



## Jeffrey William Bohnert

October 26, 1963 - April 20, 2020

Jeffrey William Bohnert, 56, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, April 20, 2020.

He was born October 26, 1963 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to William C. and Carolyn F. Heisserer Bohnert.

He and Tammy J. Poe were married September 19, 1987 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Cape Girardeau.

Jeff was best known for his love of family and friends, his kindness and his capacity for giving to all those he knew; all of which was founded by his devotion to his Catholic faith and evidenced in the way he lived his life. He and Tammy, the love of his life, built a community of friends that miss him dearly.

An avid sportsman, Jeff excelled in all sports during his high school career and has been inducted as a member of the Notre Dame Athletic Hall of Fame. He was able to continue his baseball career at Mineral Area College where he was recognized as a National Junior College All Regional team member and runner up for the National Junior College All America Team. Jeff completed his college baseball career at Southeast Missouri State University.

Jeff graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1987; he started his career with Drury Southwest while still in school working at the Drury Lodge for Tammy's dad, Pete Poe. Over the years, he worked in the hotel, construction division, and the billboard company. Jeff became President of DSW Signs in 2000 and faithfully attended every Drury Southwest Inc Board of Directors meeting to assist in guiding the family of companies. Over his 20 years of leadership, he grew the DSW Signs division substantially, including expanding the company by creating Connect Digital Marketing, a digital marketing company in 2019 to make DSW Signs not only a full service billboard company but a full service digital marketing company as well. He truly practiced the DSW Signs motto of "We build signs, but first we build relationships." With over 800 billboard faces in

6 states, he built a lot of valuable relationships with landowners and clients. One of the most recognizable Cape Girardeau accomplishments that many people enjoy is the creation of the Saint Francis Welcome Baby billboard, including the many seasonal hats that adorn the giant billboard baby! His professional memberships include serving as the Previous President and member of the Missouri Outdoor Advertising Association, Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce and Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Jeff has been a treasured member of the Cape Girardeau area community. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #11205 and a supporter of the Avenue of Flags. Jeff was a pivotal contributor to the Southeast Missouri Fair Advisory Board in addition to being an avid supporter of the Southeast Missouri State University Women's Basketball program.

His greatest pride in life was being a husband to Tammy, a father to Haley and Brooke and grandfather to Lawson "Lottie". He embraced them and all of their friends, becoming a "Father/Coach" to a generation of sporting girls. He was very proud of all their accomplishments and very excited to welcome Tony and Alex to the family.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy J. Bohnert of Cape Girardeau; parents, William C. and Carolyn F. Bohnert of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Haley D. (Anthony) Spencer and Brooke E. (fiance, Alexander Heuring) Bohnert; two sisters, Tammy Bohnert (Mark) Gottschalk and Lindsay Bohnert (Lucas) Bingaman; and one grandchild, Lawson "Lottie" Spencer.

Due to current gathering restrictions, there will be a private graveside service at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating.

The family plans to have a celebration of life at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Notre Dame High School, Avenue of Flags, SEMO Women's Basketball or SEMO District Fair Foundation.

# Cemetery

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## **St. Mary Cemetery**

1101 Perry Avenue

Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701

# Comments

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“ I feel so badly that I just heard about this unspeakable event...I played with Jeff at MAC and was struck at how easy going and such a genuinely great guy he was, in 1984...We continued to be friends and saw each other occasionally until I moved away from the area. From what I have read, and our common friends i was in contact with recently, he didn't change from the very engaging, great guy that I knew. Thoughts and prayers from Jeff's old catcher and teammate, and most of all buddy...  
Joe Pfister

**Joe Pfister** - May 13, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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“ I remember watching Jeff pitch for the Capahas and SEMO. Our fathers played slow pitch softball together and I had the pleasure of being coached by Jeff's Dad, Bill, in American Legion baseball. Jeff was a gamer and always a gentleman. Peace and prayers to all the Bohnert Family.

**Rhett Pierce** - May 01, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ Jeff was a great yet humble man, with a kind word for everyone. We will keep your family in our prayers.

**Elaine Backer** - April 30, 2020 at 07:52 AM

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“ Clear Channel Outdoor - San Antonio purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Clear Channel Outdoor - San Antonio** - April 28, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ KHIS Radio would like to extend our condolences for your loss. We pray that God will wrap His arms around the Bohnert and Poe family during this time.  
“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.”  
2 Thessalonians 3:16 NLT

**KHIS Radio** - April 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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“ May the love of family and friends be your light in the darkness that surrounds you at this most sad and difficult time. May your broken hearts some day again be able to smile softly at memories of your love and good times shared with Jeff, but until then, know that prayers and thoughts for comfort, strength and peace surround you. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss of one loved so deeply by so many.

