



## Joel D. Vanderpool

October 2, 1982 - May 4, 2022

Joel D. Vanderpool, 39, of Towanda, PA died Wednesday morning, May 4, 2022 in Camp Hill, PA.

Joel was born in Towanda on October 2, 1982 and grew up in Towanda graduating from Towanda Area High School in 2001. While in high school he was an exceptional wrestler for the Towanda team with 100 wins. He was formerly employed by Nolton Construction and Wysox Pre-Cast.

Joel enjoyed the outdoors especially hunting, and fishing with his father. Joel had a big infectious smile, a good heart, and was always willing to help others. He loved life and his family amid his personal struggles.

Joel's family includes his daughters, Allie and Sophie and a son, his mother, Roxie Vanderpool and husband Floyd VanDeWeert, his father, Rickie Vanderpool and fiancé Jennifer Rowe, sister, Jennifer Cobb and husband Robert, 3 nieces, paternal grandmother, Marjorie Vanderpool, maternal grandfather, James Johnson, aunts, Vicki Wells, Lorraine Wizelman, and Stacey Johnson, uncle, Jamie Johnson, uncles and aunts, Harry and Kathy Vanderpool, Kevin and Virginia Vanderpool, numerous cousins, and a special cousin, Erica Stroud. Joel was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Harry Vanderpool, maternal grandmother, Marion Stanton Johnson, and uncles, Jeffrey Vanderpool and Louis Vanderpool.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the Towanda Youth Wrestling

Club in care of Jeremy Sluyter in Joel's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joel D. Vanderpool*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Joel D. Vanderpool*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Joel D. Vanderpool*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joel D. Vanderpool*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Joel D. Vanderpool*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *\*\*\*I light this candle in memory of Joel for all of the goodness in his life, his cheerful smile, and his positive school spirit.*



**Margo Love** - September 18, 2022 at 01:46 PM

VA

“ Sending you all our 💖 and prayers during this tragic time. We are so very sorry for your loss.

*Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Val and John Morningstar*

Val - May 11, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JD

*prayers to the family*

john daly - May 11, 2022 at 01:27 PM

TH

*I am thinking about you all and sending many hugs. May memories that you have help heal your pain. Joel was loved by many!*

Theresa - May 16, 2022 at 08:57 AM

VA

“ Val lit a candle in memory of Joel D. Vanderpool



Val - May 11, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ 72 Nibblers Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Joel D. Vanderpool.



May 11, 2022 at 08:21 AM

PD

“ I did not know Joel and happened to stumble across the tragic news while researching Pennsylvania prisons.

*What happened to Joel is a disgrace. A nonviolent man placed in cell with a psychopath, in prison for life for randomly murdering and mutilating a female Philadelphia art student. Do NOT believe that this was a fight. Prison fights do NOT happen at 3:30 a.m. in the morning. Joel was jumped while sleeping by this psychopath and never had a chance to defend himself.*

*Heads at the Pa DOC should roll starting with the Warden of Camphill Prison!*

*My sincere condolences to you and your family for this needless and completely avoidable tragedy.*

*Respectfully,*

*Philip A. Downey*

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**Philip A. Downey** - May 11, 2022 at 08:18 AM

EJ

*I am absolutely truly sorry for this tragic and awful loss which should not have happened. Kierra Johnson, Grier's murder victim, was my cousin and mere months ago after nearly five years of agony we the family saw justice served, and a man removed from society forever. We thought his carnage would end at that exact point but I see today the confines of prison couldn't contain this madman from harming another human being. Given his sentence he shouldn't had been sharing a cell with a person whose term didn't fit his own, and whatever legal action you wish to take against the state prison you have my family's full support.*

*I grieve with you, and I hope one day this injustice is firmly rectified with measures in-place preventing this from ever happening to another.*

*Eric A. Jett*

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**Eric Allen Jett** - May 12, 2022 at 10:53 PM

BE

*I served 17 years and did some of it at Camp Hill. During intake they ask you your cellmate preferences, say white only and you won't get any wild animals as cellies. I don't know if Joel did time before but I heard several inmates that I could tell it was their first time in state say it doesn't matter when asked their preferences. They don't know the danger that the DOC is putting them in. It disgusts me that the DOC would do this. They know the danger. Philip you're right, it wasn't a fight. He did it because he was white and he had nothing to lose. God bless Joel and his family.*

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**B Elgin** - October 09, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JB

*“ Joel was one of the Most heart touching guy friends that I had ever met he would always cheer me up when I felt depressed he always was there to listen when I needed someone to talk to. I will never forget him and his smile*

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**jeannie bump** - May 08, 2022 at 10:35 PM

TS

“ *Tracie Sherman lit a candle in memory of Joel D. Vanderpool*



Tracie Sherman - May 08, 2022 at 08:36 PM

TA

“ *This is very sad news. I send love and prayers to Joel's family.*

Tom Abell - May 08, 2022 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ *thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss*

marleta bailey - May 08, 2022 at 01:58 AM

TJ

“ *So very sorry for your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Tammy Johnson - May 07, 2022 at 07:14 PM

ML

“ *My condolences and love to everyone in the family*

Mark Lampman - May 07, 2022 at 06:09 PM

AT

“ *My sincere condolences are with Joel's family. Hugs and prayers, Ava Hillis Tunnicliff 🙏*

Ava Hillis Tunnicliff - May 07, 2022 at 05:51 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family in your loss of Joel. Am so sorry this happened.*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - May 07, 2022 at 12:58 PM

VG

“ *So sorry for your loss, just know you all are in my thoughts and prayers*



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**Vivian Vanderpool God** - May 07, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ *Roxie and family sending you hug's love ❤️ Carol Sue*

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**Carol sue** - May 07, 2022 at 10:40 AM

KH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Joel's family.*  
*Kathy Heskell*



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**Kathy Heskell** - May 07, 2022 at 09:31 AM

GA

*My prayers go out to the family*

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**Gail** - May 07, 2022 at 11:06 AM



*So sorry Roxie and Ricky, I know what your going through. Thinking of all your family.*

**Anthony Johnson** - May 08, 2022 at 09:20 PM

SB

“ *Rick, Jen and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers. Your camp friends Sue and Jack ❤️*

**Sue Bronk** - May 07, 2022 at 09:05 AM

PD

*Im so sorry for the loss of Joel Vanderpool 🥺 my heart go's out to his family at this very difficult time*

**Pam Vincent Dewolf** - May 07, 2022 at 12:53 PM

RB

*I'm sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers for your family 🙏 it very very sad he was a good guy he will be miss*

**Rose Bump** - May 07, 2022 at 05:23 PM

GS

*My sincere sympathy to the entire family. Got to meet Joel playing games at Hurleys and really laughed with him. I am really saddened for your family may God comfort you in this time of need.*

**Genevieve Vincent Sikora** - May 07, 2022 at 06:36 PM

LH

*So sorry Roxie and family ... have many great memories of Joel ...He was special ...my heart hurts...*

**Linda Henley** - May 07, 2022 at 10:51 PM

JS

*Roxie and family I won't be able to express how bad I feel about Joel, he was such a kind person and he was taken way too young my thoughts and prayers are with you all always Love you Roxie my heart hurts for you and your family.*

**Julia schmeckenbecher** - May 10, 2022 at 07:42 PM