



Joel McKenzie Jr.

December 31, 1976 - July 27, 2024

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Joel, age 47, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Joel was a native of Metairie, Louisiana and a resident of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Joel acquired his bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and became a program manager for the State of Louisiana. Joel was a wonderful husband and father. Family meant everything to him. He always found an excuse for gatherings with family and friends, crawfish boils, and trips to Bogalusa to see his extended family. Joel was a very supportive father and made sure to attend his son's soccer games. He loved sports, especially football. He was a huge Saints and LSU fan. Joel loved to travel, there were many trips to the beach as well as Disney and Universal. He always made sure to make the holidays memorable. If the holiday called for lights, you could be sure of Joel decorating his home to the nines. Mardi Gras in Bogalusa was its own holiday, and Joel and his family were always there. He loved attending fairs and festivals and made sure to support the local community. Joel had a core group of friends, whom of which he met in elementary school and stayed friends with throughout his life. Joel knew the importance of making memories with the ones he loved and lived each day to the fullest. Joel will be forever cherished by the ones he leaves behind.

Joel is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Stephanie McKenzie, his son, Joel Andrew "Drew" McKenzie, his fur babies, Duke and Bonnie, his close relatives, Diane Mathews "Meme", Raymond Mattix, Travis Mattix, Amber

Pounds (Dusty), and Amanda Williams (Andrew), Aunt, Ann Nevers (Ben), as well as lots of nieces and nephews that he loved to spoil.

Joel is preceded in death by his parents, Joel and Suzanne McKenzie and his grandparents, W.E. and Cintilla Williams.

A cremation has been held and a Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.