



Joel Ogiego

September 6, 1969 - January 30, 2015

Joel Ogiego , age 45, of Portage, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015 at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. He was born September 6, 1969 to Jerome and Dolores Ogiego. Joel was a union journeyman ironworker and belonged to Local 1 in Chicago. When Joel wasn't working he could be found at a local pond or at a lake fishing. He also enjoyed vacationing with his wife and kids, hitting weights at the gym, and spending time with family and friends. Joel left us all much too soon. He will forever be missed but never forgotten.

Joel was preceded in death by his mother, Dolores.

He leaves his loving memories to be cherished by his wife, Rhonda of 9 years, his 3 children, Olivia, Nicholas, and Ella, his stepchildren, Eric, Andrew, and Anthony, his grandson, Hendrex, dad – Jerome Ogiego, Sr. brothers –Jerome Ogiego Jr, John (Terri) Ogiego, Jeffery (Jill) Ogiego, and Jason (Kelly) Ogiego and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 9:30 am from Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN to Nativity of Our Savior Parish, 11:00 am for a Mass of Christian Burial, 2940 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN. Rev Andrew Corona officiating. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Portage. Friends are invited to visit with Joel's family on Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Burns Funeral Home www.gofundme.com and www.burnsfuneral.com .

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2929 Willowcreek Road
Portage, IN

Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Ella lit a candle in memory of Joel Ogiego*



Ella - April 19, 2018 at 11:01 AM

EL

“ *Ella sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel Ogiego*




Ella - April 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM

GN

“ *Had sooo much fun talking about hockey, and chilling at the beach with friends...I'm beyond sad...I just found out...I don't know what happened..but no matter what it's sad...my condolences to the whole family.*

Gina Negrelli - February 16, 2015 at 09:24 PM

 Kristina Pool

“ *Joel will forever be loved and missed! There was no other like this man. I am so heartbroken. The family gatherings he has attended and the Races. And all the fun things. I miss you Joel!!*



Kristina Pool - February 05, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 04, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 04, 2015 at 09:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 04, 2015 at 07:22 AM



“ *Jamie Calanca (Hidalgo)* lit a candle in memory of Joel Ogiego



Jamie Calanca (Hidalgo) - February 04, 2015 at 05:58 AM



Thoughts and prayers to Joel's family and friends. You will be missed.

Jamie Calanca (Hidalgo) - February 04, 2015 at 06:00 AM



PRAYERS TO U RHONDA N FAMILY

wayne stillabower - February 04, 2015 at 05:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.*



February 03, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.*



February 03, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.*



February 03, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 03, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *Blessed Heart* was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 03, 2015 at 03:21 PM

WW

“ I did not know Joel as long as many but cherish the time we spent together. I was his training partner and that was at times tuff. As you can see in the video I posted of one of our insame days at the gym, things could become intense. Joel always had time for the Newbies, showing them proper form or a new exercises. He spoke of all of you daily, the times he spent with his family, to his Local Union Brothers and the day to day job. " Let me show you a lift that Jerry taught me ", I can not count how many times he would say this to me.

It seemed to be about every other week we had to take a trip to the parking lot to see the latest addition to the truck. Home made front bumper, stobe lights, New light bars, to the latest and greatest set of tires for his Monster. I am thankful for our time together and thank Rhonda for sharing him with all of us at the gym. Even after a long 10 hour shift at the jobsite he made time to train. I share your loss, but our lives were better knowing him.

I will miss you Brother!

Wes Wild - February 03, 2015 at 11:01 AM

GM

“ I miss you Joel. You are the true definition of a friend and gentlemen. You have been by my side so much. I love you big Joel. Please look over all of us.

Gino Martino and Family.

Gino Martino - February 03, 2015 at 09:49 AM



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



February 03, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.*



February 03, 2015 at 08:04 AM



“ *Condolences to his family.*

Jim Phelps - February 03, 2015 at 05:55 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.*



February 02, 2015 at 10:37 PM



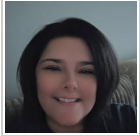
“ *To Joel's family, I am so sad to hear of your loss. My prayers are with your family.*

kay ball - February 02, 2015 at 09:17 PM

RF

“ My heart is so heavy for Rhonda , the children ,grandchildren and the rest of his family.I didnt know Joel that well,but know Rhonda and the person she was and will always be with the love of her life.They became one family , one love , One life.Rhonda again I am deeply sorry.Joel look over her , give her and your family the strength to get through the loss of you.May you fly to the heavens and always watch over them as you always did.And help them get these hard days that are ahead of them.And Joel rest in peace...

