

Joe lead an incredible journey. He touched many youth during his 25 yrs. as an educator an head coach in the Cloquet School system. His passion for the outdoors, skiing, and youth inspired many of us to pursue similar lifestyles and careers.

Joe had a vision to establish a competitive program locally. His national + international experience guided the development of Pine Valley. A state of the art venue for training and hosting many big events.

Through the efforts of many parents, volunteers, and assistant coaches John L. alpine and Mike M. xc a solid program was established.

Being in the classroom Joe was able to encourage students to try any of the 3

disciplines of team skiing. Once ~~you~~ on the team you were a student 1st. / athlete 2nd. to compete. The high pt. of the season was peaking for the state championships with 3 skiers per discipline slalom, jumping, + XC competing for top honors. It took a total team effort to be competitive.

Even within the core families of Nelsons, Schillings, Smiths, Rosens, + Duins one had to decide which discipline to excel at to make the final 3 spots for the state championships.

Joe was an outstanding mentor for many of us with his dedication, patience, solid work ethic, love of sport, and caring.

Thank you for your guidance & inspiration.