



Joel Lubliner

June 5, 2012

Bluefield, WV- Joel H. Lubliner, 66, of Bland Road, Bluefield, WV, died at his home. Born July 3, 1945 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late Abram Lubliner and Claudine Atkins Lubliner. Mr. Lubliner was a lifelong resident of Bluefield. He worked in a coaching capacity from 1986-2009. During his tenure, he was an assistant coach at Bluefield Middle School and Bluefield High School and was the head coach at Bluefield Middle School from 2003-2005. He also enjoyed fly-fishing and was a member of the Riverbound Extreme Fishing Club. He was an amazing drummer and had been a former member of several bands, including the Red Coats, the Collegians and the Lew Woodall Quartet. He was an avid gardener, enjoyed antique restorations and was an amateur archeologist. Survivors include two children, Jason A. Lubliner and wife Denise of Tampa, FL and Nicole C. Lubliner and partner Zach Hines of Los Angeles, CA; and one grandson, Nicholas M. Lubliner. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday evening, June 11, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday June 12, 2012 from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rabbi Stanley Funston officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where David Litz, Fred Simon, Bill Albert, Bill Hagerman, Ted Gillespie and Lew Woodall will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Trout Unlimited for the conservation and protection of streams and watersheds (www.TU.org) Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFu

neralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of
Joel H. Lubliner.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joel Lubliner*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *i was a friend of joels from high school and early 20s---we shared a love of jazz and spent many hours listening to music. i went with him to many gigs and loved listening to his brillaint interpretation of music. he as a great friend and im sure you will miss him so much. best georgia barnett levis*

georgia barnett levis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Joel we will miss you but you will live in our hearts forever. RIP our sweet friend*

The Yost Family JR Debbie Wendi & Brian - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences. Joel was a good friend growing up and we played football together at Fairview Jr. HS. I also knew his father and mother well and they were fine people.*

Richard Lemon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Coach was a good person. Rest in Peace.*

Leslie Hurt - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BD

“Lubby and I were buddies since high school. We had many great times together and he always made the times better by his presence. For many years now I looked forward to our H. S. reunions to get caught up with him. I will miss those occasions. To his children I can only say that your dad was a special man and he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Bill Daugherty - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SF

“I appreciate Joel's involvement in Trout Unlimited over the years. He was helpful in the last TU chapter here in Bluefield. Enjoyed the banter about flyfishing, tying flies, rods, streams, and fishing stories. He was deeply passionate about trout, flyfishing, flytying, his roses, jazz, and Indian ruins/artifacts in the area. Rest in peace, Joel.

Steve Ferris - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TH

“I'm glad to have know Lubby(Joel) these last ten years or so. I met him through Lewis and our music just clicked from the first time we played. Over these past several years I've enjoyed Joel's company on and off stage at concerts, clubs, and studio....he was ALWAYS swinging. I think his youthful enthusiasm and passion for life showed in his playing as well as in his gift for conversation and his friendships. I'll miss his phone calls every month as we used to talk for hours. I know he loved his fishing and football as well and I'm sure he pursued those with the same energy. I know he was proud of both of you and often talked about you. I just wanted to let you know that Joel moved a lot of people in his day ,myself included. I know I'll be waiting for his phone call next month. My thoughts are with both of you and family at this difficult time.

Tom Harbeck - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JM

“ I wanted to say how sad I was to hear of Joel's passing. I knew Joel from the time I was in high school playing in the BSC jaz band with him, and was priveledged to play with him, record with him and was priveledged to have known him. He was a dear friend and will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.
Jack Murray

Jack Murray - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CC

“ To Joel's family: I am shocked and saddened to hear of Joel's death. Joel was one of my best friends growing up in Bluefield. We shared many things together over those years and after I left Bluefield when visiting (before my parents' deaths several years ago). The first thing I would do when arriving there was to go to his house - usually the garage- to see him. He was always such a kind, unselfish and interesting person. As a lineman on the All-State football team in the 60's and a drummer with the many friends and bands, he was a very special person. I plan on calling Jason and Nicole to share some great stories about Joel and express my deepest sorrow and condolences. I will miss him, and always have him in my mind and hear. Cabell (Cab) Carlan

Cabell Carlan - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RB

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Remember, God is always in your corner, and so am I.
Love Always, Ramona

Ramona Bradshaw - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KC

“ Nikki and Jason, I am truly sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do, let me know.

Kevin Cline - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RP

“ To Joel's family...I was his friend during college and some time after...a week didn't go by since 1969 that I didn't tell someone about the great times I had with "Lubie"...Lubie, "Redd" Pennington, Gary Bailey, John Boots...we were room mates...I feel like I've lost a brother that I've not seen in 30 years...if you ever e mail me, I can tell you some great stories you may have never heard...

Roger Puckett - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RE

“ Will miss catching Joel at grocery store or wherever and having our little chats. He & my son became drummer friends - - and oh, what fun they had. Stay strong and keep your good memories. Regards - Ruby

ruby davidson earls - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EB

“ Jason and Nicole I am so sorry to hear that my cousin, Joe passed away. Your dad use to come down to Pembroke, Va. when he was young. We has such good times with all our cousins. Aunt Claudine would bring both of you down to my home when you were just small. Joe and I were first cousins. My mother, Helen is still living at the age of 92. Our families would come to Bluefield and have a good time visiting with your Grandparents I would love to hear from you both. My telephone number is: Cell # 540-922-2344 Home 804 693-5218. I will not be able to attend the funeral service. Your cousin, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Smith Belcher - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ *Nikki and Family, I am so sorry about your dad, he was a great guy. Please know I am thinking and praying for you during this difficult time!!*

Karen Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GA

“ *Joel and I were friends for almost fifty years. we met in high school and grew close over music. I can remember meeting up with him and Bud Gentry at the old WHIS studio and listening to jazz albums while other music was being broadcast. (In a phone call a couple of weeks ago we noted with surprise that a Charlie Byrd album we listened to at WHIS had just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Joel will be remembered for many things. In truth he was an institution in his home town. For fifty years he provided a steady beat that we could listen and dance to. If Bluefield was a little like New Orleans we'd name a street or a square after him to celebrate and remember all he left us. Good bye my friend. Ave atque Vale*

Giles Asbury - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AB

“ *Joel was a great friend, and the best drummer I had the honor of playing with. He will be missed*

Allen Burgess - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MO

“ *Joel was a good friend for over 50 years. He will be greatly missed by all.*

Michael Odell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BA

“ Nikki and Jason, We are so sorry for your loss. We are here should you need anything. Bill had such good times with your Dad and I remember the night he coached me as we sang karaoke in our den.

Bill and Toni Albert - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ We have many happy memories listening to, talking with, and enjoying Joel's company. He certainly was a rose! Our thoughts are with his family.

Jay and Sharon Belcher - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM