



Joel Shifman

January 5, 1949 - July 18, 2023

Joel B. Shifman, 74, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at his home in Louisiana, MO. Collier Funeral Home is in charge of cremation arrangements. No services are scheduled at this time.

Tribute Wall

FB

“ 2 files added to the album Joel



Fred Bartenstein - July 28, 2023 at 11:37 AM

FB

“ I met Joel in 1970 at the Berryville (VA) Bluegrass Festival and we remained friends ever since. I introduced Joel to Connie, and that's one of the proudest accomplishments of my life. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Fred Bartenstein - July 28, 2023 at 11:33 AM

 Alice Holtzhous

“ 3 files added to the album Joel



Alice Holtzhouser - July 27, 2023 at 09:44 AM

PB

“ I worked with Joel at the PUC for something like 25 years. He was one of my best friends at the Commission and was truly a nice person. He was super smart and had an incredible knowledge of the telephone industry and of regulation. He was always generous with his time and all else. All of us in the telephone division learned so much from him; he was a large part of what made that division so effective. As Shirley says, he was also always fair to the industry. Everything he did at the Commission was in the interest of doing the best for the State of Maine.

I'm so sorry to learn he is gone and I will dearly miss him. His enthusiasm for and love of live were inspiring. He was one of the most good-hearted, cheerful and gregarious persons I have ever known. Connie, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Peter Ballou
MPUC 1983-2012*

Peter Ballou - July 26, 2023 at 12:39 AM

SM

“ I met Joel when he worked in the Public Advocate Office and he was always fair and willing to use his brilliant mind to find solutions to any regulatory issues that happened with my company. His concern was for the good of our customers, and I really appreciated that. I consider Joel and Connie dear friends and it is so sad to hear of his passing. Connie, may the wonderful memories you have of Joel bring you comfort at this sad time.

*Shirley Manning
Lincolnton/Tidewater Telecom*

SHIRLEY MANNING - July 25, 2023 at 11:57 AM

RD

“ I have known Joel since my early days at TDS Telecom, over 30 years ago. Joel is one of the most genuine human beings that I have encountered. I had the pleasure of meeting up with him through my telecom work all across the United States. I also, in later years, had the pleasure of meeting Connie. Joel was also one of the smartest people I knew. I learned a lot from him. Although I had not been in contact with him in recent years, he holds a special place in my heart and also in my mind.

Robert J DeBroux - July 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

BS

“ I had the privilege of working with Joel as a new attorney/hearing examiner at the Maine PUC years ago. There were few as passionate and knowledgeable as Joel when it came to telecom regulation. More importantly though, Joel was a kind man, always respectful to litigants and others. He will be missed.

Ben Smith - July 24, 2023 at 07:07 AM

BB

“ It is sad that Joel is no longer with us. I miss him. Working with Joel on telephone cases was always a memorable and fun experience. In the world of regulation Joel was such a knowledgeable & important person -- and a character (emphasis on “character”) -- when working with, or against, telephone companies. Always standing up for ratepayers’ interests, Joel didn’t hold back – and sometimes couldn’t hold back. I admired Joel for his willingness to take on complex public-interest challenges with such energy and optimism. Yes, his approach might occasionally be irritating. But Joel was such a loveable & good spirit. We will miss his enthusiasm, his “stick-to-it-tiveness,” and his ability to keep pushing social-justice issues.

Bill Black

Bill Black - July 23, 2023 at 08:21 PM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joel's passing, he was a co-worker we will never forget, Joel and I shared our birthday 1/5, he was a very smart and unique person and will always be remembered. Connie our condolences to you and your family.



Paula J Cyr - July 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. I worked with him many years at the Maine PUC - he was passionate about many things (his family - including his pets, telephone issues and the impact on ratepayers, his travel tricks and his love of pie. He will be missed.*
Lucretia Smith

Lucretia Smith - July 20, 2023 at 01:28 PM