



Joel Lang

April 1, 1956 - May 1, 2025

Joel Jay Lang, 69, died on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at MercyOne Cedar Falls Medical Center, after a sudden cardiac episode while doing yardwork.

He was born on April 1, 1956, in Sumner, Iowa, the son of Carl and Ruth (Mirs) Lang. He graduated from Sumner High School in 1974 and then completed machinist training at Hawkeye Tech. He married Julie Henniges on December 19, 1981, in Sumner. They later divorced and remained good friends. On October 21, 1995, he was united in marriage to Penny Peterson in Fredericksburg. Joel worked as a machinist at Viking Pump for 39 years before his retirement in 2019. He was a member of the Sons of AMVETS and IAM Local 1728.

Joel is survived by his wife, Penny of Cedar Falls; children, Aleshia (Mark) Lamos of Hiawatha, Whitney (Joey) Brown of Chicago, IL, Jace and Zayne Lang, both of Cedar Falls; grandsons, Brody and Logan Lamos; sister, Carla (Al) Zell Annandale, MN; brother, John (Jo) Lang of Sumner; and former spouse and good friend, Julie Gesie of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Judy and Pete Peterson; and sister, Carol Heitland.

Joel loved spending time with his family and friends, enjoying appetizers and

a drink, and cheering on the Green Bay Packers and Iowa Hawkeyes. He was known for his generosity and derived a lot of joy from giving, whether that was picking up a tab, or lending a hand to anyone with a project, which kept him busy in retirement. He went fishing whenever he could and always looked forward to vacations and fishing trips in Minnesota. Joel enjoyed cooking for his family, whether it was smoking the perfect meats, frying fish, or making breakfast on his Blackstone. He was a wonderful grandfather and could often be found in the stands watching his grandsons in swim meets, taking notes on their split times.

Visitation 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, May 5th at Richardson Funeral Service. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with a luncheon following at the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon following at the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49

Tribute Wall



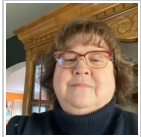
“ Penny and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I was unable to attend services. Please know you're in my prayers. I will be thinking of you. Mo Beckman

maureen beckman - May 06, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ April M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

April M. - May 06, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Penny, I am so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I am sending healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time. Keeping you in my prayers
Debby Zabel

Debby Zabel - May 05, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ Penny and Family -We are so sad to hear of Joel's sudden passing. May god wrap you in his arms and give you strength and peace. Praying for your hearts to heal a little more with each passing day💜
Love, The Fairman Family

DeeAnn Fairman - May 05, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ Gonna miss our occasional beers during the swim meet breaks.

Jeff Lamos - May 05, 2025 at 05:24 PM

CE

“ Chris and Stephanie Eagan purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Joel Lang.



Chris and Stephanie Eagan - May 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

A(

“ Allyson, Noah, Jessica, Steph (CAmp) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joel Lang.



Allyson, Noah, Jessica, Steph (CAmp) - May 05, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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“ Allyson, Noah, Jessica, Steph (CAmp) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Allyson, Noah, Jessica, Steph (CAmp) - May 05, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LC

“ Love from Andy and Jenee Cummings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joel Lang.



Love from Andy and Jenee Cummings - May 05, 2025 at 12:48 PM

LC

“ Love from Andy and Jenee Cummings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Love from Andy and Jenee Cummings - May 05, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PS

“ Penny and family, Our sincere condolences to all of you. We pray that God's grace and love will help you thru this sad time and the many wonderful memories you have shared will carry you thru. Gary and Pam Schlomann

Pam S Schlomann - May 05, 2025 at 11:49 AM

TL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terry Lane - May 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DB

“ Dawn Barnes purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joel Lang.



Dawn Barnes - May 05, 2025 at 09:47 AM

TK

“ To the family of Joel Lang. We are so sorry to hear about Joel's passing. May God bless all of you and continue to bless you in these most difficult times. With baseball games our boys played, it was always a pleasure to see Joel and Penny. Outside of baseball we would frequently see Joel and Penny out for a bite or get together. Great times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. The Kingsley family

Tim Kingsley - May 05, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 05, 2025 at 08:43 AM

MK

“ Marcy Schildroth Kramer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joel Lang.



