



## Jeffery Peterson

September 15, 1966 - August 29, 2023

Jeffery R. Peterson, 56, passed away on Tuesday Aug. 29, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born Sept. 15, 1966, in Blue Island, IL and has been a resident of Vernon Hills for the past 29 years. He was a graduate of Buffalo Grove High School, Purdue University and received his MBA from Loyola University Chicago.

Jeff was a devoted husband, father, and friend, coaching many of his children's sports teams and maintaining constant involvement in their activities. Throughout his life Jeff carried his contagious smile with him to the Purdue marching band, BGRA meetings, pickle ball courts, and neighborhood get-togethers. Jeff was a dedicated employee at United Airlines and a member of St. Mary of Vernon Parish.

Surviving is his wife of 32 years, Marcia Peterson, 4 children, Kelly (Mitch) Deakins, Kyle (fiancé Caitlin Shepler) Peterson, Brett Peterson and Derek Peterson; his grandson Carter Deakins and father Richard Peterson. Also, his siblings, Tim (Susan) Peterson, Lori (Joe) Bolsinger, Chris (Steve) Schumacher, Eric (Jennifer) Peterson and Mark Peterson; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Helen Peterson, Grandparents, George and Regina Peterson, Ray and Marie O'Connell.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2023, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.). Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. with a visitation one hour prior on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at St. Mary of Vernon Church, 2326 W. Hwy 45, Indian Creek, IL. The private family interment service will be on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jeff's name for research to The Colorectal Cancer Alliance at [www.ccalliance.org](http://www.ccalliance.org).

Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery

1185 W. Algonquin Rd.  
Palatine, IL 60067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church  
236 W. Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, IL 60061

## Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church  
236 W. Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, IL 60061



# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Marcia & Family,*  
*Jeff hired me in July of 2011 at United Airlines. He was an incredible manager, mentor, and man. He continued to be a positive force for myself and everyone who had the pleasure to work with him.*  
*The utmost important thing to Jeff was family. He told me about you all - he was so proud, and loved you all so much. He gave me great advice when I started to have my own family. God Bless you all, and may Jeff rest in peace.*

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**Ann Johnson** - August 07, 2024 at 01:32 PM

DM

“ *Jeff worked for my dad for a while when he was in college. Every time I saw him, he had a smile on his face.*

*I will never forget the cassette tape he gave us that summer. It was music I had never heard before. It sounded crazy to me. I think we wore it out we listened to it so much in the car. I was probably 8-10 years old at the time.*

*Now, every time I hear a song from Sgt. Peppers Linley Hearts Club, I think of Jeff and smile.*

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**Dan Moersfelder** - September 06, 2023 at 08:58 AM

RF

“ *Marcia & Family - I knew Jeff at Purdue from AAMB. He was my squad leader and always so upbeat. I remember when he came back Monday after the Triangle dance/dinner where he met you - he was smitten! I am so sad to hear about this and so sorry for your loss. He was a really great guy and will be sorely missed by many.*

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**Robin Brull Fichtelberg** - September 05, 2023 at 09:14 PM

GW

“ Marcia,  
*I'm grateful we were able to see you and the whole Peterson family at the services for Jeff. You know how much we loved him and the impact he had on our lives.*

*Shortly after we got your message that he was going to accept hospice services, I stumbled across a quote attributed to Cicero (on my son's fiancé's t-shirt from his Catholic High School of all places!). That led me to the following that I felt perfectly personified Jeff and his influence on me and those around him:*

*"In the face of a true friend, a man sees, as it were, a second self. So that where his friend is, he is. If his friend be rich, he is not poor. Though he be weak, his friend's strength is his. And in his friend's life, he enjoys a second life after his own is finished."*

*Jeff was a TRUE FRIEND to most everyone who was lucky enough to have known him, and his memory lives on with all of us, putting smiles on our faces. I think we witnessed that over the last two days.*

*Love you all.  
Greg Ward*

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**Greg Ward** - September 05, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffery Peterson.

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September 05, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SA

“ Shankar A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Peterson.

Shankar A. - September 04, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.



September 04, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.



September 03, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.



September 03, 2023 at 05:09 PM

BW

“ *Marcia,  
Kim and I were so sorry to hear about Jeff. We will miss his bright,  
infectious, personality. He was always upbeat whether it was  
leading us in U-sing, or whether we were throwing him in the  
Wabash when he got pinned to you. We feel terrible for you and the  
kids (although grown, like ours, we'll always think of them as 'kids'),  
and we hope that everyone's condolences are of some comfort to  
you. -Brad & Kim Wolfert*

Brad Wolfert - September 03, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Jeffery Peterson.*



September 03, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Jeffery Peterson.*



September 02, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ *Marcia, my condolences to you and your family. Jeff will be greatly  
missed. It was an honor to be a fraternity brother with Jeff, he was  
always smiling and positive. We will keep you and your family in our  
thoughts and prayers. God Bless! Tom Grate*

