



Joel Robert Clawson

May 20, 1940 - June 1, 2014

Joel Robert Clawson, 74, of Sayre, PA, a highly regarded media broadcaster, consultant, community leader, organizer, supporter and close friend to many passed away Sunday, June 1, 2014 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. Born in Indiana, PA on May 20, 1940 the son of Donald and Dorothy Ressler Clawson he spent his early life growing up in Erie, PA graduating from high school there. He began a successful 50 year career in broadcasting in Titusville, PA which eventually led him to opportunities in Atlantic City, NJ, Elmira, NY, Ithaca, NY, Troy, PA and lastly with WATS/WAVR in Sayre. Joel started radio stations WPIE in Trumansburg, NY and WJOZ in Troy, PA and served annually with the Jerry Lewis Telethon on WENY in Elmira, NY for a number of years. Joel also formerly owned and operated the Professional Associates Advertising Agency in Elmira. Joel was very devoted to his children and grandchildren and was deeply involved in community programs, causes and events. He served in various capacities with the Valley Relief Council, Salvation Army, Waverly Business Association, Sayre Theatre, Waverly Theatre, Elmira Little Theatre, the Legacy of the Valley and Penn-York

Opportunities. Joel served as speaker for the Choices Program in the valley was honored to play Santa Claus for the Sayre Theatre for a number of years. Joel will be fondly remembered as a diplomatic distinguishable figure of great life-time experience who cared about his community and as one who held

connections to many and used them for the greater good. Joel was always there, giving of himself to help others. He will be deeply missed.

Surviving are his children, Elizabeth DeRenzo (Kurt) of Elmira, NY, Lisa Glossner (John) of Nashua, NH,

Laura Cummings (Kevin) of Elmira, NY, Rebecca "Becky" Clawson of Boston, MA, Jay Clawson of Aston, PA, Anna Giambrone of Elmira, NY, grandchildren, Johnathan, Andrew, Kristin and Sarah Glossner, Nicholas Hulslander and Daniel Cummings and his sister, Dianne Willard of Erie, PA.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by an infant son, Joel and his brother, Donald.

A memorial service and life tribute will be held Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sayre Theatre. Interment will be private. The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre is assisting Joel's Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

Sayre Theatre
205 S. Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Robert Clawson*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Joel Robert Clawson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Joel Robert Clawson*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joel Robert Clawson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Joel Robert Clawson*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you Becky and Jay. (your old neighbor on W. Washington Ave-Ruth)*

Ruth - June 11, 2014 at 12:59 PM

TM

“ My condolences to Joel's family and friends. Although I never met Joel, I felt a kindred spirit as he was one the individuals that was behind WPIE's start back in 1989. As it's current, owner I am saddened of this week's news.

Todd Mallinson

Todd Mallinson - June 06, 2014 at 08:59 AM

PH

“ I was one of the many fortunate people who worked for Joel. Back in the '80's, I was a member of the staff of AM-13, WJOZ in Troy, Pa. What wonderful memories I have of Joel, his brother Don and all the staff of the radio station. Many many laughs..many many smiles. My thoughts and prayers are with Joel's family. Just know he touched many people's lives and I am so grateful my life was one of them.

Peg Koval Helveston

Peg Koval Helveston - June 06, 2014 at 07:06 AM

PH

“ Peg Koval Helveston lit a candle in memory of Joel Robert Clawson



Peg Koval Helveston - June 06, 2014 at 06:55 AM

JL

My heart and prayers go out to Joel's family, especially his 2 children Jay and Becky. He was a great man and was very active in the community. To know him is to love him. Rest in peace Joel, you will be greatly missed.

Janet LaRue - June 06, 2014 at 10:11 AM

FH

“ Dear Liz and Family,

Our sincere sympathy on the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

The Hulslander Family

Francine Hulslander - June 05, 2014 at 10:25 AM

DS

“ Joel was always "On the Go" in the 46 years I knew him. We first met in Elmira (1968) when I was 19, and aspiring to work in broadcasting. He was WENY-TV's first Program Director back in 1969, when the station started, and I had the pleasure of working with him then, and later at WELM radio through tropical storm Agnes.

While we last worked together over 40 years ago, he was one of those people you just wanted to remain in contact with, and so we did by phone on a regular basis all these years.

In 1972, we shared a hotel room while attending a broadcaster's convention. There was a fire in the hotel kitchen, and as we watched a secession of firetrucks arrive six floors below, and smoke began to waft through the hallways, we determined that a prompt exit via fire escape was in order. All the way down, Joel was cracking jokes, while I feared for my life. (The fire turned out to be minor)

Always the showman, I know he would be pleased to see all his friends on Thursday at the Sayre theater. A little of him lives on in all the people who had the good fortune to have known him.

Dave Schutz - June 04, 2014 at 10:29 PM

MT

“ Joel was an active member of our Board of Directors. He will be missed by all. Our condolences to his family. Rest in Peace Joel.

Mary Tracy
Executive Director
Penn York Opportunities Inc.

MARY TRACY - June 03, 2014 at 12:18 PM

SA

“ Joel was a great friendly guy I met through my husband Brad, I will miss his warmth and his genuine care of his fellow man My daughters always called him Santa I guess to them he was just a jolly old soul that cared!!

sharon appleton - June 03, 2014 at 06:32 AM

JO

“ Uncle Joel - I will always miss you. Love always, Joei



joei - June 02, 2014 at 09:47 PM

JO

“ Joel was one of those who could talk your ear off but what set him apart from the rest ... you wished you had more than two ears and more hours in the day with which to talk to him. Always inquisitive and always fascinated by what you had to say. Rest well my "drunk-in-the-box." See you soon.

Johnny - June 02, 2014 at 09:24 PM



BOSS! I built the Troy Station, with the rest of the crew. I always called Joel, BOSS. You are going to be Deeply Missed, my Special, Very Close Friend. I am so honored and proud to have named my son Joel Donald, it IS after you and Don. Rest now, my Friend. YES! We Sure Did have FUN!

Jim Appleton - June 03, 2014 at 05:08 PM



I worked for Joel at WENY-TV back in the late 60s and then again in the early 70s at WELM Radio in Elmira, NY. He was a great man to work for and with! He had a great sense of humor was fun to be around. A very kind of thoughtful soul. I knew him as a great family man too. God bless and keep you Joel. Very fond and treasured memories of you...Dennis Maddox, Fountain Inn, SC...

Dennis Maddox - April 11, 2018 at 10:00 PM