



## Joel Stephen Kummins

August 20, 1942 - July 3, 2024

Joel Stephen Kummins, age 81, residing in Milton, Georgia passed away surrounded by family on July 3, 2024.

Joel was raised in a proud Jewish home, graduating from Winthrop HS in his hometown, Winthrop, Massachusetts in 1960. He attended Northeastern University in Boston as a Coop student. Joel began his career in the space program as a Coop employee at General Electric in Lynn, MA. He graduated college in 1966 with a BS in Chemical Engineering.

In 1966, right out of college, Joel joined Dow Corning, in Aerospace R&D, moving to Midland, Michigan. He started a family and raised 3 children, Adam, Ryan and Courtney Kummins. Over his 35 year career, he moved the TS&D for Mold making and then Construction; Marketing Development and Marketing Supervisor for Construction Products. By 1980, Joel moved permanently to Marietta, Georgia where he became an active member of Etz Chaim Synagogue, continuing his Jewish upbringing with his family. He was a very successful Sales Manager at Dow Corning, soon promoted to Executive Account Manager. He was instrumental in taking Dow Corning into the Pavement Sealant and Roofing business. Joel received the Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) for 30 years of contributions to that organization.

Joel Kummins was preceded in Death by his parents, Harry and Rose Kummins; his sister Louise Stein (Arthur), his brother, Bob Kummins (Gloria);

and stepson Patrick O'Kelley. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Carma Kummins; his sons, Adam Kummins and Ryan Kummins (Kate); his daughter Courtney Froy (Brian); Stepchildren, Eric O'Kelley (Beth), Katy McGill (Mike) and Shaena O'Kelley; 13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; his sister Arlene Klayman, nieces Judith and Cyndy Klayman, Helaine Kummins and nephew Jeff Kummins.

When Carma and Joe married, we became a large, blended family, soon followed by many grandchildren, who enjoyed Holidays together, Grandpa's cookouts and travelling to the beach. Joel began travelling the world in retirement. He enjoyed classic rock and lighthouse photography.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Northside Chapel (12050 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, GA 30075) Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at 3 PM. The Family will receive friends immediately prior to service at 2 PM. People are welcome to wear a classic rock t-shirt in honor of Joe. Private family interment will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to make donations can be made to St. Jude ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or the IFCR ([www.CDKL5.com](http://www.CDKL5.com))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Celebration Of Life

JUL 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcyMDQ3NjA3NjMxNzc3NyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfb> in memory of Joel Stephen Kummins



Northside Chapel - July 08, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



July 20, 2024 at 12:23 AM



“ Diane & Jim Matherly purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



Diane & Jim Matherly - July 19, 2024 at 08:52 PM

RR

“ ReAnn Ring purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



ReAnn Ring - July 19, 2024 at 03:01 PM

RR

“ Joel was a genuinely kind gentle soul. My deepest condolences to all.

ReAnn Ring - July 19, 2024 at 02:57 PM



I met Joel in 1976 in Midland, Michigan when we were both colleagues at Dow Corning Corporation. We remained in contact through the years. Most recently, we were able to reunite in 2022 when I moved to Georgia and we had lunch together to catch up on our years of experiences together as well as mutual friends. Joel was highly respected at Dow Corning and was loved by his friends and colleagues. He had an unmistakable desire to bond with colleagues and customers and I shall always remember his friendship, depth of knowledge and kindness. Rest in Peace my friend. ROLANDO (Rolo) GONZALEZ

Rolando Gonzalez - December 18, 2024 at 02:40 AM

AK

“ Arlene, Judy and Cindy Klayman purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



Arlene, Judy and Cindy Klayman - July 19, 2024 at 01:41 PM

RH

“ Roger and Micheline Hunter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Stephen Kummins.

Roger and Micheline Hunter - July 19, 2024 at 12:11 PM

RH

“ Roger and Micheline Hunter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



Roger and Micheline Hunter - July 19, 2024 at 12:11 PM

CS

“ Cheri S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Stephen Kummins.

Cheri S. - July 17, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Stephen Kummins.



July 15, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Love, Hila & Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel Stephen Kummins.

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**Love, Hila & Jeff** - July 15, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ I have great memories of Joel as a good friend but also as a work associate with some career parallels that helped bind our careers as well as our friendship and maintain each well into our retirements. I graduated in 1966 with a degree in chemical engineering and likewise entered a career with Dow Corning. My first few years were at a DC site in KY, and like Joel, all of my first projects were in aerospace technology. By the late '60's Joel and I were working on projects with Boeing. Several of Joel's projects were related to early manned orbiters and space launch systems. My projects were related to aircraft, and altho these were different aerospace programs, the Boeing engineers we worked with were involved with these same programs so we would sometimes travel together for joint meetings. I still have vivid memories of that first joint visit. I flew into Seattle on a direct flight from Louisville. Joel flew from Midland to Chicago for a connecting flight to Seattle. It was winter and Joel's flight was delayed leaving Chicago. I arrived on time, checked into the hotel, had dinner and went to bed about 11 pm. A bit after midnight, my phone rang. When I answered, the voice on the line said something like "Hi Honey, did I wake you? Would you like some company? I know your room number and can come up, but we can meet in the lounge if you prefer." I was nonplussed and speechless. Then the next voice I heard was unmistakably Joel's, and of course he had cajoled the hostess at the desk into making the call. I did not know Joel very well prior to this trip but afterwards it was apparent time spent with him was going to be a good combination of professionalism and fun. That combination never changed right on into the occasions we were able to spend together following retirement. I always tried, during travels in the southeast, to stay overnight in Alpharetta where he lived for several years. It gave us time to again enjoy our shared memories and create a few more new ones. I now share the grief Joel's family feels at his passing.

*Jim Matherly*

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**James Matherly** - July 12, 2024 at 11:26 AM