



Jeffrey David Vereecke

October 4, 1961 - July 21, 2014

ADRIAN - Jeffrey David Vereecke, 52, of Adrian went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, July 21, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home, surrounded by his wife and children.

Jeff was born on October 4, 1961 in Adrian, to George and Diana (Fogelsong) Vereecke. He graduated from Morenci High School with the class of 1979 and then attended Grand Valley State University, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance. Jeff worked at First Federal Bank for 30 years, first in Defiance, Ohio and then in Adrian, Michigan as northern market area president.

On August 6, 1983, he married the love of his life, Karen Deatruck. Jeff accepted Christ and became a child of the Father in November, 1986. He was a God-loving, people-loving man, a faithful husband and father of seven.

He was an active member in both the Defiance and Adrian communities, chairing Relay for Life for three years, serving on the boards of the Adrian Symphony Orchestra, Hospice of Lenawee, Boys and Girls Club of Lenawee, Lenawee Economic Development Coalition, United Way of Lenawee and Defiance, Ohio, and the Promedica/Bixby Foundation. He also served as a volunteer coach with Northwest Ohio Christian Home Educators.

He enjoyed outdoor sports, swimming, time with family, traveling, Northern Michigan vacations, cooking with family, church activities, and University of Michigan sports. He was a member of Grace Point Evangelical Free Church, Lenawee Country Club, Christian Family Centre, and the American Cancer Society.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Karen, their seven children, Adam, Alyssa (Jacob) Shumaker, Austin, Aubrey, Alexis, Anna and Ashla, all of Adrian; his parents, George and Diana Vereecke of Morenci; his sisters, Melony (Alan) VanBrandt of Morenci; Vandria (Doug) Bower of Coldwater; and Tonia (Dan) Hoffman of Morenci; nieces, nephews and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Ashlee Nicole.

Funeral services for Jeff will be held at Grace Point Evangelical Free Church, Adrian, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2014, with Rev. Jeff Barbieri and Rev. Tim Yazel officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Morenci. Visitation will take place at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian on Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jeff Vereecke Family Fund at any First Federal Bank, Hospice of Lenawee, Youth With a Mission, or the MPN Foundation (www.mpnresearchfoundation.org). Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove

12440 Lime Creek Highway (M156)
Morenci, MI 49256

Previous Events

Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Point Evangelical Free Church
4612 North Adrian Highway (M-52)
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey David Vereecke

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. You and I carpooled together years ago to Northwest Tech Nursing school. My son Jacob, stood with your niece, at your wedding. You and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely

Kathy Casey (Nieto)

kathy Casey - August 08, 2014 at 07:33 AM



“ Sending love and prayers for comfort to Doug, Vandria, and our friends the entire Vereecke family in the loss of Jeff. May the Lamb of God grant you peace.

The Stafford Family
Michigan, Colorado, Pennsylvania



Lyndi Stafford - July 28, 2014 at 04:13 PM

JM

“ Karen and family, we hope that you will find peace in your heart knowing that Jeff will watch over us from above. with the recent loss of so many family members the gaping hole in my heart is slowly healing with the help of faith and family. our thoughts and prayers go out to you. we are making a donation to fight cancer today in Jeffs honor.

Love Jim Megge and family

jim megge - July 27, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Best Regards, Sheri (Garwood) Wilt

Sheri Lynne - July 25, 2014 at 04:16 PM

MS

“ My family and I got to know the Vereeckes while they were going to First Baptist in Defiance, OH; we had many things in common - homeschooling & kids. I was able to know Alyssa better than the other children and my heart goes out to you all. When I had just learned that Jeff had cancer, yrs ago, it was just a few months after I had just lost my dad to cancer. As a wife my heart aches for you Karen and for the children but so does Gods heart. Your unity and faith as a family has been a blessing for many and will help you heal as a family.

Love in Christ, Maggie Spangler and Family

Maggie Spangler - July 25, 2014 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Karen. I admire the faith you have, the way you and Jeff have touched the lives of many, and the boundless amount of friends and support that's apparent. Having known you both early on in life was certainly a blessing. My prayers will continue for you and your family.

Bobbie Shadbolt Muldoon - July 25, 2014 at 06:22 AM

RR

Dear Karen and family. We are so sorry for the loss of Jeff from your lives right now. We so enjoyed knowing your family while we were homeschooling our children together. We grieve with you. Praying for the Comfort only our Lord can give.
Randy and Linda Ridley and family.

