



Joel McMurtrey

January 1, 1942 - August 2, 2022

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Joel Evans McMurtrey, beloved father, grandfather and friend, passed away at his Austin home on August 1, 2022. He was born January 1, 1942, in San Angelo to A.L. and Thelma R. McMurtrey, both deceased.

He graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1960, and within six months, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He owned Absolute Protection Systems, a security company, in Austin for years and had clients there and the surrounding area.

Joel was an avid shooting sportsman and hunter, using falcons, bows and guns. He competed in archery matches for 30 years and taught others the sport. He enjoyed shooting, and competed in high-power rifle, bench rest and pistol competitions, winning many trophies. Joel was passionate about passing on the hunting/firearm tradition to the young or uneducated.

He is survived by his son, Sean E. McMurtrey of Boerne, daughter-in-law Natacha McMurtrey, grand-stepdaughter Natnicha Paiphim, granddaughter

Shannon McMurtrey, and the love of his life, Heidi Wyatt of Bandera. Sister Cherry Rizzo and brother Mickey McMurtrey also survive him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Texas State Rifle Association, National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, or Traditional Bowhunters of Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ Joel McMurtrey

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Joel McMurtrey

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Joel McMurtrey

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Joel was adored by his neighbors. He was the king of engaging us in interesting conversations, he was always joyful and helpful, and he was forever quick to repair a broken fence, lend a power tool, or deliver a carton of farm-fresh eggs from Bandera. He captivated our children with his kindness and his wonderful booming voice (making us secretly wonder if he'd had a past career in radio broadcasting)! He was a true gentleman with many qualities of a movie star, yet he was never afraid to jump in and tackle a messy project, surprising us with a helpful upgrade on more than one occasion. The cove is way too quiet and empty without him, but his legacy will remain here, as it's impossible to look around our yards without remembering Joel's doting and dynamic presence. We send our love to his dear family and friends.

--Joel's Lakewood Neighbors

Lakewood Neighbors - August 16, 2022 at 03:54 PM

CB

Thank you so much for your kind comments.

Cindy Brockwell - September 24, 2022 at 03:51 PM

CH

“ *Joel was very special....always there when you needed him... Joel and Sean helped build our home 25 years ago..... My sincere condolences to Sean, his family, and all of Joel's family. With Deepest Sympathy,
Carolyn Henderson*

Carolyn Henderson - August 15, 2022 at 10:16 PM

CH

I'll miss him.....

Carolyn Henderson - August 15, 2022 at 10:20 PM

CW

“ *Joel was one of the most interesting, multi-talented individuals I ever had the honor to call a friend. He was a virtual energizer rabbit who just couldn't slow down. He simply HAD to make the most out of life. He bowhunted, competed in pistol, shotgun, and highpower rifle competitions, trained falcons, did gunsmithing, hunted..... and those were just hobbies! He was a virtuoso with alarm systems and other technical arts. All this, and he always found time to help family and friends and had a talent for lifting your spirits when you were down. Certainly, he was one of the most generous souls I ever knew. Despite declining health, he would not slow down. In short, he was an ebullient bundle of love, enthusiasm, and patriotism who had a big fan club. The world is diminished. I'll forever miss that whacky Marine!*

-Charlie Wallace

Charles H Wallace - August 14, 2022 at 10:58 PM

CB

“ Joel adored his family, and he had several. His blood family was son Sean, Natacha, Nong Kaew and Shannon. He saw them weekly on his way to Bandera where he had another, non-blood family, but greatly loved. Heidi and the ranch family were very important to him, as well as many hunting, competition shooting, and bow friends. Joel could talk with anyone, and had plenty of stories to tell. Rest in peace, my friend. I am praying for God's peace for all who are mourning his passing.

Cindy Brockwell - August 09, 2022 at 02:52 PM

DW

“ Joel was a bright light with everyone he met .His smile and attitude could change any situation to a positive event.taught me how to shoot an Ar15 and and to notch my first “hog”.I will miss him greatly....Dave Wyatt

David Wyatt - August 09, 2022 at 12:54 PM

CB

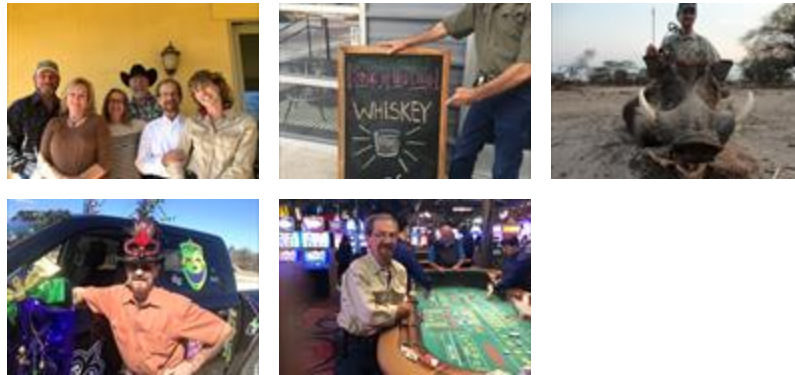
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Cindy Brockwell - August 09, 2022 at 12:37 PM

HW

“ 6 files added to the album Joel



Heidi Wyatt - August 09, 2022 at 12:35 PM

CG

Great pictures look's like good Times

Carl Gipson - August 09, 2022 at 07:16 PM

AW

“ I shot many archery competitions with Joel starting when I was 17, i'm 41 now. He took me hunting on multiple occasions took me under his wing and showed me so much about traditional archery. He taught me a lot as a young man and influenced my life in a great way!

Andrew Wilson - August 08, 2022 at 04:34 PM

LL

“ Condolences to all who loved Joel, especially my friend Heidi. Joel was so interesting to talk to and had a world of knowledge to share, my family truly enjoyed being around him whenever possible. ❤️

Linda Lazo - August 08, 2022 at 03:57 PM

CC

I dated Joel in high school. He was such a nice guy and a fantastic pianist along with his brother Mickey. Sweet memories. Clarice Cox

clarice cox - August 08, 2022 at 08:24 PM

CG

“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Joel
There's one more Angel at the Alter
Carl Gipson/ Neighbor The Berry Ranch 🙏*

Carl Gipson - August 08, 2022 at 03:54 PM

FJ

“ *Joel was lucky in life, lucky in love and lucky in death. Guileless genuine kind. He was fine man. Bon voyage dear Joel*



friend of heidi and joel. JAYNE - August 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM

DR

Have kept up with Joel thru Cherry Lynn. So very sorry for the loss; sending prayers of peace and comfort.

Dee Ann Robichau - August 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM

CR

“ *Joel was a wonderful brother and a wonderful person. He never met a stranger and would give you the shirt off his back if he thought it would help you. We will miss him.*

Cherry Rizzo - August 08, 2022 at 02:23 PM