



## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Joel Lee Gauthier**

**February 20, 1943 - July 17, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Buick Heritage Alliance deeply mourn the loss of a devoted and dedicated colleague and friend. As well, the antique car community as a whole has lost a knowledgeable, selfless and giving friend.

On Friday, July 17, 2015, Joel Lee Gauthier, 72, of Zionsville, Indiana passed away at IU North Hospital in Carmel, Indiana. Joel was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on February 20, 1943, the only child of the late Allen E. and Frances G. (Fuller) Gauthier.



**Above: December 2, 2012 - Howell, Michigan - Board members of the Buick Heritage Alliance from left to right: William C. Anderson, P.E, Jeffrey R. Brashares, Richard P. Sills, Esquire, Joel L. Gauthier, CPA, David M. Landow.**

Raised in Michigan, Joel graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School and received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Michigan. From 1967 – 1969, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

On August 22, 1964, he was married to Lynne I. (Feetham) Gauthier in Detroit, Michigan; she survives. They had spent 50 loving years together.

Joel moved to Indiana in 1989 after spending many years in Michigan and Washington, D.C. He spent his working career as a Certified Public Accountant and in 1991 Joel started his own firm, Gauthier & Kimmerling, LLC in Indianapolis. During his life, Joel held many memberships including the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, the Kiwanis of Indianapolis, Triangle Fraternity and several Antique Car Clubs.

The responsibilities that many of the car clubs asked Joel to accept are consistent with the

respect that his colleagues had for both his ability and his integrity. Joel served as the accountant for both the Buick Heritage Alliance (the BHA) and the Buick Club of America (the BCA) and as a valued and respected member of the Board of Directors of the BHA. He was a long-standing member of the BCA, where he also served as a trusted advisor to the BCA's Board of Directors on matters pertaining to tax and financial matters. Joel also counted the ballots at the BCA's elections for its Directors and volunteered for many years as a staff member at the BCA's hospitality tent at Hershey. Joel was also extremely devoted to the Antique Automobile Club of America (the AACA), regularly traveling at his own expense to AACA National Meets for many years to serve as a judge.



**Left: October 11, 2014 - Hershey, Pennsylvania -**

**At the AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Joel takes time out from his judging responsibilities to enjoy a break with a few of his fellow Buick Heritage Alliance Directors.**

**Left to right: David M. Landow, Joel L. Gauthier, CPA, John Fields, Guy B. Bennett, Jr.**

Joel was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana have been entrusted with the arrangements.

**Survivors:**

Wife: Lynne I. Gauthier – Zionsville, Indiana

Two Children: Douglas Gauthier and wife, Carla – Zionsville, Indiana  
Kristin Mikarts and husband, Mark – Venice, Florida

Five Grandchildren: Olivia, Andrew, Jack, Zachary and Ryan.

Memorials may be made in Joel's honor to the Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis, 320 North Meridian Street, Suite 115, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.