



Jeffery W. Covert

May 2, 1944 - January 29, 2023

Jeffery W. Covert, 78, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 at Integrated Hospice in Libertyville. He was born May 2, 1944 in Indianapolis, IN, was a 28 year resident of Libertyville, living at Del Webb in Mundelein the past 15 years. Jeff received his Bachelors degree from Purdue University in 1967 in Mechanical Engineering, where he was also a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He was a current member and former Deacon and Elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville and founding member of the Hope Presbyterian Church in Grayslake. Jeff was a US Navy veteran and an officer on the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans which collided with an Australian Carrier in 1969 in the South China Sea near Vietnam, where 74 sailors were lost. Following his military service, Jeff began his career with Wisconsin Steel Works, transferring to International Harvester in Libertyville in 1978 and was president of Morton Manufacturing in Libertyville, retiring in 2009. He was also a member of the Economic Development Commission in Libertyville, the Del Webb Wetlands Committee, model train enthusiast, enjoyed traveling and reading about WWII.

A devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, surviving are his wife of 55 years, Susie Covert; 2 daughters, Jennifer Waugh and Julie (Matt) Moreland; 3 Grandchildren, Jackson and Nicholas Waugh and Emily Moreland; his sister, Helene (Mike) Trout and sister-in-law Lori Covert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Dorothy Covert and brother Steven Covert.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral service with military honors will be at 11 am Saturday, Feb. 4 at the First Presbyterian Church, 219 W. Maple Ave. Libertyville with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow to Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the USS Frank E. Evans Assn. 2286 Morgan Rd. Carlsbad, CA 92008 or www.ussfee.org. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnett.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
219 W. Maple Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048
<http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.* ”



February 03, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Darrell & Carol, Darren & Kelly & Wade purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.* ”



Darrell & Carol, Darren & Kelly & Wade - February 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Libertyville friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.* ”



Libertyville friends - February 03, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.* ”



February 03, 2023 at 07:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.



February 02, 2023 at 01:07 PM

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“ Jeff was a great friend and mentor to me. I had the privilege of working for Jeff from the end of 1997 until he retired in 2009. It is because of him; I love working in manufacturing as much as I do. I initially saw working at Morton Manufacturing as a steppingstone on my career path, but Jeff soon saw something different and made some corrections to my course of study. He encouraged me every step of the way as I worked to complete my education and always had time to discuss my classes and often relate them to our work. As a fellow Navy veteran, he supported me as a reservist far more than many employers did at that time. He loved to talk and joke with me about his time in the Navy and was full of questions about my Navy career. As a boss, Jeff empowered us to make decisions, always recognizing when we needed help or realizing we were on the right path and just kept tabs on us without interfering ...too much. Jeff really enjoyed the manufacturing environment, our product, and then there were the trains. He loved that our products were on and in the train cars. I would look forward to any opportunity to visit a customer with him, we could spend the entire day watching trains cars in various stages of build. He would point out the processes and could explain why it was done and how it came together. The years went by quickly working for Jeff and I never moved as I once thought I would. I could also never see Jeff retired, he really enjoyed working and he was always up for a new project. Ever since he retired, we have remained close friends, talking on the phone often and going to lunch when we could. This is something I never imagined doing with any other person I worked for. It was soon after his retirement I realized what his true love was. It being a grandpa and he loved that being retired left him more time for that. He would often joke that he highly recommended it. He always had a story to share about his grandchildren. Since his retirement and since I moved on from Morton Manufacturing myself we have always kept in touch, he always wanted to know where I was and what I was doing, and how my family was. Jeff's passing came entirely too soon, there is and will be so much more that I need to share with him.

Alex Lebaron - February 01, 2023 at 09:49 PM

AS

Jeff was a great friend and coworker at Hough in Libertyville as well as a member of the alumni group who met annually after retirement. Condolences to his wife and family.

AI Scales - February 03, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.*



February 01, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.*



February 01, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.*



February 01, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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“ Alex, Colleen, and Cailin LeBaron purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.



Alex, Colleen, and Cailin LeBaron - January 31, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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“ The Morton Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.



The Morton Family - January 31, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffery W. Covert.



January 31, 2023 at 06:06 PM