Randall Ridley - August 14, 2014 at 09:52 AM

IH

“ I probably knew Jeff when he was very small I was good friends with his sister Mel, but when he got to high school he was in the saxophone section with me. I was a little older, , but he had more talent and he beat me out as first chair. Karen joined him in the saxophone section and soon they became an item. I loved that kid even when he drove me crazy. Whenever I saw him over the years he always had a smile and a hug for me. Karen my great breaks for your loss and for your children. I know you'll be fine, you are strong, and you now have another Angel watching out for you. I'm proud to call you both friends.

Ivy Hutchison - July 24, 2014 at 10:23 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.



July 24, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.



July 24, 2014 at 03:56 PM



“ Marlan Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey David Vereecke



Marlan Shaffer - July 24, 2014 at 01:28 PM



Karen and family, Know that you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. May God bring you comfort & peace this day and in the days that lay ahead.

Marlan Shaffer - July 24, 2014 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ Marlan & Glen Shaffer purchased the 'Faith, Hope, and Peace' Comfort Candle for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.



Marlan & Glen Shaffer - July 24, 2014 at 01:22 PM

DC

“ Karen I am so sorry for your loss.. Jeff was A GENUINE SOUL.. Please know HE IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.. Prayers go out to you and the rest of your Beautiful family..

Debra Collar - July 24, 2014 at 12:07 PM

DV

“ Karen, I am so very sorry to hear that Jeff had passed away. Know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Darla Vasher - July 24, 2014 at 11:39 AM

KC

*Karen, I am very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. You and I carpoled to Northwest Tech years ago and my son, Jacob stood with your niece in your wedding. You and your family are in my prayers.
Kathy Casey (Niето)*

kathy Casey - August 08, 2014 at 07:28 AM

DV

“ Darla Vasher lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey David Vereecke



Darla Vasher - July 24, 2014 at 11:34 AM

RU

“ Jeff has been an amazing peer, friend and source of hope. My memories include afternoon pancake meetings, dreadful driving (wrong way on an exit ramp even!) and belly laughs that could be heard down the hall. Jeff had a creative fire he brought to work with him; he gave FFB the tag line "Bank with the People You Know and Trust" - because with Jeff, it was always about people. Jeff lived his values every day: no meeting could ever keep him from the kids he adored and the woman who made him light up at the mention of her name. Karen, I'm so sorry for what you've been through. Your strength gave Jeff so much extra time. We have temporarily lost an inspiring man of laughter, love and faith. I am so sad; but I can hear him hiss "stop that" when I cry. We'll just go ahead and miss him . . .

Rachel Ulrich - July 24, 2014 at 09:08 AM

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Rachel Ulrich - July 24, 2014 at 08:28 AM

LK

“ Love, Harrison, Reed, Cindy & David Knapp purchased the Forever Beloved for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.



Love, Harrison, Reed, Cindy & David Knapp - July 23, 2014 at 10:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.*



July 23, 2014 at 01:03 PM



“ *Jeff has been such an inspiration to many people, including Don and myself. His radiant christian personality has been a blessing to many. He is setting at the right hand of our Father in heaven. We are so blessed. Our deepest and most sincere condolences go out to each of his loving family members. We are with all of you in prayer. God is faithful.*

*Don and Carol Merillat
See you later Jeff.*

Don and Carol Merillat - July 23, 2014 at 12:47 PM

DH

“ Karen and family,

My sincere condolences to you and your entire family on Jeff's passing. He put up a great fight in his battle against cancer, and I know he is now in a better place. Your strong faith will help you through this difficult time.

I had a great deal of respect for Jeff, and enjoyed watching the love that you have for each other. He was a good man, and we are all blessed to have known him. Stay strong.

Dave Hickman

Dave Hickman - July 23, 2014 at 12:37 PM

KK

“ Jeff 'dad' had one of the most beautiful hearts. I feel blessed to have had him and his family in my life. He even used to call me his daughter and treat me like one of his own.. that's the type of person he was. So loving. Now he is with the angels and his Lord and Savior and will never feel pain again. Many hearts are left feeling empty with his passing but I know he will be watching over his beautiful family. God bless him and his family! i love you all!

kayla kuhlman - July 23, 2014 at 11:35 AM

SG

“ Steve Grosenbacher lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey David Vereecke



Steve Grosenbacher - July 23, 2014 at 10:04 AM

MH

“ *my condolence to the Vereecke family martha harsh (morenci bible fellowship church) martha harsh*

martha harsh - July 23, 2014 at 08:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.*



July 22, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Jeffrey David Vereecke.*



July 22, 2014 at 04:24 PM