



Jeffrey J Kirkner

March 6, 1968 - April 4, 2021

Jeffrey Kirkner, age 53, passed away on April 4, 2021. He was born in Green Township, Ohio on March 6, 1968 to Patrick and JoAnn Kirkner, both deceased.

Jeff was a loyal fan of Notre Dame College, Fighting Irish, and a daily reader of the South Bend Tribune. He also was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and the Cleveland Browns. He was a proud employee of the Indian's Loge Concessions during the 1995-1997 Championship Years. He was a 1986 graduate from South Range High School in Canfield, and a 1990 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He was married to his beloved wife in 2006. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and exploring from Hawaii to the Arctic Circle.

He was a friend to all and stranger to none.

He began his civil service as a social worker in Trumbull County, then he moved to the EMS at Lane Ambulance and Youngstown Fire Dept. He joined the Eastlake Fire Department in 1999, where he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011. Jeff was a passionate smoking cessation instructor at the Metro Health Medical Center. He was an integral part of the safety of the community as a member of the fire department's, Technical Rescue Team, Water Rescue/Dive Team, Training Division, and the Head of the Public Education Division. He was recognized and awarded firefighter of the year in 2012, Lake County Blue Coat Award Winner in 2009 and Awarded three Unit Citations.

He is survived by his soulmate, Christina Kirkner (Sutch), his father and mother-in-law, Alan and Donna Sutch, his siblings, MaryAnn (Brett) Baxter, Mike (Kaitlyn) Kirkner, Beverly (William) Goings, Greg (Molly) Kirkner, and Julie (Kevin) Kirsh, his nieces and nephews, Brett Jr., Stephanie, Nick, JoAnn, Jordan and Jacob.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Scott Sutch, and his Sister-in-law, Jackie Kirkner.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 9, 2021 from 1-5 pm at Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations

Services for Jeffrey Kirkner will be held on Friday, at 5 pm at Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

Family request Donations in Jeff's name to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44110 and/or the Eastlake Firefighters Association, 35150 Lakeshore

Bld., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Link for the service. Click here. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6208672049?pwd=aWJveG16aZ5bFBWUDRkaCtNL3hBQT09>

Tribute Wall

LT

“ We only knew Jeff briefly but he touched our lives and will remain a beautiful memory forever. May God be with you Christina. Loretta and Jim Tharp

Loretta Tharp - June 08, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JA

“ I heard the news of Jeff's passing. I'm Jennifer Anderson(Ickes), Brian Ickes' little sister. Jeff was my brothers roommate in college at BGSU. I always remembered him because he was ALWAYS SO JOYFUL!!! I am 7 years younger than Jeff and Brian. When I visited them at college (I was 11-12... lol), they both taught me how to play Euchre. I have never forgotten that memory. I will pray for your family's hearts to heal from this great loss. Thinking of you today.

jennifer Ickes Anderson - April 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM

DD

“ *Keep Me in Your Heart*
Song by Warren Zevon

*Shadows are fallin' and I'm runnin' out of breath
Keep me in your heart for a while
If I leave you it doesn't mean I love you any less
Keep me in your heart for a while
When you get up in the mornin' and you see that crazy sun
Keep me in your heart for a while
There's a train leavin' nightly called "When All is Said and Done"
Keep me in your heart for a while
Keep me in your heart for a while
Keep me in your heart for a while
Sometimes when you're doin' simple things around the house
Maybe you'll think of me and smile
You know I'm tied to you like the buttons on your blouse
Keep me in your heart for a while
Hold me in your thoughts
Take me to your dreams
Touch me as I fall into view
When the winter comes
Keep the fires lit
And I will be right next to you
Engine driver's headed north up to Pleasant Stream
Keep me in your heart for a while
These wheels keep turnin' but they're runnin' out of steam
Keep me in your heart for a while
Keep me in your heart for a while
Keep me in your heart for a while
Keep me in your heart for a while*

Doug Drake - April 10, 2021 at 12:08 PM

CK

Thank you Doug, love it ❤️

Christina Kirkner - April 10, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.



April 09, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MO

“ Kirkner family, so sorry to hear about Jeff. He was a joy to teach and coach. You have my deepest sympathy. May God grant you His strength and presence.

