

HELP THE MAN I LOVE, JOEL, REBUILD AFTER LOSING HIS LEG

Last **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**, I received a phone call from my partner of more than 10 years that I will never forget.

Joel was lying on the side of the road after a serious accident. When I asked if he was okay, he calmly told me, **“I think I have a broken leg.”**

He had no idea how serious his injuries really were.

Soon afterward, we learned that the damage to his leg was so severe that doctors could not save it. Joel has already undergone **two surgeries** and is now a **below the knee amputee**. He has met with the prosthetics team, but his body must completely heal before that part of his recovery can begin.

Joel also suffered a serious injury to his arm, with torn muscles and tendons that will require further medical attention.

I am **Patty**, Joel’s partner, and if there is one thing people should understand about him, it is that **Joel is an incredibly proud and resilient man**.

Joel is an **Air Force veteran activated during Desert Storm with three honorable discharges, past HVAC contractor, Corrections officer** and a two time cancer survivor. Life has tested him in ways most people could never imagine. He is also the father of **three daughters**, and he has endured one of the greatest losses any parent can face, the death of another daughter.

Through all of it, Joel has continued moving forward.

He is also one of the most generous people I know. I have watched him pay for groceries when someone ahead of us could not afford them. I have watched him buy food for someone experiencing homelessness. Even after this accident, while facing devastating injuries himself, **Joel asked how the people in the other vehicle were doing**.

That is the man I love.

Only two weeks before the accident, we also lost Joel's beloved 10 year old Boston Terrier, **Tessy**, who had been by his side through his second cancer journey. Now, while still grieving her, Joel is beginning another enormous fight.

I am a **travel nurse and our primary provider**, but I cannot spend long periods away from home while Joel needs care. Stepping away from work to be with him is creating significant financial pressure at the same time our lives have completely changed.

Joel already has a positive attitude and is working hard in rehabilitation. He wants to heal, get fitted for a prosthetic, regain his independence, and keep moving forward.

Funds raised through HelpVy will help with **Joel's medical and everyday living expenses** while I remain home to care for him and he begins this long recovery.

Joel has spent his life helping others without expecting anything in return. **Now it is our turn to stand beside this proud man and help him rebuild.**

Patty Killian, for Joel Hall □□

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