



## Joel Henceroth

September 4, 1949 - August 15, 2016

Joel D. Henceroth, 66, of Greenville, South Carolina, passed away August 15, 2016 at his home surrounded by his loving family, after a lengthy illness. A native of Northeast Ohio and an Air Force Veteran, Joel lived in Garrettsville, Ohio, England while stationed in the Air Force, Fairfax, Virginia and Greenville. Married 48 years, Joel leaves behind his loving and devoted wife, Haleen Taylor Henceroth, two children, Justin (Leanna) of Maryland, Rachel (Tripp) MacLeod of Greenville, 6 grandchildren Taylor Rose Henceroth, Emma MacLeod, Violet Grace MacLeod, Jacob Henceroth, Maxwell Henceroth and Bethany Henceroth, sister and brother, Jane and Jim, both of Ravenna, Ohio and uncle David Phelps of Simpsonville. He was predeceased by his parents, Jerry and Joyce (Phelps) Henceroth, of Ravenna.

After graduation, Joel joined the Air Force where he was a communications expert. Subsequently, he began a storied career with the U.S. Government, working for Voice of America and the International Broadcasting Bureau. In 2001 Joel was honored with Vice President Al Gore's "National Partnership for Reinventing Government" award, which recognized him for his role in "reinventing global broadcasting distribution." Joel was the first "Chief of Operations" of the International Broadcasting Bureau network control center and the global satellite network in Washington D.C. Retiring in 2003, Joel and Haleen moved to Greenville to be near family and start a new phase of their life in real estate development with their two children. In 2008, Joel realized a lifelong dream and received his South Carolina Residential Builders license.

Joel was an active volunteer in the Springwell Church Prayer ministry, the Celebrate Recovery ministry, as well as serving as an elder and board member for the church. Joel recently confided in his daughter that he felt the most important job he ever had was being an elder. He said, "I can see now, how the Lord guided me through many ups and downs of life. Teaching me and bringing me to this exact place to be used by Him in such a humbling way."

Please join us for a celebration of Joel's wonderful life at 12 pm, Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Springwell Church, 4369 Wade Hampton Boulevard Taylors, SC 29687. Visitation will be from 10:30-11:45. Burial will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park, Travelers Rest, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Joel's favorite ministry, Springwell Church Celebrate Recovery Ministry. Please visit [www.henceroth.com](http://www.henceroth.com) for more info and to watch the service live.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park (formerly Grandview)

7 Duncan Road  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Springwell Church  
4369 Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Service

AUG 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ To all the Henceroth family, I was very blessed to meet and care for Joel. I really enjoyed talking to him about his life, his family and all his experiences. He was definitely a man who blessed all that knew him. Peace to you all as he watches over you from heaven.  
Darci-RGV

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**Darci Voitel** - August 24, 2016 at 11:22 PM

DV

“ To all the Henceroth family, I feel blessed to have met Joel (and all of you) and been able to care for him at RGV. I really enjoyed my evening talks with him. His life was a blessing to all he touched. Peace be with you all as he watches over you from heaven.  
Darci

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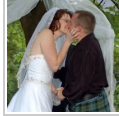
**darci voitel** - August 24, 2016 at 11:13 PM

 Joy  
Brewer

“ Mrs. Henceroth and family, please know that your family is in my prayers. Although I only met you all a short time ago, Joel and your sweet family left a lasting impression and you've been in my thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks.  
Joy Brewer-GHS

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**Joy Brewer** - August 20, 2016 at 03:48 PM



Thank you so very much, Joy. 😊😍  
My dad was blessed to have you as his nurse. That one particular morning when he had such an awful dream especially. Your kindness was overwhelming to mom and I. It's so hard to not be able to BE there 24/7 when your dad/husband is so very sick and weak. Knowing you were with him that morning was such a blessing to us. I know God has my sweet sweet Daddy in His arms. My dad is now HEALED & WHOLE!! I'm at peace and filled with comfort knowing we all did everything we could to try to help him.  
Thank you for your kindness and diligence in caring for my precious dad in his last days here on earth. You won't be forgotten, Joy. 🙏🙏🙏  
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**Rachel MacLeod** - August 24, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ Prayers of love and condolences for the Henceroth Family and Friends. Sincerely, Bill and Vera Dexter

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**Bill Dexter** - August 19, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ Haleen please know that you and your family are in my prayers. It's difficult I know but be strong.

