



Joel L. Gauthier

February 20, 1943 - July 17, 2015

Joel Lee Gauthier, 72, of Zionsville, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2015 at IU North Hospital in Carmel. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on February 20, 1943, the only child of the late Allen E. and Frances G. (Fuller) Gauthier.

Raised in Michigan, Joel graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan. From 1967 – 1969, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

On August 22, 1964, he was married to Lynne I. (Feetham) Gauthier in Detroit, Michigan; she survives. They had spent 50 loving years together.

Joel moved to Indiana in 1989 after spending many years in Michigan and Washington DC. He spent his working career as a CPA and in 1991 Joel started his own firm, Gauthier & Kimmerling, LLC in Indianapolis. During his life he held many memberships including, the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, the Kiwanis of Indianapolis, Triangle Fraternity and several Antique Car Clubs. Joel held positions on the boards of the Buick Heritage Alliance and the Fletcher Place.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date at the Second Presbyterian

Church in Indianapolis.

Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors:

Wife: Lynne I. Gauthier – Zionsville, Indiana

Two Children:

Douglas Gauthier and wife, Carla – Zionsville, Indiana

Kristin Mikarts and husband, Mark – Venice, Florida

Five Grandchildren:

Olivia

Andrew

Jack

Zachary

Ryan

Memorials may be made in his honor to the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis, 320 North Meridian Street, Suite 115, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel L. Gauthier*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Doug and Carla, our deepest sympathies to you and your family on the passing of your father. We will miss seeing him cruising through the neighborhood in one of his antiques cars. We wish you comfort and peace through this very difficult time.*

Dennis and Mary Norris

Mary Touseull Norris - August 05, 2015 at 02:01 PM

CB

“ Doug and Kristin (and all the family), our condolences and prayers for you and the family in the passing of your father. From the obituary, it's clear your father lived an amazing life. Truly he was part of the "Greatest Generation."

The obituary says your father was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. I'm sure he was. He also was a kind and patient neighbor. One hot and busy summer, I let a mulch pile sit in my driveway perhaps a little too long. I was out cutting my lawn when he stopped by in one of his antique cars. With an ear-to-ear grin, he asked if I wanted to sell that mulch in the driveway. I THINK that was his kind and gentle way of saying, "Bodkin, you better get that mulch out of your driveway and into your flower beds." Even today, it gives me a chuckle to remember that conversation.

May God's grace and peace cover you during this difficult time. May grief and pain give way to joy, peace, and many happy memories of your father and a life well lived.

*Blessings,
Clyde and Jill Bodkin*

Clyde Bodkin - July 27, 2015 at 03:54 PM

KM

“Dad, thank you for loving us well. Your quiet strength and leadership has left a legacy I cherish. I am proud to be your daughter and miss you terribly. Thank you for teaching me to put family first, the importance of hardwork and commitment, and the value of traditions. Memories of you are everywhere and they make this a bit easier. Mom is going to be ok because your love for your family and others is in every memory and story told. I love you and I'm so lucky and thankful to be your daughter.

I am also very thankful for the kind comments and stories from everyone. Seeing how my dad was at work makes me so proud. I love hearing about his humor, his mentoring, and being like a father figure. He was a great man and I'm glad I'm not the only who feels that way.

Kristin Mikarts - July 25, 2015 at 10:22 AM

CD

“My sincere condolences to Lynne & family. It was my pleasure to hire Joel to do the Buick Club of America's books when I was National Treasurer back in the mid 90's. Thru the years we had many discussions about old cars, especially Buicks. I was instrumental in getting Joel to rejoin the BCA, and especially the Central Indiana Chapter those many years ago. Joel was also instrumental in helping me find a couple of jobs in the Not-for-Profit world with several organizations he was the CPA for. His loss will be felt by all who knew him.

Carol Derbin - July 22, 2015 at 07:39 AM

PJ

“ Joel on one of his visits..doing what he did best...helping a friend. As a guy who had never worked on a car and a new classic car owner, he gave me the encouragement and confidence to fix what I thought was not fixable. He would frequently check in on me to see how my 1949 Buick was running and help when needed. I have done so much in getting this car on the road thanks to Joel. I couldn't have done it without him and I am thankful for the time we had together and the knowledge he shared!