With love,  
Laurie Schott Lourie

**Laurie Lourie** - April 25, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to DSW and Jeff's loved ones.

**MoDOT Outdoor Advertising** - April 25, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ Tammy, Bill, Carolyn and Lindsay; Kathy and I are so sad to here this news and wish that God wraps you in his loving arms and gives you some sort of comfort.  
Fred and Kathy Gabel

**Fred Gabel** - April 24, 2020 at 08:10 PM

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“ Dear Tammy,  
We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. May God's blessings and mercy lovingly rain down upon you.  
Sincerely,  
James and Pamela (Roth) Saucier

**Pamela Saucier** - April 24, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Dear Family and Friends, especially Tammy, Hayley, Brooke, Carolyn, Bill and Lindsay.

My deepest sympathy for your loss. Jeff was always so kind, so supportive and so caring to me. His love for Notre Dame was second to none, he always went above and beyond the call to get things done for us at school. I can see him in the halls measuring the walls for some sign or lettering that had to get done immediately. He knew exactly what to say and do for all. His devotion to all was just so unique. He loved you ALL so much and I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. I know that he is with God and that Mary our Mother has wrapped her arms around him and is caring for him, in the same way she cares for her son Jesus. Know that all here at Saint Anthony's High School are praying for you today. We have offered our Sunday Liturgy for him and your wonderful family. Be certain of my love forever.

Love always,  
Brother David

**Brother David** - April 24, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ My heart breaks for the Bohnert and Poe families. I have know both families since high school and I feel your pain I pray you find peace and comfort. Jeff was a competitor in everything he did. What a athelete. I remember when he work at the Drury Lodge we always had a front desk vs kitchen crew Christmas eve basketball game even Pete played and at times it would get pretty rough and Jeff was right there in the middle of it getting rebounds scoring smiling the whole time. Good times. I won't ever forget the good memories Rest in peace my friend

**Kevin Halter** - April 23, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ I am so saddened at the loss that all of us are feeling over the loss of Jeff. As for Carolyn and Bill, Lindsay and Lucas, and Tammy his wife, the void has to be huge. One of my memories of Jeff was last Christmas. At a gathering I complimented Tammy, his wife, who decorated the office tree that I have enjoyed for 8 Christmas' each December. As I complimented Tammy, Jeff sat beside her with a large proud smile on his face. That shining smile will certainly be missed. Many times during my 8 years at Drury SouthWest he would come into the office smiling and I admired and to my self, Jeff must have a great life. Jeff treated everyone the same. It is my prayer that Carolyn and Bill and all who loved Jeff, will know peace and understanding in his passing. Our world has lost some of its shine.

**pat I silman** - April 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ I am so very sorry you lost Jeff, Tammy, Haley and Brooke. My very deepest condolences to the Bohnert, Poe, and Hale families. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I share your grief!

With sympathy,  
Barb Johnson

**B. Johnson** - April 23, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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“ Jeff and I played baseball against each other at Arena park years ago, very good ballplayer even then. Over the recent years he helped with the cemetery of the Unborn signs and was always a sympathetic listener to the life movement. We had several nice conversations at various SEMO sporting events, I will miss him. Prayers for his loved ones.

Sincerely,

Richard Flentge

**Richard Flentge** - April 23, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Jeff's Family, his DSW Family and all his friends and associates. You are all in my Prayers. I cannot explain how saddened we are to hear this news. I had the privilege of working with Jeff for almost 30 years in the out of home industry and we became good friends. He peppered every conversation we had with his love of his Family. He could not be prouder of his children and the new grandchild. Jeff was one of the great ones. I will miss him greatly.

**Tony Mariani** - April 23, 2020 at 05:01 PM

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“ Prayers - that you will find peace in the midst of your sorrow. Our Deepest Sympathy.  
Susan Knaup Dirnberger Family

**Susan Dirnberger** - April 23, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ Chris Bowen & The Staff of Bowen Engineering & Surv purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



Chris Bowen & The Staff of Bowen Engineering & Surv - April 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 23, 2020 at 02:03 PM

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“ We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. Jeff was a special man. He had such a kind and generous heart. Please accept our deepest condolences and know that God loves you and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jeff & Amy Worley

Jeff Worley - April 23, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Tammy, Brooke, and Haley. So sorry to hear about Jeff. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs and Love. Linda Ruddy

