



Jeffrey John Stay

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On Monday, December 12, 2022, Jeffrey John Stay, loving husband, son, brother, fur-daddy, and proud Minnesotan, passed away at age fifty-five. Born and raised in Crystal, Minnesota, Jeff was considered a “legend” at Armstrong High School, where he played sports and developed a love of choir and theater. The cast party at the Stay home was remarkable and infamous. A graduate at Hamline University, Jeff majored in business and made it his mission to develop and foster connections across the globe. As a networking guru, Jeff spent 20+ years making relationships happen. These skills naturally transferred into his personal life, too, as Jeff was truly “everyone’s friend”. Jeff had a deep respect and love for the ocean, and spending time on his boat, the Stay at Sea, gave him some of the best moments of his life. A weekend cruise on a much larger ship was what led him to the love of his life, Jenny, with whom he shared six years of marriage and a happy home. Jeff was best known for his infectious laugh, great warmth, and generous spirit. He was happiest when he had a house full of friends and family, and when a good game of Mexican



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Train or Cribbage filled the room with laughs and banter. Jeff is survived by his wife, Jenny, his parents, Bud and Bonnie, his brothers, Curt and David, nieces, nephews, cousins, his beloved dog, Sadee, and countless friends from all over the world. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, from 2pm- 5pm at Van Orsdel Funeral Home located at 11220 N. Kendall Drive in Miami. A memorial service will take place in the Spring 2023 in his hometown of Crystal. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those who are able instead make a donation to Jeff and Jenny's non profit, STAYGENEROUS.

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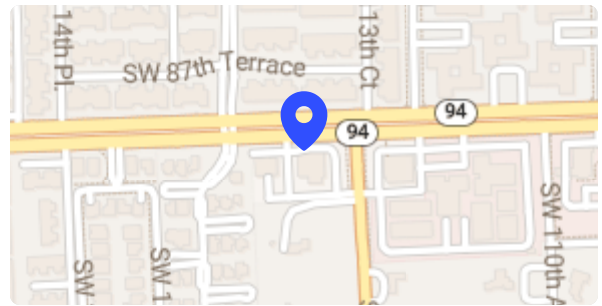


Events

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Memorial Gathering

- Sunday**, December 18, 2022
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Van Orsdel Kendall**
11220 North Kendall Drive, Miami FL 33176





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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Webcast Video**.



December 16 at 8:08 AM

MM

Melody Montgomery posted:

I am so sorry to have missed his celebration of life and I am so grateful that I am able to watch this now. SO many Jeff memories. After our time together at Deluxe - and inheriting so many pieces of his furniture - Jeff and I stayed in touch for more than 30 years. We kept trying to find opportunities to work together - but always found reasons to talk. My deepest condolences to friends and family. It's a hole that can never be filled.

January 2 at 11:30 AM

RT

Rosemary Talbot posted:

Bud, Bonnie, Jennifer and family. I watched the celebration of the life of Jeff and I was so proud to have known him. I only wish I could have spent time with him as an adult. The memories I have of him are when he was a toddler and I watched him on occasion when Bonnie worked. Otherwise I heard from my son Jason the fun they had on the boundary waters trips they took. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and hope to talk to you soon. All my love, Rosemary and Lyle Talbot.

December 18 at 5:24 PM

MH

Marleen A Hinrichs posted:

Our hearts dropped when we heard that Jeff had passed. I will always remember the Little League days when he was bombing home runs. After the games, he would always be his jovial self , and say he really didn't get all of that one. He was such a shining light, with the greatest smile ever. Our hearts go out to the Stay family, that have been in our lives forever. Love you guys, Hank and Mar Hinrichs

December 18 at 12:49 PM

PL

Pwter Leighton posted:

Jeff, rest in peace! You positively impacted so many in true giving and sharing! Thank you for your leadership of so many! Peter C Leighton

December 18 at 11:52 AM



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HB

Harlan And Marge Baack lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

David, Laurie, and family, We express our sympathy during your sorrow. You are in our thoughts, and prayers. 🙏🙏 May God comfort you, and Jeff's family, and friends. May the fond memories of Jeff be in your heart forever. God's blessings. 🙏🙏 Harlan and Marge Baack



December 18 at 11:23 AM

RD

Rita Dargham, Dmd lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My dear friend Jeff inspired me in so many amazing and memorable ways. His larger than life personality motivated my thoughts, behavior, and desires for greater accomplishments!! I met him over 20 years ago; my mindset has not been the same since. I have gained an angel in heaven. Jenny, his memory and spirit will live on through you. May God guide your path and bless you as you embark on this new journey. My love and prayers are with you today. 🙏🥲



December 18 at 10:16 AM

TB

Tuan Benson posted:

Jeff is a big teddy bear with a loving heart. He is caring about others and leaving an impact on people no matter who he come across. He sees the best in other people when they cannot see it themselves. Life surrounding your love one no longer be the same but I know you will look over Jenny and everyone R.I.P Jeff Stay.

December 18 at 10:16 AM

GS

Gail Scott posted:

Jeff was bigger than life and a friend. His ability as a connector of people literally changed the landscape of business in Miami. It's hard to wrap our heads around this loss. My sincere sympathy to Jenny and the whole Stay family. #staypositive

December 18 at 10:04 AM



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Mel Weinberg posted:

Jeff was very instrumental in helping me and my office reach our business goals !A lot came from his way of being of high energy and compassion for opening up new channels of growth and inspiration!Thank you Jeff for all that you have done and may you rest in peace and condolences to your family !

December 18 at 4:57 AM



Jonathan Blecher posted:

My deepest sympathies to Jeff's family. I learned a lot from him during our time in BNI, as did hundreds of other people. His warmth and friendliness knew no bounds.

December 17 at 9:16 PM



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David, Laurie, Matthew, Madeleine, and family,We express our sympathy. May God comfort you during your sorrow. You are all in our thoughts, and prayers. 🙏🙏 May you keep the fond memories of Jeff in your heart forever. We didn't know Jeff, but after reading the obituary it certainly tells us what an awesome, caring guy he was.God's blessings. 🙏🙏Harlan and Marge Baack



December 17 at 8:16 AM



Leeann Bymark Hruby posted:

Sven (aka Jeff) was a big hearted gregarious personality. The first born son of Bud and Bonnie. His laughter and smile will now light up heaven. He will be watching over all of his beloved family .Jenny our hearts and tears are with you!! Ray and LeeAnn Hruby

December 17 at 6:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stay family.



December 16 at 2:09 PM



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Amy Juntunen posted:

Jeff lit up any room with his jovial personality. He was an absolutely authentic and genuine person with sharp business sense and a cheerful sense of humor. My heart goes out to Jenny and the family with deepest sympathies.

December 16 at 9:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Stay family.



December 15 at 12:19 PM



Jeffrey Brisbane posted:

Jeff was high energy person who i looked up to so much I worked with him throughout my BNI time when he was around rest in peace my brother

December 14 at 4:07 AM



Tom Lewandowski December 15 at 5:48 AM

I remember Jeff coming to our broom Hockey games with his dad.



Karissa Masuga posted:

Jeff was my childhood hero. I always looked up to him and he became my greatest confidant into adulthood. He believed in me 100% was always there to express it and cheer me on. He would take me and my sister to Valleyfair in the summers when we were kids. It wasn't until years later he confessed his motion sickness on the rides. Just a testament to his love for us. Watching him in Guy's and Dolls in high school will always be a great memory, as will our motorcycle rides together, and long talks over bonfires and cocktails. I'll love you forever, CUZ! Until we meet again ❤️

December 13 at 1:17 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jeffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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