



Jeffrey Alan Guernsey

June 11, 1968 - December 3, 2020

Jeffrey Alan Guernsey was born on June 11, 1968 and left this world on December 3, 2020, which was way before any of us were ready to say goodbye. Jeff was a guy with a servant's heart. When he was barely a man, he entered our country's armed forces and honorably served his country in the US Navy. Real experiences and tough life lessons prepared him for a lifetime of helping others and he was proud to have served.

His willingness to serve others continued and steered him to the job he loved at Washington Township Fire Department. Over the past 30 years, Jeff was a Firefighter/EMT-Paramedic and fulfilled a variety of assignments at multiple WTFD Stations. He served the fallen and their families on WTFD Honor Guard. He was a member of IAFF 3369. Jeff loved his fire brothers and sisters and that love was definitely reciprocated. There are countless stories of Jeff's ability to lead and mentor others. Anyone that worked with him, knew he had their back. He was recognized for his hard work and leadership skills and was appointed lieutenant. Jeff was the officer, who took care of his crew. He watched out for them. It didn't matter if Jeff was on the scene of a blazing structure fire, a mangled multi-vehicle accident, or transferring an ill elderly patient-he gave his best to those he was serving and those serving alongside him. He, literally, was willing to sacrifice his own life for others. It would be impossible to quantify the number of lives Jeff has, personally, impacted. But, rest assured, he has left his mark on the world.

Jeff valued friends. He could talk your leg off. You could count on him and if

he said he would do something; he would do it. Jeff would give whatever he had to help his friends out. He rarely missed an opportunity to tease someone. His crude sense of humor made some stop in their tracks, but for most people, his jokes brought a smile to faces and deep belly laughs were not uncommon. Not many can pull off making derogatory remarks and have people walking away with a big smile on their face, but he could do it without even trying hard. Those comments weren't mean-spirited, for Jeff his insults were terms of endearment. He didn't mind giving you a hard time, in fact he enjoyed it. He lived life to the fullest and many around him are grateful to be called his friends and to have been along for the ride. And that ride-you just went, because you knew it would be fun. Jeff drew people to him, and you wanted to be with that larger than life guy.

For all of his accomplishments in life, absolutely nothing was more important to him than his family. They gave him purpose and were his pride and joy! He spent the past 18 years with the love of his life, Jenny. They were partners in crime; spending time with family and friends, truly sharing everything. Jeff loved to go places and explore new things with Jenny. Traveling was a passion; Atlantic City to L. A., Punta Cana and more, Jeff was always excited about exploring new places. He was so proud of his kids; Erin, Matt, Alan, and Aidan. He made time for them. He would drop everything to take care of his family, even if it meant rushing somewhere to slay giant spiders. Big or small, their needs mattered. He was his kids' biggest fan. You could see him on the sidelines at any of their sporting events. Jeff could be counted on. For as much as he loved his kids, he completely adored his grandchildren, Liam and Madi. He melted over being PopPop. Honestly, he was perfect for the role. He spent hours playing with them. He made sure to have fun with them and to show them how much he loved them. Jeff was totally invested in his family. There won't be another like him. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed!

Jeff is survived by his wife, Jennifer Guernsey; mother and step-father, Sharon and Farrell Sparks; father, Douglas Guernsey; daughter and son in law, Erin

and Josh Augustine; sons, Matthew Guernsey, Alan Guernsey, and Aidan Guernsey; grandchildren, Liam Jerome and Madison Jane; sister, Holly Cosler; half-sister, Megan Holmes; brother, Brandon Guernsey; mother in law, Karen Kossler; an extensive fire family and countless friends.

Private Services will be held. In true Jeff fashion, he would have not wanted you to waste your money on a bunch of flowers for him. If you consider anything, Jeff would have been thrilled to know you would make donations in support of his favorite sport teams: Fairmont High School Wrestling, 3301 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH 45429 or Team AKA, 1701 Quincy Avenue #4, Napierville, Illinois, 60540. Arrangements in care of Schlientz-Moore & Reis Life Celebrations. Please share stories and photos at www.reislegacycenter.com.

Tribute Wall



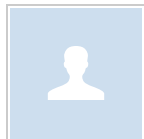
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Brother

A person who is there when you need him; someone who picks you up when you fall; a person who sticks up for you when no one else will;

a brother is always a friend.

Paul D. Likovetz - December 12, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Alan Guernsey.



December 10, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Alan Guernsey.