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**Sharon Danku Miller** - August 19, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ The Henceroth family: We are saddened to hear of Joel's passing, I worked with Joel's father (Jerry) for years our hearts and prayers to all

*Bob and Carol Earle  
Ravenna Ohio*

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**Robert A Earle** - August 19, 2016 at 02:47 PM



Jane Hencero

*Thank you so much, our fourth sibling.*

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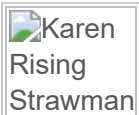
**Jane Henceroth** - August 25, 2016 at 05:01 PM

GB

“ *I remember Joel from high school. Haleen, please know you and family are in my thoughts.*

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**Gale Bishop** - August 19, 2016 at 01:45 PM



Karen Rising Strawman

“ *Dear Haleen and family,  
I'm sorry to hear of Joel's passing. He and my husband Dave were childhood friends and both made a career with VOA. Dave would have written a nice memory if he was still living, You are in my prayers, my deepest condolences to you and the family.*

*Karen Strawman*

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**Karen Rising Strawman** - August 19, 2016 at 10:26 AM

SB

“ *Dear Haleen and family,  
I will always remember Joel having a big smile and kind words for everyone. He was a good man and will be missed by all.  
He's in Heaven now with my brother Terry and Brad and someday we too will see them.  
God bless you all, you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With love, Sheila and Jack Besse*

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**Sheila Besse** - August 19, 2016 at 08:07 AM

RJ

“ Justin this a time for reflection in your life. Ecclesiastical 7:2 reads " It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting, for that is the end of every man, and the living should take it to heart." Why because when we're born we have no name. Now, your Dad had made his name, your family can reflect on all the good times. I feel for you Justin. I'm a phone call away. Rory

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**Rory K Johnson** - August 19, 2016 at 07:17 AM

GB

“ It was a complete shock to see Joel's obituary in the Greenville News this morning. Haleen, my name is Gene Bowman and I completed basic training at Lackland AFB with Joel in 1969. We were bunkmates and pretty good buddies through boot camp. After all this time, I had no earthly idea we lived in the same town. I will always remember Joel as a considerate and caring person and being deeply in love with his new bride Haleen. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

*Gene Bowman  
Greenville, SC*

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**Gene Bowman** - August 18, 2016 at 04:56 PM

MA

*I do not know the family but wanted you to know that I liked your obituary very much. It was so neat to put photos of "young & old" so that people could recognize him if they knew him long ago but not recently. Wish more people would do that.*

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**Mary** - August 20, 2016 at 10:28 AM

SJ

*Haleen,  
Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.. I have fond memories of Joel and his family, from when I was in high school.*

*Sandy Rinearson Jaeger*

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**Sandra Jaeger** - August 21, 2016 at 06:06 PM

NW

*Haleen and family,*

*I just found out today that Joel passed away. I am so very sorry. You and your family have my deepest sympathy. Being in the same class as Joel brings back many fond memories. I am so glad we had the chance to talk at Joel's and mine last class reunion. Joel was always so kind-just a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Nancy Brookover Webster*

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**Nancy Webster** - August 23, 2016 at 08:30 PM

SR

*I remember meeting your dad a few times Rach back at NTBI and knowing the deep love you had for him...I am soooo sorry for your loss Sweet Rachel. I so wish i could be there for you in some form, but feel VERY far away...Please know that even with these thousands of miles between us geographically, my heart is close and i am praying for you, Tripp and the kids, your mom and brother and his family. Such a great loss...but truly Heavens gain...*

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**Stephanie Reynolds** - August 24, 2016 at 09:33 PM

EM

*So sorry to hear of Joel's passing ,saw it on facebook, We remember when you moved when we were together at Faith Church, God give you His comfort and peace through this time of grief, Earths lost, Heavens gain ,*

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**Esther Mast** - August 25, 2016 at 10:36 PM