



Joel Eric Fennema, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend went home to be with the Lord on April 6, 2026. Joel was born in Gary, Indiana, on February 28, 1976, to Rev. C. Eric and Helen Fennema. He was a man of few words, quick wit and dry humor, loved by his family and friends.

Joel loved his Iowa Hawkeyes, having a complete wardrobe of the black and gold and making sure others did not confuse it with “the school that shall not be named”. One of Joel’s great joys was golfing, and he enjoyed going on golfing trips with friends. He also loved playing card games with his nephews and nieces.

Joel is survived by his mother, Helen Fennema of Sioux Center, Iowa; brother, Jonathan of Fayetteville, North Carolina; sisters: Anne (Scott) Hendrikse of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Sarah (Jason) Van Voorst of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Caryn (Micah) Schouten of Sioux Center, Iowa; and nieces and nephews: Hannah, Mary (Diego Santiago), and Jacob Hendrikse, Mackinzie, Faith and Luke Van Voorst, Alexa, Logan and Katelyn Schouten. He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. C. Eric Fennema.

II Thessalonians 3:16 “Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

In Loving Memory
Joel Eric Fennema

February 28, 1976 ~ April 6, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 PM, Monday, April 13, 2026

Porter Funeral Home

Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Matthew Haan

First Christian Reformed Church

Rock Valley, Iowa

ACCOMPANIST

Robin Te Slaa

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“In Christ Alone”

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

“When Peace Like A River”

PALLBEARERS

Jonathan Fennema

Scott Hendrikse ~ Jason Van Voorst

Micah Schouten ~ Jacob Hendrikse

Luke Van Voorst ~ Logan Schouten

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Lord's Day 1

*Q 1. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?*

*A 1. That I am not my own
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his
precious blood, and has set me free from
the tyranny of the devil. He also watches
over me in such a way that not a hair can
fall from my head without the will of my
Father in heaven: in fact, all things must
work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him, Christ, by his
Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and
makes me whole-heartedly willing and
ready from now on to live for him.*