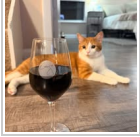
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BB

“ This picture sums up our relationship! We clicked as soon as we met! It was like finding a family that had been out there waiting to become a huge part of our lives! Oh the places we went! We were confined to hotel rooms until the last kid was done, but as soon as they were and proud hugs were exchanged, we were off to explore the town! We laughed hard, we had amazing dinner conversations, we shared drinks and toasts to friendship! We picked the best spots at the hotel lobbies to finish the day! We became family! We talked about kids, work, life drama but somehow, we were ALWAYS laughing! That was the gift you brought into our lives Jeff! I started to laugh more, to find the “funny” in the most mundane things, to lighten up! Remember the mugs?? And the drink line in Chicago when we all thought the sewage broke and you had the line in stitches? You, me and Peter drinking three bottles and you declared I was your hero because I didn’t stumble once (Sammy still says I shouldn’t brag about that, but I do!)? When we had said our good nights and we were all in our rooms and you started sharing jokes that had Jenny begging you to stop or we wouldn’t be your friend anymore! You said “that’s why I love them! They can handle it”! Well Jenny! We are not just your friends. We are your sisters forever and will always be with you!! We will continue to support the boys as they grow up, we will travel together to continue the legacy that Jeff left behind. He taught us well and he will be eternal in the memories and lessons he left behind! Cheers my friend! I know you will always be with us...because you would never miss a good time! Love you Guernseys!



Bella Burgess - December 09, 2020 at 07:41 AM



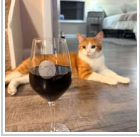
“ There were so many things that we still had to do and so many more places to visit. You were supposed to see Erin and Josh raise out grand babies, you were supposed to see Matt continue to do such a great job of being out on his own and meet someone special. You were suppose to see Alan graduate high school, follow in your footstep with the fire service, get married and have kids (a little Jeffrey Alan). You were suppose to see Aidan go to high school and graduate, pursue his dream of stunt work and martial arts, get married and start a family. We were suppose take that dream vacation to Australia, Greece, or the Maldives when you finally retired. We were suppose to grow old together and sit on our porch drinking our old fashions. It's just not fair and I can't understand why in the world you were taken from us so soon. You have taught me so much about living life to the fullest and I can honestly say that you have given me the most beautiful life that I could have ever imagined. I love you so much and I know the boys and I will be ok because you will always be watching over all of us. I know the good Lord put me on this earth to love you and I always will. Rest easy sweetie, until we are together again.

Jennifer Guernsey - December 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM

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Jenny, our are a very special dauther-in-law. We are so happy and proud that Jeff brought you in to our family! You are one of the strongest ladies I know. You were a loving wife and BFF to Jeff. His love for you was tremendous.. While in Kettering hospital, he told me he just wanted to get home to you and the boys. I told him you were strong and the boys were being strong and helping doing things like putting up the outside Christmas lights so the house would look nice when he came home.
He said, I know Mom and I am confident she will do well if I am not here". We love you!!! Sharon and Farrell

Sharon Sparks - December 09, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Jeff



Jennifer Guernsey - December 08, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *I can't believe that you are gone Jeff. I remember like it was yesterday I met you and Jenny. I said Mr. Guernsey and you said call me Jeff. Your laughter was contagious and you couldn't help but laugh when you started laughing at something funny. You gave great advice and I will cherish that forever. I never thought I would have to say goodbye at least not like this. Thank you for the short time I knew you for treating me like family. I will never forget that. Goodbye Jeff. I will miss you.*

Courtney Garrett - December 08, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Alan Guernsey.*



December 08, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ As a mother what can I say but we are to leave this world before our children. Farrell and I feel our hearts are broken. We have 52 years of wonderful memories but would have wished for many more. When he was in Kettering hospital, he told me he was scared an it tore me up. To that point the only thing I know that scared him (as you all know) was a snake!!
We will miss you so much and forever!!
For those of you reading this, stay say, keep your loved ones close and tell them you love them every day!
We love you Jeffrey Alan!!
Love, Mom and Farrell



Sharon Sparks - December 08, 2020 at 10:38 AM



Sharon, There are no words. I have not seen him in many years, but no matter you all are like family to me and I have so so so many great memories. Jeff is the kind of person that made you feel better and smile knowing he was in the world (I am thankful for facebook and his posts) and a feels a little darker (and quieter;) You should must be incredibly proud of the man he became and the impact he clearly had in the world. My heart is broken for you and Farrell, Holly, and the rest of his family. Love you all and I am thinking of you.

J. Michell Valentine - December 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM

DG

I wish that I could have been with you, and only wish that it was me, and not you. You had way to much to live

Doug Guernsey - December 08, 2020 at 11:25 PM

DG

for. MY heart is broken..I know we will be together again. I, Michelle and Stephen will always have you in our hearts and minds. We will always love you!!! Dad

Doug Guernsey - December 08, 2020 at 11:42 PM

DK

“ *Sending all of our love and support to Jenny, Erin, Matt, Alan, Aiden and the rest of the Guernsey family including the fire family for the loss of Jeff and the sadness we are all feeling right now. Know he loves you all and is with you every where you go.*

Debby Kirby and Family

Debby Kirby - December 08, 2020 at 07:31 AM