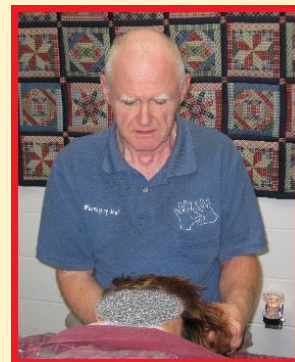


# Meet Joel

Joel Tomlinson graduated  
from

***The Balanced Touch Institute  
of Massage & Bodywork***  
in May of 1999.



## ***A Story for Another Day***

Elsewhere on this website -

I mentioned about relating

how I “got into” Massage Therapy. The Short Version

of that Story goes like this: In November of 1997, I had to unfortunately exit dairy farming and relocate. Shortly after that, my wonderful Mother-in-Law Irene, got sick and eventually passed away in July of 1998 from Melanoma Cancer of the central nervous system. Before it was known what was going on with her - her daughter (my wife) Deb took Irene to Physical Therapist Jeanne Mather to explore why she was having balance problems.

In the course of conversation between Deb & Jeanne - Deb mentioned “Joel likes to give backrubs”. Jeanne said “He should go to school for massage therapy - “Xxxxx” is going right now - the school is in Wausau and has a night class type of format”.

One thing led to another and in the Fall of 1998 I found myself in the program! The rest as they say - is history. I feel it is truly an honor and a privilege, to be able to offer Bodywork here in Central Wisconsin.

## ***About***

>Deb & I have 3 “middle-aged” (however that happened!) Children and half dozen Grandchildren - all of whom are in the Central WI area.

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>Additionally - we are involved in various roles with-in our Marshfield area Wesley United Methodist Church.

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***The Rest of this Story***

I get asked "***Did you have to or where - did you get the training to become a Massage Therapist?***".

When I answer yes - in Rib Lake, Wisc. - I always follow-up with *The Rest of the Story*. **B T I** was a small but high-quality Massage Therapy School that was located at the Tech in Wausau. The program then - took two years to do - one night a week. Linda H. the Owner lived in Rib Lake. She wanted to try to condense it into a one-year time span by doing two sessions a week - Friday night & Sat. morning (and not driving to Wausau for that). She found a location in Rib Lake to do it so - I took the training there. And - did **not** get my M T License from a Cracker Jax Box!!