Peter T Jolly - July 21, 2015 at 08:27 PM

PJ

“ Deepest and sincere condolences to the Gauthier Family. Joel was more than a friend. He was a mentor and gave of himself to others. I will miss him stopping by and my visits with him. Joel's friendship was a blessing in my life. I will miss his kindness, encouragement, teaching, guidance, as well as his extra set of hands under the hood. I hope that heaven finds Joel driving the classic car that he always wanted but could never afford...WITHOUT EVER BREAKING DOWN! Blessings and peace to Lynne, Doug, Kristin and Joel's extended family during this difficult time

Pete Jolly.

Peter T Jolly - July 21, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JF

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John Fields - July 20, 2015 at 09:33 PM

JF

A fun day at Hershey last fall in fellowship with Joel and fellow Buick Heritage Alliance board members...

John Fields - July 20, 2015 at 09:37 PM



I am so sorry and shocked to hear of Joel's passing. He was a great financial mentor and pillar of wisdom. He helped lead me and Pathway from the past to the future for over 20 years. I know he clearly left his mark on our community, our minds and our hearts.

Sandy Jeffers - July 21, 2015 at 11:58 AM

CS

I am shocked and saddened to hear of Joel's passing. He was an extremely intelligent man and a profound mentor to me. After receiving my degree in Accounting in 1994, I worked at Joel's accounting firm for 5 years. During that time, I gained more knowledge about the business world than I ever imagined I could. We spent many 80+ hour weeks together during "busy season" and shared many nights burning the midnight oil due to his dedication to his client base.

I also had the great pleasure of touring the streets of Indianapolis with Joel in many of his old cars, all of which had their own name and personality. To this day, I bore my kids with stories of those old cars, and point out vintage autos on the road and guess their year of origin, to my great enjoyment thanks to Joel.

To Lynne, Doug and Kristin...I wish you love and peace in what is certainly a very difficult time for you. Joel was truly an inspiration to me, and I will always be grateful for the knowledge I gained from my time with him. He was one of a kind, and a man I truly admired and respected. May God be with you now and always, and may you have many years to enjoy the memories you made with Joel. Peace.

Chris Schott

Chris Schott - July 31, 2015 at 07:36 PM

RS

“*Joel was a first-class gentleman and a true friend. I was privileged to know him in connection with our mutual interest in the antique car hobby, and in particular, our work for the Buick Heritage Alliance. Joel gave generously of his time and his considerable talents to support this organization. I am sure he did the same for other organizations and causes in which he believed.*

Joel will be greatly missed. My condolences to Lynne and the rest of the family.

Richard Sills

Richard Sills - July 20, 2015 at 05:28 PM

DG

“ Thank you dad, for being there for me, showing me strong work ethic, time for family, giving me as little class, the love for cars, allowing us to spend our summer vacation in northern Michigan, and the love for mom. We will take care of mom for you! You will always be with me.

Love your son,

Doug

Doug Gauthier - July 20, 2015 at 08:13 AM

JG

It was my privilege to know Joel and to serve with him on the Board of Fletcher Place Community Center. Thank you Joel for all you did for FPCC! You are an inspiration and we will miss you!

Julie Goldsberry

Julie Goldsberry - July 20, 2015 at 08:21 AM

GN

I had the privilege of working for Joel early in my career at Gauthier and Kimmerling, LLC. He was a great boss and mentor and an even better person. He will be missed.

Geoff Newman - July 20, 2015 at 12:30 PM

LA

I can still hear him now coming into the store and walking up to the window and saying "Well HeIIIIIIloooo up there!" He always took time out to say hi and chat about Michigan and the family. He is such a kind man and his family is such a testament to a life well lived.

Leigh Ann Akard - July 21, 2015 at 07:42 AM

TO

I'm so sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers in the days and years ahead.

Tom - July 21, 2015 at 10:04 PM

KO

My deepest condolences to your Gauthier family. It was my privilege to know you and work for you. You were more than a boss or friend to me. You helped me develop and grow knowledge and professionalism in my accounting career. You were a great mentor. You helped me become a better person. You took care of filling paperwork for my wife with immigration and health insurance. I missed your encouragement, kindness and guidance. You constantly checked on me. You were a father figure to me. I am forever grateful to you. I miss you, Joel.

Kry

Kry Ok - July 24, 2015 at 10:56 AM

KM

Dad, thank you for loving us well. Your quiet strength and leadership has left a legacy I cherish. I am proud to be your daughter and miss you terribly. Thank you for teaching me to put family first, the importance of hardwork and commitment, and the value of traditions. Memories of you are everywhere and they make this a bit easier. Mom is going to be ok because your love for your family and others is in every memory and story told. I love you and I'm so lucky and thankful to be your daughter.

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Kristin Gauthier Mikarts - July 25, 2015 at 08:30 AM