Tom Grate - September 02, 2023 at 06:20 PM



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



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September 02, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Marcia, my condolences to you and your family. I got to know Jeff as a fraternity brother at Purdue. He was always so happy and nice to everyone. Will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Bryce Currie*

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**Bryce Currie** - September 02, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Hi Marcia. I haven't seen you and Jeff in 35 years, but I see from the photos that his smile hasn't changed in all of that time. I literally cannot picture him without it! He was always so authentic, enthusiastic, happy, and positive. Although I don't know your children (congrats!) (or your grandchild - congrats again!), I bet they benefited so much from having such a father and role model and just such a genuinely positive force of nature in their lives every day!*

*My sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*- Ernie Beane (Purdue 88)*

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**Ernest E Beane** - September 02, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.*



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September 01, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear about the loss of Jeff. I have had the pleasure of working with him at United for the past 5 years and sat next to him for a couple of those years. Jeff was always so kind and inviting to his team. He always had a smile on his face and words of encouragement for everyone no matter what challenges he was facing. He was a great leader and will be so missed. My deepest sympathies to the Peterson family.*

*-Lindsay Colvin*

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**Lindsay Colvin** - September 01, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.*



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September 01, 2023 at 10:47 AM

SL

“ Sue & Denny, Nancy & Pete, Tom & Helen, Janet & Terry, Bob, Mary & Joel, John & Laurie purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jeffery Peterson.



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**Sue & Denny, Nancy & Pete, Tom & Helen, Janet & Terry, Bob, Mary & Joel, John & Laurie** - September 01, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JB

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. I had lost touch with Jeff over the years but knew him well in college. We both were in the AAMB trumpet section from 1984-1988 and share the same first name. We played football on Sunday afternoon and fanfare trumpets on the field for football pregame shows. I was a farm boy from southern Indiana who had a totally different lifestyle than Jeff so we enjoyed swapping stories of our childhood. We both had jet black hair. But mostly, Jeff's smile and personality are what I remember the most. The world has lost a great man. My condolences.

*Jeff Beaman*

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**Jeff Beaman** - August 31, 2023 at 05:50 PM

XS

“ We are so lucky to be Jeff and Marcia’s neighbors for 14 years and friends for 23. They are both the nicest people you will ever meet. Jeff was so devoted to his family and friends. He was always involved in his kids’ activities and coached all his three boys through their Little League years. When my son was in the West Oak band with Derek, I remember Jeff would channel his love for the marching band into support at West Oak band fundraiser. He bid to be guest conductor at the band concert multiple years. It would bring a smile to his face whenever he could be any help to anyone.

Marcia and I have been in the same book club for years. Whenever Marcia hosted, Jeff was there to help her pour drinks for us and get anything we might need even during his battle with cancer. Recently, we had a video call with an author while Marcia hosted. Marcia wanted the call to be on the big TV screen so that we could all see better. Jeff practiced with Marcia ahead of time to make sure the call would go smoothly. He also tried to get home from work in time for our call in case we had any technical difficulty.

Near the end of his cancer battle, he was still his considerate self. He didn’t want to trouble my husband because we live 20 minutes away. He didn’t want us to spend 40 minutes on the road for his sake. That’s what kind of person he was.

Yesterday when I was out and about, something reminded me of him. At a parking lot, a young woman was backing her big SUV into a tight parking spot. I thought Jeff would have been proud of her (he taught all his kids how to back into their garage when they first started driving). His spirit lives on in these little memories.



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Xiao Stroming - August 31, 2023 at 03:02 PM



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



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August 31, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffery Peterson.

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August 31, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Jeff was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. I had the pleasure to coach with him for many years and he always had the most positive attitude and was a fantastic mentor to the kids he coached. Rest in peace Jeff.*

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**Scott Bauer** - August 31, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I rode the train downtown with Jeff for years and had many conversations with him. He always had a positive attitude and it was an absolute pleasure to know him. My sincerest condolences to the family in this difficult time.*

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**Shelly** - August 31, 2023 at 10:18 AM

JM

“*Marcia and Family, I am so deeply saddened to hear about Jeff. I am sorry we will not be able to offer our condolences in person. I did not know him well, but I cannot remember a single time I saw him without a smile on his face. I hope you find strength at this time and I know you will undoubtedly cherish every single memory of your life together. Rest in Peace.*

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**Joanne Moskovic** - August 31, 2023 at 01:22 AM



“*Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jeffery Peterson.*



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August 30, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“*A few weeks ago I was going on a walk in my neighborhood and passed Jeff's home where Jeff was standing outside talking with his wife and kids. Despite everything he was going through, he gave me a big smile, told me it was nice to see me, thanked me for asking about him, and reassured me that despite the pain he was experiencing, he was not going to complain about it and was still fighting hard. His ability to smile through his pain and have a positive attitude despite everything he was going through was truly inspiring. I will always remember him as a friendly, kind, positive, and caring friend to my parents and a wonderful neighbor. May he rest in peace.*

*-Hannah Epstein*

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**Hannah Epstein** - August 30, 2023 at 05:18 PM