



Joel Bruce McEachern

August 12, 1950 - August 25, 2023

Joel Bruce McEachern was born in Miami, Florida on August 12, 1950, and peacefully passed away, surrounded by love, at home in Eustis, Florida on August 25, 2023. Joel was predeceased by his loving parents, Thelma Irene and Gabriel Russell McEachern, and his dear niece Betty Ann McEachern.

He will be missed and remembered by his wife Stacy, son Jason McEachern, brother and sister-in-law Gary and Susan McEachern, sister, and brother-in-law Debbie and Al Riddle, niece Alisha Riddle, and cousin Karen Allen along with other family and friends.

A loving man with such a kind soul, Joel led a life guided by integrity and humility, always showing genuine regard for the world and extraordinary kindness towards others. Nowhere was this more true than in his endearing love story with Stacy.

As a third-generation native Floridian, his love for the natural world, especially Florida's fragile environment, was unwavering. Internationally published and widely exhibited, his natural light photography honored this state's subtle beauty – each image giving honor and grace to the last wild places he held so dear.

Our heavy hearts are lightened with the hope that Joel will have even better views now as God's newest photographer. And it is also our hope to have his dream fulfilled – binding his images in an “honest little book,” entitled *Picturing Grace, Florida at First Light*.

And one wish from his devoted wife...to keep his spirit forever kindled by spreading more kindness, laughing more often, and loving a little bit more every day.

A graveside service will be held at the Fort Green Methodist Cemetery in Bowling Green, Florida on September 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the Florida National Parks Association (floridanationalparksassociation.org/donate) or Compassionate Care Hospice of Lake and Sumter (Amedisys.com/donate - please use Hospice location: 024-FL- The Villages and enter Joel's name).

Cemetery Details

Fort Green Methodist Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

FORT GREEN METHODIST CEMETERY
2809 Methodist Church Rd
Bowling Green, FL 33834

Tribute Wall

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Near the end, when I knew we were going to lose Joel, the difficulty of accepting this tremendous loss became so real. All who were close to him know that we have lost a precious soul, for he was the type of person who helps one see the goodness in oneself. He had a way of transmitting a sense of rationality and normalcy in a world that is anything but. Regarding the latter, we had plenty of comparisons about which to jest with our own two states in particular, Florida and California, regardless how beloved they are.

I convey my deepest condolences to Stacy, his family, and all his loved ones. Joel is now at peace.

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ROBERT W. CERVANTES - September 19, 2023 at 08:26 PM

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Robert W. Cervantes - September 17, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Bruce McEachern.



September 08, 2023 at 05:36 PM

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“ Joel and I met in the mid 1990's at a Dive Show where I was representing a Coastal Conservation society and Joel was presenting some of his photgraphic art.



We immediately saw kindred spirits in each other and became close friends. Even though I am a decade his senior, I saw his dedication, integrity and honesty both in his personality and in his art.

I had the privilege of accompanying him on several of his photographic journeys, to capture the impact of pure dawn natural light his natural subjects.

I saw how much he truly cared for and respected his sublects. I saw how dedicated he was to the capturing the purity of nature with his camera.

I saw his infinite patience in capturing the moment of perfect natural light in his images.

Later, I had the honor of performing the marriage cermony for Joel and the love of his life and soulmate Stacy.

Joel and Stacy moved to Mount Dora then to Eustice. At this point we eventually lost close contact with them due to the vagaries of life but Joel was always with me.

Joel has impacted my life greatly and Stacy has always been at his side sharing their love for each other through the good times and the bad times.

So, my friend Joel, may the Sun be always at your back, the wind behind you and the light of dawn be always beautiful for you.

I miss you. John O.

John Owens - September 06, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Joel was such a kind and contemplative soul. I was honored to work with him showing his art at Biscayne National Park, and will remember our many conversations both by phone and standing on the porch of the park’s visitor center, gazing across beautiful Biscayne Bay. Peace to Stacy and all whose hearts ache in this difficult time, and may all not only picture grace, but experience it with every sunrise you witness.*

*Gary Bremen
National Park Ranger (retired)*

Gary Bremen - September 06, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ *Rachel and Michael Lynch purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joel Bruce McEachern.*



Rachel and Michael Lynch - September 06, 2023 at 05:33 AM