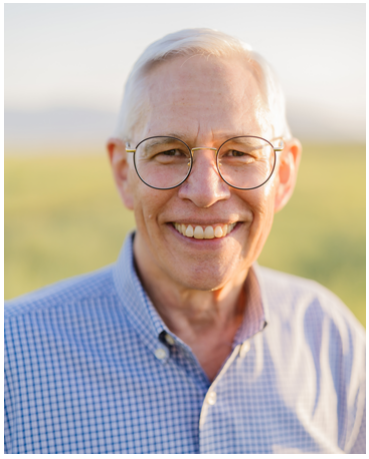


Joel Reed Nelson

September 25, 1956 ~ July 28, 2025

John, Even though I didn't know your father, I know he meant so much to you. Our prayers are with you and hope you find peace in the grief.

- Jonathan Barton

Joel was a special man and I really enjoyed working with him during my last few years at the airport. I loved his smile, his enthusiasm and his thirst for knowledge. His immense love for his family was one of the first things I understood about Joel and it endeared me to him. Joel was one of a kind and he made this world a better place. May you find comfort in the happy memories you shared.

- Tamra Turpin

Joel will indeed be greatly missed. He was extremely caring and was a friend to all. We appreciated his generosity and ways to find answers to any problem. Sue and Joel became a strong team and example of love and patience for all of us. Our love to the family and deepest condolences. Susie & Barry

- B & S Smith

Sue, so sorry for your loss Joel is an amazing human being. Deepest condolences■■■

- Anthony White

I am grateful to have known Joel as a co-worker and as a friend. His professionalism, skills, and commitment to his work, as well as his ready smile, upbeat attitude, and genuine kindness, were infectious and added so much to a great work group. Joel’s love for his family was boundless. I can’t count the number of conversations we had about what his family was doing and how proud he was of everyone. My sincere condolences to Sue and the family. Joel was truly a light to all who knew him.

- Marco Kunz

Dearest Sue and family and Joel's Salt Lake City Airport family-you have my heartfelt condolences and prayers. Joel was a very special man and friend. I was so looking forward to seeing Joel one last time before my retirement at this years WRAPm conference. He was always gracious in accepting my phone calls and e-mails. He made himself available to answer airport questions and share his knowledge whether it be telling me about the IRWA organization over 20 years ago or sharing information on leases, appraisals, lease management software programs or industry conferences. I enjoyed speaking to him about his work with the Boy Scouts. I could tell he dearly loved the time he spent with them. I will miss him greatly as will the other airport property staff who had the honor of spending time with him.

- Amy Snyder- Boise Airport

I am so sorry for your loss. I am grateful he lived such rich, full life with a loving family.

- Emily Holmstead

Joel got us our wedding rings. He was very patient with us and followed my request to put the diamond out of my grandmother's wedding ring in my setting. Whenever we look at our wedding rings we will remember Joel with fondness and the great man that he is.

- Roger and Julie Mott

One time, when I was 11, my family was in Salt Lake City visiting my Grandpa and Grandma Nelson. During that visit I found, to me, what was the perfect baseball glove at a local department store. At this time a baseball glove was the one thing I wanted more than anything in the world, and when I asked if I could get it, I was told no. After we got back to my Grandparent's house, I found a place to be alone and started to cry. My Uncle Joel heard me crying and asked me why I was so upset. After I told him about the glove without hesitation, he told me to get in his car, and he drove back to the store and bought me that glove. That glove is one of the greatest gifts I have ever received, and I still have it today. I have played more games than I can count with that glove over the years. I never won a championship with it, but to me, it represents so much more. To me it represents generosity, friendship, kindness, compassion and love. These are attributes that describe my uncle. These are also the attributes of the Savior, Jesus Christ. My uncle was a true disciple of Jesus Christ and this one, small, simple act of charity, towards me, when I was a little boy, has stayed with me all these years, and will stay with me always. I love you Uncle Joel. Thank you for making a young boy's simple wish come true because you cared. I will never forget it and I will never forget you.

- James Ricks

On behalf of the Corroon family, we extend our condolences. We appreciated Joel's professionalism and positive attitude when working with him on real estate matters. We know he will be missed by many.

- Peter Corroon

The beautiful services of celebrating Joel, left us all, I’m sure, touched by such a sweetness and love for all of you-no one wanted to leave! Thinking on that feeling brought to remembrance of Lehi and the tree of life and fruit sweeter than any other. Thinking of many things, I know Barry will always, and myself appreciate the time Joel gave us, a special tour of the new airport! He was so kind to do this. He was thorough on every description and area. As we were coming to the end of the tour and not quite to the end of the terminal, Joel with the biggest smile asked if we wanted to go to the end. I responded, YES, let go all the way-then marched on. It was most generous and kind action of this BUSY man. We love Joel and I just know, it won’t be long until you have him in your life again. You are ALL admired and loved. ■

- Barry & Susie Smith

Beautiful memories shared with Joel in northern Michigan. Always happy, willing and big smiles. A wonderful friend ■

- Mike and Kathy duvall

I am so saddened with the loss of my brother Joel. It was such a shock! I am so glad to have talked to him about a month before not knowing it would be the last time I would speak to him on this earth. He will be missed by all! I love him and treasure our time together growing up. I was so happy to have a brother and remember watching him in the crib. I remember the times we had a squirt gun fight in the kitchen with my mom looking on and not interrupting us. Amazing! I remember the all the good times we went fishing especially with Uncle Fred. Those were treasured times! My prayers are with those who he left behind - Sue, Mary, Julie, John, and Emily and their spouse and children. Love to all!

- Ron Nelson

Joel was an import member of his local Chapter 38. To honor him and his family we have shared this message with our membership..... IRWA Chapter 38 Members, It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our long-time friend and colleague, Joel Nelson. Joel has been a valued member of our Beehive Chapter since February 2003, generously sharing his time and talents in many ways — including organizing our annual airport tours. His dedication, good humor, and kindness have touched so many of us, and he will be sorely missed. Joel’s contributions to our chapter and the right-of-way community will not be forgotten, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. Deepest Regards, IRWA Chapter 38 Board https://www.irwachapter38.org/single-post/joel-reed-nelson-1956-2025?utm_campaign=f91c8753-8fd4-4bc0-811b-88f4bc1

- IRWA Chapter 38 Board