Marcy Schildroth Kramer - May 04, 2025 at 11:36 PM

SK

“ Shelby & Kobe purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Joel Lang.



Shelby & Kobe - May 04, 2025 at 10:10 PM

EF

“ Eric & Sonja Chadbourne & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joel Lang.



Eric & Sonja Chadbourne & Family - May 04, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 04, 2025 at 06:20 PM

LA

“ Penny I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. May your faith and your many memories carry you and your family through this difficult time



Larry Anderson - May 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ Jace's Softball Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joel Lang.



Jace's Softball Family - May 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JF

“ Jace’s Softball Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Jace's Softball Family - May 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM

YF

“ Your TLB Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joel Lang.



Your TLB Family - May 04, 2025 at 11:37 AM

YF

“ Your TLB Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Your TLB Family - May 04, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Lang.

May 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM

WX

“ With lots of love, Elizabeth Lang- xoxo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joel Lang.



With lots of love, Elizabeth Lang- xoxo - May 03, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JB

“ Penny and family, sending you our deepest sympathy. John and Jane Melugin Brooks

Jane Melugin Brooks - May 03, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Lang.

May 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LS

“ Penny and fam: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am sure your memories will give you comfort even though there will be a hole in your heart. Blessings, Lila Scott

Lila Scott - May 03, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CS

“ Dearest Penny and family, my heart just breaks learning of Joel’s passing. I have so many great memories in my heart from our Heat baseball years. Joel was a great guy and always so fun and friendly! May he now rest in eternal peace. I am here for you, my friend. Sending love and hugs. ❤️



Carol Wandrey Squires - May 03, 2025 at 10:12 AM

XW

“ XOXO, Jill and Tommy Walker purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joel Lang.



XOXO, Jill and Tommy Walker - May 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM

LW

“ Dearest Penny and Children;
I was shocked & saddened by the news of Joel passing. Even though I’ve only known you a few yrs I thought a lot of Joel. I have the fondest memories; I ❤️ how he would drop off and pick you up from MercyOne W’loo. I always thought that was SO sweet of him to do that. You got yourself a great guy! How you would tell “Big Boy” how much you loved him on your lunch break. They just don’t come out of the box like that. Please know you & the children will be in my thoughts and prayers as you forge these most difficult days ahead. My Deepest Condolences.
❤️ you Mama, Lauri

L Winters - May 03, 2025 at 09:06 AM

EB

“ Eileen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Eileen B. - May 03, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Lang.

May 03, 2025 at 06:49 AM

RC

“ So sad to hear of Joel's passing. A kind and caring man, and a good union man to have in your corner!!

Roger & Vicki Clemons - May 02, 2025 at 11:22 PM

MS

gone to soon, a great guy that would help anybody with anything! A standard that I always looked up to!
Joel was always a pleasure to talk to and his wit always left me with a smile, I will miss him, I have great memories with him!!!
condolences to his family!

Mike Sells - May 03, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 02, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Lang.

May 02, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ Penny and family so sorry to hear this. Sending my sympathies and a big hug.

Dorreen - May 02, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. He was such a nice man and he truly loved his family. Our prayers go out to you all.

Al and Eileen Brown - May 02, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joel Lang.



May 02, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel Lang.

May 02, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JR

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your entire family, Aleshia. We are thinking of you during this time. We hope that sorrow will soon be replaced with nothing but great memories!

Jeremy Ripperger - May 02, 2025 at 10:04 PM

JR

“ Jeremy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Jeremy R. - May 02, 2025 at 10:00 PM

MR

“ All our thoughts and prayers to Penny and family! Such a nice guy! Joel give our best to Carl & Ruth! God Bless, Arlie & Marcia Rieck

Marcia Rieck - May 02, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MB

“ Michael and Barbara Ball purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joel Lang.



Michael and Barbara Ball - May 02, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MB

“ Michael and Barbara Ball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Lang.

Michael and Barbara Ball - May 02, 2025 at 09:45 PM

DS

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to your family. So sorry for your loss.*
Dan and DeeDee Sternat

DeeDee Sternat - May 02, 2025 at 09:34 PM