



## Joel R. Legree II

April 12, 1984 - February 3, 2018

Joel Ronald Legree II, age 33, passed away on February 3, 2018. Joel was born on April 12, 1984 to Joel and Nancy in Rochester, Michigan. Joel was the oldest of two children, with his sister joining the family in 1986. Joel went to Avondale High School in Auburn Hills, Michigan, where he excelled at baseball. Joel loved playing baseball, and he spent much time at the diamond. His hard work paid off when he was awarded as an All-State catcher twice in his career. After school, he worked as a delivery driver for M.V.P. Express, a family business, for five years.

On October 8, 2009, Joel met the love of his life, Jana Williamson, through some mutual friends. There was an instant connection and the two immediately hit it off. Almost a year later, on October 1, 2010, the two were blessed with a daughter, Isabella Rose. Isabella quickly became Joel's world. On October 10, 2012, Joel and Jana made their love for one another eternal, and were married.

Joel's family meant everything to him. He was a loving husband and a devoted father. He loved fishing, where he would fish in any lake, pond or stream. He enjoyed fishing so much that he showed Bella how to fish as well; a way to spend more time with his daughter. He also taught Bella how to ride a bicycle. Joel also enjoyed hunting near Gladwin, Michigan. One thing Joel had an immense passion for was watching the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was a part of Steelers Nation, and you could count on him to watch every game they played.

Joel is survived by his cherished wife of five years, Jana; his loving daughter, Isabella Rose; his dear father Joel; his beloved sister Amanda (Chad) Chisholm; his loving niece Grace "Baby G." Chisholm; his beloved grandparents Ronald (Joan) Szymanski; his dear aunts and uncles Mary (Chop) Sims, Rhonda (John) Jenkins, Earl (Jayna) Legree, Susan (Amiel) Villani, and Brady Legree; and many cousins, family and friends.

Joel is preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Legree, his grandparents Earl (Shirley) Legree, and his great-grandmother Josephine Steele.

Joel's family will receive friends on Thursday, February 8, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica, with a funeral service beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com). GO STEELERS!!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your beloved father, husband, son and brother, Joel. No words could ever convey the pain of your hearts, but our loving Creator and Heavenly Father does know. He has promised that very soon this enemy, death, and all the things that bring our hearts pain will be a distant memory- Hosea 13:14. Until then please find comfort in knowing that "He (God) is close to the broken hearted and those crushed in spirit He saves"-Psalm 34:18. It is my hope that these passages along with your loving memories of Joel, comfort your hearts and give you a measure of peace during this most difficult time.

Scott D - February 19, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.



February 07, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.



February 07, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.*



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February 06, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and dear friends of Joel. He was always so nice to me in high school and whenever we ran into each other in our adults lives too. Rest in peace Joel. You're already greatly missed.*

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**Sherry Smith** - February 06, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *Gwyn family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joel R. Legree II.*



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**Gwyn family** - February 06, 2018 at 02:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.*



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February 05, 2018 at 09:18 PM

AC

“ *My heart is broken but I have comfort knowing you are with Momma. I will take care of Dad and will watch over Bella. I love you forever, Brother.*

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**Amanda Chisholm** - February 05, 2018 at 05:51 PM

CH

“ *Joel, I am so glad we were able to get together in October and spend time with you, Jana, and Bella at the water park. Glad we were able to watch the Michigan @ Penn State game too. Even though we didn't get to see each other often when we did we usually made it count!!!*



*I will miss your big hand shake and Bear hugs*

*Until we meet again RIP my brother*

*Your Brother-in-law Chris*

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**Chris Hankiewicz** - February 05, 2018 at 12:01 PM

CA

“ *Carol, Renee, Paul & Amber purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joel R. Legree II.*



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**Carol, Renee, Paul & Amber** - February 05, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ So sorry and sad to hear of the passing of my great nephew. He was a loving husband and dad with a loving wife & young 7 yr. old daughter who both will miss him very much as well as the rest of the family. Rest in peace and may you see your mom in heaven with the rest of the Angels. Love Aunt Diane & Scott.

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**Diane Butler** - February 05, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.



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February 05, 2018 at 04:15 AM



“ *Majestic Heart* was purchased for the family of Joel R. Legree II.



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February 04, 2018 at 10:06 PM

MS

“ My heart is broken and there are no words but total numbness. I love Joey and he had a heart of gold. He just wanted to be loved and his heart was made of gold. Love for his family was clear but Isabella was his world and as I sit here with her now I can see him in her clear as anything. Aunt Mary is so proud of you Joey and I know your with your Mom. We will take care of your wife, Dad, sister, grandparents, and will make sure Bella knows how much you loved her.

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**Mary Sims** - February 04, 2018 at 06:22 PM

BS

All out sympathies and prayers to all the Earl and Shirley Lehrer family. Bob and I are married 50 years next Saturday and we have felt blessed to know all your families. Our prayers are with you all on your loss of this young soul.

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**Bob and Vickey Shepard** - February 04, 2018 at 08:04 PM

DB

“ Joey was always the most welcoming person he always made you feel so welcomed when every you would see I will miss this young man but I will see him again

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**denise bell** - February 04, 2018 at 03:59 PM