Mr. Owen/ Coach

Mike Owen - April 09, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MB

“ It is the morning of your funeral and another sleepless night has passed...I keep praying this is all a bad dream we will wake from and you my sweet brother will be here with your beautiful big heart, your laughter and hugs...I don't know how to say goodbye to you little brother...all of our hearts are so broken now I pray that God will help us heal. I will cherish all of our precious memories growing up and our visits with you and Christina. We always looked forward to them and spending time with you. Rest in heaven sweet Jeffrey, I take comfort knowing you are with Mom and Dad now...until we meet again...we will take care of Christina ❤️ Love, your big sis Mary

MaryAnn Baxter - April 09, 2021 at 08:55 AM

JU

“ It's 11:00 pm the night before your services and In my mind I've convinced myself that if I never go to sleep that it will somehow stop tomorrow from happening. How do I say goodbye to my big brother? Memories flood my heart from the days of Lisbon Road to the last time I saw and spoke with you. Your smile, that laugh and your silliness. My heart is broken and I cannot fathom our lives without you in it. Time will never heal the pain of losing you or heal our broken hearts. One day we will all be together again, but until then know that we will take care of Christina for you. I love you and miss you ❤️

jules - April 08, 2021 at 11:23 PM

JS

“ Christina - I am so very sorry to hear about your loss! Praying for you and your family during such a difficult time. Sending big hug to you -

Jessica Siudowski

Jessica Siudowski - April 08, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memory Video*



Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - April 08, 2021 at 11:18 AM

SU

What a beautifully touching tribute to a wonderful man. I'm crying as I watch. God bless Christina and the entire Kirkner family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. 🙏💙🙏

susan - April 09, 2021 at 11:28 AM



Absolutely beautiful and heartbreaking at the same time. You two shared such a beautiful love. I am so sorry Christina. Continuing to keep you in my prayers daily. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Kim Goellner - April 13, 2021 at 05:32 PM

BO

Beautiful. Thank God for the memories we have in our lives. May God give you strength and peace in the days ahead. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Barry & Teresa Oldfield - April 15, 2021 at 02:34 PM

SD

A beautiful and heart warming tribute to a man who truly put the concerns and well-being of others before himself. Whether it be his profession or his inter personal relationships. In all the times I conversed with Jeff, it always began and ended with him asking how I and my family were doing and inquiring as to what was new in our lives. We are all blessed to have known Jeff. My prayers and thoughts to those who were closest to Jeff.

Scott Duko

Scott Duko - April 25, 2021 at 08:51 PM

NH

Nancy Harrison. I love you Cristina..God had promised to be with you thru the process. I'm sorry I didn't get to meet a wonderful man..

Nancy Harrison - May 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

DO

Beautiful tribute of our son-in-law, Jeff. Thank you for these special memories. Love

Donna - June 11, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 07:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 06:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 08, 2021 at 05:34 AM

DC

“ *I haven't known Jeff & Christina that long but what special people they were in my eyes. They were very easy people to work with and talk with and I enjoyed every minute with them. My heart goes out to the family for their loss and pray they get the support the family will need down the road. Again so sorry for your loss!!!*
Dan Chapman

Dan Chapman - April 07, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.*



April 07, 2021 at 08:51 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all.*

Jake Cowdrick - April 07, 2021 at 08:35 PM

AK

“ *Our prayers go out to the entire family during this difficult time. Such a tragic loss.*
Ann & Gene King
Nashville Tennessee

Ann King - April 07, 2021 at 07:43 PM

RT

“ Just a quick note to say that Jeff & Christina were a joy to meet. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers . We are around the corner if you need assistance.

Sincerely,
Russ & Teresa Scarvelli

Russ & Teresa - April 07, 2021 at 06:54 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry for your families loss!

Margie Goehring - April 07, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.



April 07, 2021 at 06:01 PM

LT

“ Sending thoughts to Jeff's family and friends. I graduated with Jeff. He was just one of those people that always had a smile and always made people laugh. He was just a good person. May he rest in eternal peace. . .I am sure while bringing laughter in Heaven to those he loves.

Lynne O'Neil Temple - April 07, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DM

“ I can remember when he would help my dad on the farm and he knew how to make everyone laugh and he always had a smile on his face. I have thought about him over the years. RIP my dear friend.

Desiree McDevitt - April 07, 2021 at 05:36 PM

SR

“ Thinking of the Kirkner family today, and remembering Jeff's smile and happy energy from our South Range and Boy Scout days. My father (Scoutmaster of Troop 116) always thought highly of Jeff (and the entire Kirkner family), and my family considered them to be outstanding people who made a community better simply by being part of it. May his memory be a blessing.

Scott Roller

Scott Roller - April 07, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.



April 07, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey J Kirkner.



April 07, 2021 at 04:36 PM

RO

“ We are so heartbroken over Jeff's passing. Greg and I have had the privilege and honor of knowing him since our college days. We will cherish all the memories we have of him hanging out, laughing, smiling and being the quintessential Jeff - the life of the party, the silly one, the giggly one, the sweet one who never left anyone out. No matter what the occasion, when he was around it was always a joyous time. Our deepest condolences to Christina and the Kirkner family, and to all Jeff's friends and colleagues and to the many Jeff's kindness has touched. He will be very much missed.

Greg and Rosie O'Leary

Rosie OLeary - April 07, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SH

We are so sorry for your loss Christina as well as the Kirkner family. We really appreciated having Jeff for a neighbor he was always so pleasant. We will miss him dearly as we know many people will. Stay strong Christina and God Bless.
Mike & Shirley Ryan

Shirley - April 08, 2021 at 03:38 PM