



## Joel T. Swagler

May 21, 1954 - January 1, 2017

Swagler, Joel T., age 62, a longtime resident of Berkley, passed away January 1, 2017. Joel was the fourth child to the late Arvid and Ruth Swagler, born on May 21, 1954 in Lansing. Joel was known for continuously tinkering. His mechanical and scientific inclination allowed him to make something out of nothing time and again. At a young age, he rebuilt his own motorcycle and continued to ride them for many years. Joel took great pride in the 37 years he spent working for Michigan Bell (now AT&T) as a lineman and splicer. He was a self-taught 35mm photographer, enjoyed camping, Houghton Lake and music. Joel particularly loved his Yorkie companion, R.D.

He is survived by loving friend Linda Stockinger; dear brother to Jean (Larry) Thelen and Spence (Linda) Swagler; uncle to many nieces, a nephew, and a special great-nephew. Joel is preceded in death by his parents, brother Steve, and niece Sarah.

Private services will be held. Inurnment at Delta Center Cemetery, Lansing.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We are sorry to hear of Joel's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. May he rest in peace.

*With Sympathy,  
Perry & Debbie Chase*

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**Debbie** - January 11, 2017 at 01:18 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a love one.

*When death strikes the pain can seem unbearable. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

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**Ms. Tuffy** - January 06, 2017 at 09:42 AM

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“ Joel and I were best friends since childhood. He was taken from us far too soon.

*We graduated together from elementary school (Greenfield Peace Lutheran, Detroit, MI, 1968) and highschool (Lutheran High West, 1972).*

*Remembering our times together, playing marbles, riding our 10 speeds around NW Detroit, model rocketry, hot rodding his Plymouth Satellite (and cruising Telegraph in it), camping.*

*Love you Joel, you're in God's arms now.*

*Paul Magadanz*

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**Paul Magadanz** - January 05, 2017 at 07:33 AM