Rose Garneski and family - February 02, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Ogiego family!!! Joel n the rest of my brother Pat's friends got stuck with "lil sister" hangin around. He was always a great adopted older brother. He was always willing to listen and give advice. I will always remember his smile and his contagious laugh!!! Gone to soon but will never be forgotten!!! RIP Joel!! God bless!!

Anna Fletcher

Anna Smith-Fletcher - February 02, 2015 at 08:59 PM

DB

“ Joel was my high school football teammate at Merrillville High School. I am sorry to hear this and my condolences go out to his family. I have great memories of Joel.- He was a great teammate but an even better person. -Dennis Bunda

Dennis Bunda - February 02, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ Garden Accent - "Gone yet not forgotten..." - Heart was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 02, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 02, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joel Ogiego.



February 02, 2015 at 05:39 PM



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



February 02, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ Here is the direct link to the GoFundMe account set up for Joel. <http://www.gofundme.com/l8d0zk>

Patrick McLaughlin - February 02, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ Carrying those 20' angles up the ladder I thought I was gonna bust a rung on the ladder cause of the weight ... they were heavy,,damn but we got er done Joel... RIP

Wm Woolard - February 02, 2015 at 04:52 PM



“ I can't just pick one memory to share because there were a couple of us that made hundreds of memories with Joel. He was one of the greatest guys you would ever meet. Always helping when he can and him and I would go fishing when we weren't working years ago. Im gonna miss always making little remarks when he would pull up in his " pink" truck. Just can't believe it. Heaven sure did gain someone real special. Love ya Brother and I'll see you again.

Jason Janiszewski - February 02, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Joel on the Sled



Wes Wild - February 02, 2015 at 02:30 PM

CB

“ I worked with Joel about 10 years ago. Some men don't like the idea of women in the trade and they made it very clear to me.....not Joel. He treated me as an equal. He showed me respect and taught me to be safe if he saw me doing something the wrong way. Everyone gave Joel grief! They loved to get him going! His voice would get high as he yelled at all of them...then he would laugh with us. He knew he was loved. I cherish my memories of him. I will continue to pray that God comforts his family.

Carol Bottari - February 02, 2015 at 01:44 PM

TF

“ The Mandich Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joel Ogiego.



The Mandich Family - February 02, 2015 at 01:39 PM

PF

“ Although I only knew Joel for a short time, he always made me laugh! There was no obstacle he would not overcome!! And his concern for safety was what always made me not worry about him. Being the safety coordinator for the RIC project I knew I didn't have to check up on him because he would always call me to tell me what he was doing. That is why this hits me so hard. Joel got along with everyone and the "Incredible Hulk" was trusted by all. He always told it like it was, and never sugar coated anything even if you weren't going to like it and I respected that. He was a good man, and we had just talked the day before. I will miss him and his dedication to what he loved to do as will everyone I'm sure. My thoughts and prayers go to his wife and children and the rest of his family! !

Paul Forslund

Paul Forslund - February 02, 2015 at 01:33 PM

AM

The man was a TRUE Gentleman , met him on Monday January 26th , we talked about Family , Guns , Work & as the hours past it was like we knew each other 4 years ! He was Funny & serious @ the same time , but U had the sense he didn't care which way U took it , it was alright with him ! He always had a moment to give U whether it was work related or personal , he will B sorely missed & my Condolences go out 2 his Family & Very close friends , U have a TREMENDOUS loss , may GOD B with U all !!!The void he leaves U affects us ALL !!!

Anthony MLECZKO - February 03, 2015 at 11:30 AM

FK

RIP Joel

Fred Koegel - February 03, 2015 at 05:19 PM

JH

I worked with Joel on a hospital renovation. A pair of doves had made a nest on a steel beam inside the job. Some other crews wanted to move the nest so they could complete their work but Joel made it VERY clear to the entire job...."Nobody will touch this nest until the baby doves are big enough to fly out!". Those of you who know how big Joel was and how serious he could be know that the project was reconfigured around the doves until they were big enough to fly out!

He was a great man, prayers to his family.

Jamie H - February 12, 2015 at 03:56 PM