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Joel Larmore, loving husband, wonderful father and grandfather, good friend, and respected leader, passed away on January 19, 2025, surrounded by his family at home in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Joel was born in 1947 in Hastings, Nebraska, and attended high school in Kenesaw where he was one of 26 students in his graduating class. He married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Schneider, to whom he has been happily married for over 57 years.

Joel and Sharon took on multiple jobs to fund his education. He attended Kearney State College for two years, then graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a BS in Physical Therapy in 1970. In addition to being a compassionate therapist, Joel was a bold entrepreneur and risk-taker, successfully investing in endeavors in healthcare, real estate, hospitality, and farming.

In 1983, Joel founded RehabVisions with a vision to provide highly skilled and compassionate physical, occupational, and speech therapy to rural communities similar to where he was raised. In 2001, seeing the need for

short-term healthcare professionals, he founded Cariant Health Partners, a healthcare travel staffing firm. With trusted confidants at his side, he successfully grew the team to over 800 employees serving clients in 11 states.

Joel was known for his positivity, ability to listen, and development of deep relationships. His professional legacy is best noted by the long-tenured and dedicated team that continues to uphold his commitment to quality patient care, business integrity, and honesty.

Joel was an emeritus Board Chair of the University of Colorado Physical Therapy Philanthropy & Advisory Board and served as a member of the University of Colorado's Foundation. He created an endowed scholarship to encourage physical therapy students to pursue careers in rural communities. He founded the RehabVisions + Cariant Foundation to provide support, educational assistance, and aid in times of hardship to the communities his companies serve.

Joel's main focus was enjoying time with family and friends. Nothing brought him more joy than hosting his 7 grandkids to "Camp Nebraska." "Pops" and "Mimi" and the kids would visit the cabin on the Platte River and family farmland in Giltner, take behind-the-scenes tours of the zoo, and make memories. Additionally, you would find him tending to his koi fishpond at home in Elkhorn, enjoying a boat ride at the Lake of the Ozarks, or watching the sunsets and hot air balloons overhead at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Joel was an avid Husker fan and lifelong booster of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, sharing his love of sports with his family and friends.

He is survived by wife Sharon (Schneider) Larmore, daughters Amy Daniels (Rob), Emily Cooper (Josh), and son Doug Larmore (Liz) as well as seven grand-children: Taylor, Emma, and Carter Daniels, Ben and Elliott Cooper, and Maya and Brooks Larmore, four siblings Lynda Clemans (Chuck), Jacquie

Jackson, Becky Bottoroff, and Rick Larmore (Cheryl), nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elaine and Doyle Larmore of Kenesaw/Omaha, mother and father-in-law, Pauline and Erwin Schneider of Kenesaw/Omaha, nephew Brandon Bottoroff of Wahoo, and brother-in-law Terry Jackson of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A memorial service and reception to honor and celebrate Joel will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 3pm at Countryside Community Church, 13130 Faith Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska. A livestream video of the service can be viewed at: <http://CountrysideUCC.org/live>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to 11623 Arbor Street, Omaha NE 68144. Donations will be directed toward supporting physical therapy student education in rural and small communities in Joel's honor.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Community Church  
13130 Faith Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68144

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ I had the honor to work for Joel. He had a great sense of humor, smile, and was a very good man. He was very generous and did not hesitate to notice and reward you for working hard. I also had the opportunity to see Joel’s overwhelming love for his son, Doug. My thoughts are with his family at this difficult time of his passing.

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**Carrie Anglim** - January 30, 2025 at 02:47 PM

RS

“ I met Joel in the 1990's and was a minority shareholder in Rehabvisions for several years, running two clinics in Sioux City. I spent many hours talking with Joel in his office and countless more hours on the telephone. Joel was always respected and forward thinking in his professional endeavors. I learned ALOT about how to treat business partners from Joel, even when I didn't realize how smart he was as a young business owner.

Two special memories from Joel.....in the early 90s he allowed my wife Lisa and I to spend a weekend at their Lake of the Ozarks home and that was the start of our love affair with the lake. We eventually bought a cabin three miles from their place. I made a rookie error with his jet ski the day before leaving on a Friday afternoon and the repair shop told me they couldn't get to it until Tuesday. Long story short, the repair guy talked me through the fix and I was able to fix the jet ski. As I told Joel about the mishap, he was as gracious as he could be and was an absolute gem about the whole ordeal. It was much less a problem to him than it was to me!

The second thing that I will always remember about Joel is how much he ADORED his family, starting with Sharon and he talked about his children every time we visited. I didn't know the girls well and had limited interactions with Doug, but you should all know how much he loved each of you and he was proud of all of you. Our paths diverged prior to the grandchildren's arrival but I'm sure he spoiled them as he should have!

Sharon, know that I truly enjoyed my business relationship with Joel and he was so fair and honest with me as a minority owner. I think the world of the Larmore family. God bless you all.

Roger Svec

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Roger Svec - January 26, 2025 at 03:06 PM

TG

“ I'm so sorry to hear this somber news ..  
Joel and Sharon were very good clients of mine for many years.  
Even though they didn't live locally, they continued shopping with  
me and supporting my store.( Gene Hiller Menswear in Sausalito)....  
For This I am very grateful.  
I am also grateful for Joel's introduction to all his family members  
over the years. Every year he would buy gifts for everyone in his  
family from me...  
He always had a great sense of style and presentation...and knew  
the importance of appearance.  
I would like to send my condolences to his family and let them all  
know that his spirit is within them.  
Sincerely, Tom Gangitano

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**Tom Gangitano** - January 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JR

“ Emily, Doug, Amy and Sharon. I'm so sorry to hear of Joel's  
passing. Deepest condolences 🌸 to your entire family.  
-Jill Runty

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**Jill Runty** - January 24, 2025 at 11:39 PM

CM

“ My name is Colleen Cowles Moore and Joel & Sharon were my neighbors when I was in high school at Hamburg, Iowa! I babysat for them, I know for Amy and I'm pretty sure Emily as well. I think I missed out on Doug 😞. Following graduation I married my HS ❤️. Joel wasn't my first boss but I believe he was my second and I'll never forget him and the opportunities he offered me! I worked for him and Rick for many years and the whole family was so kind, welcoming, giving and just fun to work for and be around! I even had the great pleasure of knowing Doyle & Elaine! Two of the sweetest folks ever! Best Christmas parties were epic 🙌  
I raise a glass to you Joel, 🍷 (he was an awesome toast giver too), thank you for always being a great boss and a good friend. There will always be a very special place in my heart for this whole family but Joel was encouraging, supportive and a protective force in my life that I'll remember always! RIP ❤️

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**Colleen Cowles Moore** - January 24, 2025 at 11:18 PM