio colleagues and a very saddened KAYL listening audience. If anyone deserved to have a long, happy retirement, it should have been Joel. It is rare to meet people with such incredible dedication, talent, and loyalty in a career spanning 41 years. Very few radio announcers would be able to handle his professional responsibilities over such a long time period with the absolute integrity and fairness he always showed. I was in awe of his fabulous voice and how he always used it to say the right words at the right time.

Joel's contributions to the Storm Lake listening area were monumental in keeping residents informed, promoting positive things happening in the community, and handling sensitive situations in very diplomatic ways. Although he was not a large person in size, he was a giant in his field who never sought personal attention or acclaim.

Joel Hermann was one of the most outstanding people I have ever known, and his loss is immense to everyone who was fortunate to have known him.

Andriette Wickstrom

Andriette Wickstrom - June 18, 2020 at 08:01 PM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - June 18, 2020 at 06:30 PM

BS

“ Joel served the community very well with his professionalism and friendly personality. He was a vital part of every day bringing the latest news to us. He will certainly be missed. God bless him.

Brad Strader - June 18, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Sandy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann



Sandy Robinson - June 18, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Joel R. Hermann



Deb and Kevin Jesse - June 18, 2020 at 02:26 PM