



## Joel F. Cronk

January 10, 1956 - July 9, 2023

Cronk, Joel F.

St. Charles, Michigan

Joel F. Cronk passed away unexpectedly in a bicycle accident on Sunday, July 9, 2023. He was 67 years old. Joel Franklin Cronk was born on January 10, 1956, in Saginaw, Michigan, to the late Vernal V. Cronk and Donna Lou (Stoddard) Cronk. Joel was born and raised in Saginaw, graduating from Hemlock High School in 1974. In 1980, he married Debra Bell, with whom he shares three children. Joel was a carpenter, who owned his own finished carpentry business, Cronk Custom Carpentry. He had a special talent with wood working and an eye for detail. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. Joel loved aviation and dreamed of building his own plane one day. He had a great sense of humor and loved to joke with people.

Surviving are one daughter and two sons, Kellie (Charles) Malacos, Freeland, Joel Cronk II (Megan LaDrig), Saginaw, Jon (Jill) Cronk, Saginaw; his grandchildren, Charles Malacos II, Jameson Malacos, and Beau Malacos; his brother and sisters, John Cronk, Vancouver, WA, Christine (Brent) Patton, Okemos, Ruth Rappley, Saginaw; several nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Besides his parents, Joel was also predeceased by his special friend, Charlene Mottley.

The Celebration of Joel's Life will be held on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 10:00 a.m. until the time of his service at 2:00 p.m. Joel's committal service will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens at 3:00 p.m. Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Joel may share them with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 N. Center Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Celebration of Life

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## Committal Service

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ My name is Dan Cox. I worked with Joel at Mac Distributing in Saginaw in 79. We did commercial garage doors. I moved to Florida in 80 and talked to Joel once in 82 by phone. Joel and Debbie moved to Fort Meyers, Fl. I knew them both well and am very saddened by this untimely news.  
Joel, Ride your Super Glide across the heavens and my deepest sympathy's to Debbie, his children and all who new him.  
Hopefully, I'll see you again.

Danny Cox - February 02, 2024 at 12:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel F. Cronk.

July 13, 2023 at 04:33 PM

ET

“ My deepest condolences to the Cronk family. Rest in peace

elaine tambouridis - July 13, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joel F. Cronk.



July 13, 2023 at 10:16 AM



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



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July 12, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel F. Cronk.

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July 12, 2023 at 12:57 PM



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



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July 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel F. Cronk.

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July 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Jeff, Nancy, and Leonardo Patton. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joel F. Cronk.*



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**Jeff, Nancy, and Leonardo Patton.** - July 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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“ Jeff, Nancy, and Leonardo Patton. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel F. Cronk.

Jeff, Nancy, and Leonardo Patton. - July 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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“ wow...what a shock!!!! We spent so many times hunting, fishing, and.....he will be missed!

T.R.W. - July 12, 2023 at 10:15 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of your brother's passing, Chris. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dianne Marecek

Dianne Marecek - July 12, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joel F. Cronk.



July 11, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel F. Cronk.



July 11, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel F. Cronk.

July 11, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ Donna, Joyce, Jackie, Mary Cronk Cousins purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joel F. Cronk.



Donna, Joyce, Jackie, Mary Cronk Cousins - July 11, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Christine and Ruth, I am so sorry to hear of Joel's passing. So many fun Happy times at Aunt Margaret's many years ago. You and the family are in my Thoughts and Prayers.

Patricia Burr Bannerman - July 10, 2023 at 11:42 PM