



## Joel Adam Welshons

April 2, 1951 - May 7, 2020

Joel Welshons, 69, of Spring, TX, passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2020, following his long struggle with FTD.

He was born to Betty and Amos on the military base in Fort Benning, GA in the Spring of 1951 and raised in Hastings, MN alongside 8 brothers and sisters. He attended Hastings High School and earned his Associates Degree from Lakewood with a focus on criminal justice.

Joel found the love of his life, Debbie Beebe, by chance on a blind date and married her 2 years later during the historic blizzard of 1975; a story which was his favorite to tell. A couple years after moving to Texas for warmer weather and so he could start his training with the police academy, the couple was blessed with their first child Nicole born November 1985. They were blessed again with the birth of their second child CJ in October 1989.

Joel, known to his siblings as Jody, had many jobs before he found his home with the Houston Police Department. He could sell wood to a forest, traveled the US laying turf for 3M and even had a stint at a Koch refinery. Though he was good at anything he set his mind to, his heart was always set on being a police officer, following in his father's footsteps. In his 30-year career with HPD, he took great pride in his work going above and beyond. He had a way with people that made them feel comfortable talking to him. He was known for his great sense of humor and always had a smile on his face.

Throughout his life Joel was as dedicated to family as his career. As a young man he looked out for his younger siblings with care, encouraging them to do

well in school. While early hobbies included wood working and watching Vikings games, his life was quickly centered around coaching his kid's sports teams—never missing a game. He loved working on computers, a skill he passed down to his son. He enjoyed family vacation road trips which often included camping and fishing. Family down time was spent gathered around the table playing cards and curled up on the couch watching shows together. He also enjoyed golfing with his son and teaching his daughter how to play pool. Joel was a 37-year active member of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Houston. He never met a stranger and will missed by so many. He held compassion for those around him and never refused to help someone in need. Preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Bette Welshons; infant daughter Kimberly Welshons and sister-in-law Leslie Welshons.

Survived by his wife, Debbie, of 45 years; children, Nicole and CJ Welshons; brothers: Mark, Bill (Bonnie) and Dan (Donna) Welshons; sisters: Susan (Gary) Hoffman, Tracy Welshons, Lynn (Steve) Schneider, Marnie (Chris) Schaffer and Gena (Brian) Jones as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many close friends. Joel will remain forever in their hearts.

A celebration of his life will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Houston, TX later this summer.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Adam Welshons*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I have fond memories of sitting around the office talking out our families and the things that occupied our lives outside of work. He will be missed.*

**Wyatt Martin** - June 18, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with Joel at South Central many years ago. He was such a cool guy. I remember his just as his picture here,,, always with a big ole' smile. God Bless yal with healing.*

*Sheila Martinez*

**Sheila Martinez** - May 12, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Joel was a dedicated servant who looked out for his fellow man. He was especially mindful of how he conducted his internal affairs investigations and was consistently focused on doing the right thing. He was missed when he retired and even more so now that he has passed. My condolences to the family.*

*Robert A. Armbruster*  
*Attorney at Law*

**Robert A Armbruster** - May 12, 2020 at 10:19 AM

WB

“ I was there at the military base in Fort Benning GA in 1951 when Joel was born. I was his 6 year old uncle, and his grandma (my mom) Lucille Bradt took me with her to Fort Benning, by bus, to help Joel's mother Bette by taking care of his older brother Mark while she gave birth. Lost track of Joel (Jody) after his move to Houston, but many good memories of him as a young man. Prayers to his family.

*Bill and Darlene Bradt*

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**william bradt** - May 11, 2020 at 10:56 PM

SB

“ Debbie, Niki, CJ,

*As my family has mentioned below, we consider your family an extension of ours. Our gatherings will not be the same with Joel, but I know he will always be celebrated through memories, stories and of course jokes. Rest in Peace Joel.*

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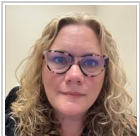
**Sheri Bolton** - May 11, 2020 at 03:15 PM

HC

“ Will miss you Joey.

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**Henry Chavez** - May 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ To the Welshon family-

*I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Joel. I have many fond memories of Joel and he will be missed in the years to come. You are all like my second family and I will be praying and thinking of you all while you grieve. Much love to you all!*

*Vince and Michelle Fuller*

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**Michelle Klaus Fuller** - May 10, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DK

“ *For the Whole Welshons Family  
We will always cherish the memories of all the good times our families have spent together. We have always considered all of you as family not just friends. Joel will always be missed at all of our future family gatherings. God Bless you all. We love you!!*

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**David Klaus** - May 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Sorry for your loss Mrs. Welshons. I pray that God will give you peace and comfort you and your Family. I worked with Joel at South Central . I used to tease him about being from the Antarctic, because he would sleep in his truck camper between work and extra jobs wearing just his uniform pants and a T-shirt when it was 40 degrees (smile).It was a pleasure to have known Him.*

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**Roy Eveline** - May 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM

KI

“ *I worked with Joel while at South Central. He was a fun person to be around! Many good memories over the years. He did love his family - as he talked of you, Deborah, and the kids often. We also worked an extra job together at Frankel's Costume. It was fun to see him bring the kids with him to spend the night in that huge building on Polk. He was a good Sergeant, good friend and will be missed by many...*

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**Kathy Incerta** - May 10, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JD

“ *Our sincere condolences.*

*Jimmy and Sylvia Davis*

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**Jimmy Davis** - May 10, 2020 at 09:17 AM

DS

“ I worked with Joel in the 3rd ward back when we were both still patrolman, he was a great guy.

*Don Harford Sr.*

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**Don Harford Sr.** - May 10, 2020 at 12:02 AM

KR

“ I pray that God will touch your family with a loving hand and help you through this time. I worked with Joel at South Central, he was a really good guy.

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**K. W. Rogers** - May 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss Deborah. I worked with Joel in IAD which is where I first met him. He was devoted to you and talked about you often.

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**Michael McClane** - May 09, 2020 at 10:16 PM