



Jeffrey "Jeff" Whitebread

April 21, 1980 - March 16, 2014

Jeffrey M. "Jeff" Whitebread, 33, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 16, 2014 surrounded by his family at Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center in Glenview after a courageous three year battle with melanoma. He was born April 21, 1980 in Hoffman Estates, was raised in Wheaton and has lived in Libertyville for the past five years. He was a proud 1998 graduate of St. Francis High School in Wheaton and received his BS in business from Northern Illinois University in 2002. He was a Senior Business Intelligence Analyst for the Stericycle Corporation and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville. Jeff enjoyed music, concerts, fishing and aquariums. He loved his wife and children and treated them like gold. Jeff had a wonderful sense of humor, was a positive spirit and brought out the best in everyone who had the honor of knowing him. Surviving are his wife Melissa (Zilinski) Whitebread; 3 children, Mia Christine, Casey Ryan and Lyla Jean Whitebread; his parents, Gary and Bridgette Whitebread of Wheaton; sister, Erin (Luke) Goodwin of Willowbrook and brother, Brian Whitebread of Wheaton. Grandparents, John (the late Norrine) Flaherty and Jerome and Joan Whitebread; Mother and father-in-law, Arlene and Ernest Zilinski. Prayers will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville and services will continue to St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. Libertyville for funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont Center. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In

lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the JWF Fund (aka Jeff Whitebread Family Fund) as an education fund has been established for his children. Info, 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *My sincerest condolences to family and friends. Jeff was clearly a terrific father, husband, son, and friend to many. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers!*

Mrs. Jamie Webb - June 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

TE

“ *Ernie, I am very sorry for your loss, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Tom Esposito*

Tom Esposito - June 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ *God bless all of you through this difficult time.*

Jerry Means - June 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

PT

“ *To the Flahertys-
I am sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.*

Pegi Tangney - June 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

PK

“ *Words cannot express your sorry. Live for his children and the memories.*

Watch for the signs, he will always be with you.

Paul and Colleen Kolber

Paul & Colleen Kolber - June 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

LN

“ I worked with Jeff and will miss him very much. He was always so kind and helpful. I am deeply sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.

Laura Neumann - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

DH

“ Jeff you will be missed!

David Huffman - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

YY

“ Words cannot express my sorry for your family. Jeff and I sat at cubes next to each other at work. He was bright and smart, and we often shared ideas how to improve work, I also got to see his family photos with three cute kids. Now I lost a friend, and he will be missed.

Yongli Yang - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

NG

“ Dear Melissa, Our hearts are broken for you and your family. What a fine man Jeff was, and what an amazing wife and caregiver you were to him. You did good, Girl ! What Grace and Integrity you have handled yourself with. We pray for the peace that passeth understanding of you and your children now in the midst of this very difficult heartache and loss. You were both **COURAGEOUS WARRIORS** against this mean enemy, called Melanoma, and you inspired many. Your **FAITH** has been a great inspiration to me personally. God bless you and keep you all in the painful days ahead. In Christ, Wayne and Nancy Gilbert - Madison, MS

Nancy Gilbert - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

DH

“ We have many fond memories of Jeff at St James and St Francis! He always had a smile on his face! Our deepest sympathies! The Henning Family

Deb & Dan Henning - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

TR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Whitebread family. I remember Jeff as a fine young man at St. Francis and it is apparent that he went on to become a stellar professional, husband and father. This is such a loss for so many, but we were fortunate to know Jeff.

Trudy Rigney - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

MF

“ Dear Melissa and Children,
While I never had the pleasure of getting to know Jeff, I do know how happy Melissa was when the two of love-birds became a family of 2 and then 3,4 & 5! Melissa's eyes lit up when she talked of all the plans you & Jeff created... Only the first of many memories. It is these memories that will sustain you now. When you close your eyes at night try to remember the JOY, the laughter, the silly times and your 3 beautiful baby's shining faces. These are what will help you see the sunshine. I promise this path will help. It is what helped me see love & joy again. Please know my thoughts are with you and remember too, like so many of you friends and family- I am only a call away! Love, Mary

Mary Flynn - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

BG

“ My deepest condolences to the Whitehead and Zilinski families.

Bruce Gershenzon - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

MA

“ *Melissa and Kids,
Cannot understand what God has planned for you but know it will
be good and full of light.*

Godspeed, Jeff!

Maura, Doug, Chris, Trace, Audrey and Myles Batesky

Maura - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM

TB

“ *My sincerest sympathies to you all. We were so lucky to have the
opportunity to work with Jeff at Rush Health a few years ago. He
was always very smart but also a kind and sincere person. He loved
his family and bragged about you all the time.*

Theresa Burkhart - April 27, 2018 at 06:03 AM