



## Joel Robert Highfield

December 10, 1979 - February 19, 2025

Joel Robert Highfield, 45, of Holly, passed away suddenly on February 20, 2025.

Joel grew up in Holly, went to Holly Area Schools, and also spent many summers with his family at a camp called “Higher Ground at Lake Louise” in Boyne Falls, MI. Joel loved camp and enjoyed his time there with family and friends. Later in life, he volunteered as a counselor and also worked on staff.

He loved spending time with his grandparents, who lived just one block away. He visited them often, many times staying overnight. He loved their homemade breakfasts, especially the grits.

Joel had a giant, kind, caring heart. He was talented and creative; an artist who loved painting, photography, and music. He enjoyed playing the drums. He loved introducing his loved ones to new bands and had an uncanny knack for knowing exactly what they would enjoy. He enjoyed watching insightful documentaries, and absolutely loved comedies.

He loved being an uncle and adored his nieces. He delighted in time spent with them; giving gifts, watching tv and movies, and playing with toys.

He had great empathy for marginalized groups and was devoted to causes

like LGBTQ+ rights and Black Lives Matter.

He was deeply committed to his friendships and to Billy, his partner of four years.

He is survived by his parents, Alan and Marilyn, and sister Stacey, all of Holly, brother Josh (Aimee), and nieces Emma and Lilee, of Fenton.

A visitation and funeral service will be held on Tuesday Feb. 25, 2025 at the First Baptist Church of Holly. The visitation will be from 9-11AM with the funeral service starting at 11AM. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. There will be no graveside service, however, those who wish to witness the burial may follow the hearse to the cemetery following the funeral service. Memorial donations can be made to: The Trevor Project or Higher Ground at Lake Louise. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Holly  
15030 N Holly Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-1137  
(248) 634-8772

## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Holly  
Holly, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Christopher Fischer lit a candle in memory of Joel Highfield



Christopher Fischer - February 25, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Lisa Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Joel Highfield



Lisa Cunningham - February 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ Prayers to family and friends ❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏



Sally Stotler - February 24, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Cheryl mcdougal lit a candle in memory of Joel Highfield



Cheryl mcdougal - February 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Audrey Fay Winglemire lit a candle in memory of Joel Highfield



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**Audrey Fay Winglemire** - February 23, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979 sends our sympathies and deepest condolences to our sixth grade Teacher Mr. Alan Highfield, his wife Marilyn, family Jason, Aimee and their dearest friends for the loss of their dear son Joel.



We also send our prayers, with much love, strength and courage during this most difficult time.

Peace for Joel 💜🕊️💜

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**Holly High School Class of 1979** - February 23, 2025 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ Alan and Marilyn, I was so saddened to hear of your son's passing. My heart heart hurts for you and your family. May the angels escort him to his heavenly home with song and trumpets! May you find a small measure of comfort in your memories and the love of your friends and family. My sincere condolences



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**Dottie Bradsher** - February 22, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joel Robert Highfield.



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February 22, 2025 at 08:28 PM



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

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February 22, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Allen and Marilyn  
We are sending you our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time. May God comfort you and your family. Sincerely, Joe and Dee Hansard

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Joseph Hansad - February 22, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of Joel Highfield



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Connie Davis - February 22, 2025 at 02:28 PM

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“ He will always be “Bolus” to me. He was like a little brother and will be so missed. Right now it just doesn't seem real. Praying for the family!! Love you all so much.

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**Shirl Streukens** - February 22, 2025 at 10:44 AM

HF

*Alan and Marilyn, my deepest sympathy!~ I am so sorry to hear of the sad news of your son's passing. May God strengthen you and give you comfort. Love, Lore Felch*

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**HANNELORE FELCH** - February 23, 2025 at 06:05 PM

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*I am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. God will give you strength to handle your loss, because of your faith n love of Him.*

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**barb. harold peterson** - March 05, 2025 at 08:33 PM