Linda Ruddy - April 23, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ Tammy, Haley & Brooke  
We are saddened to hear of your loss. Jeff was a kind and gentle man. Remember the wonderful times you spent together as a family. Praying for strength and courage to help your family through this hard time.  
Tammy & Rick Ostendorf

Tammy Ostendorf - April 23, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ When it comes to losing your spouse, words are just not adequate, Tammy. Jeff was special to many, but even more special to you. Death may be a part of life, but it certainly is not a good part. The best part are the memories you shared, focus of those memories and God's love will help you through this loss. Love and prayers for you and your family. Joan

**Joan McPherson** - April 23, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Adrienne and Independent's Service Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Adrienne and Independent's Service Company** - April 23, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Sending prayers to Tammy and family. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Wayne and Diane (Heuring) Diebold

**Diane (Heuring) Diebold** - April 23, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ Dear Bohnert Family ~ please know that we are sending all our love and surrounding you with prayers for peace. We are heartbroken and grieving with you. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Love to you all,  
The Notre Dame High School Class of 1983

**Lisa** - April 23, 2020 at 11:46 AM

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“ Our prayers and deepest condolences go out to the Bohnert and Poe families at this sad time.

Don and Carol Koehler

**Donald Koehler** - April 23, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ Bill, Carolyn, Tammy, Brook and Haley,  
Our hearts are breaking for you. God will carry you through this sad time. He is and will be your strength. Turn to HIM.  
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Diane & Jim Mattingly

**Diane Mattingly** - April 23, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ TAMMY AND FAMILY, I HAVE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE IN KNOWING JEFF BOTH AS A FRIEND AND LOYAL CUSTOMER FOR OVER 20 PLUS YEARS. I FOUND JEFF TO BE OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND AMAN OF HIS WORD. MAY OUR LORDS PEACE GUID YOU THROUGH THIS TIME. JIM KUHN  
SELECTIVE STRUCTURES

**JIM KUHN** - April 23, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 23, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 23, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ Our sympathy and prayers goes out to Jeff's family!

Randal & Marilyn Friend

**Randal Friend** - April 23, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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“ Tony, Renee', Michael and Lindsay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Tony, Renee', Michael and Lindsay** - April 23, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. So sorry for your loss.

Joe & Sheila Schlitt



**Sheila** - April 23, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“ Saddened to hear of the loss of this beautiful soul...prayers for the entire family during this time of loss.

**Brad & Elaine Beussink** - April 23, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. May memories comfort you and I pray that God's peace and presence surround you all during this difficult time.

Greg & Linda Illers

**GREG ILLERS** - April 23, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ Tammy, Haley and Brooke,

We are truly at a loss for words! Jeff blessed so many people with his faith and kindness. Praying that you'll find comfort in your memories of him and in the knowledge that others are missing him, too. Our hearts are broken for all of you. Everyone in your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

The Oberlohr Family

**Carol Oberlohr** - April 23, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ Dearest Bill, Carol and family, our heart's go out to you as well as our prayers in this sad time. May God's healing arms surround you and comfort you and heal you. Blessings to you. Dan and Mary Seyer



**Mr/Mrs Daniel Seyer** - April 23, 2020 at 07:52 AM

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“ My deepest and most sincere condolences to you all. Many blessings, prayers and thoughts of love to each of you.

**Kathi Mazzanti** - April 23, 2020 at 06:26 AM

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“ Mary Golden James Headrick and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Mary Golden James Headrick and family** - April 23, 2020 at 01:23 AM

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“ Dear Bohnert Family,  
One day soon, we will be able to hug and cry together. Until then know that I am embracing you all in my thoughts and in my broken heart...sharing in your sorrow and pain...and lifting you in prayer.  
All my love, Laura Nolan

**Laura Nolan** - April 22, 2020 at 11:33 PM

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“ Tammy, Haley and Brooke, so sorry to hear of the loss of Jeff. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel Jeff's love in your heart and your soul and may God hold you in the palm of His hand, always!!!!

All my love,  
Terrie Harter

**Terrie Harter** - April 22, 2020 at 11:01 PM

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“ Sincerely saddened by the loss of Jeff. We are keeping Tammy, Haley, Brooke and the rest of his family in our prayers. We remember Jeff as a man that loved his family deeply and was always a pleasure to be around. The world lost a good man.  
With love,  
Rick and Robin Brugger & Jamie and T.J. Findeiss

Jamie Brugger - April 22, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 22, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



April 22, 2020 at 10:20 PM

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“ We are just heartbroken to hear of your loss. Jeff was one of those special "good guys" that you feel blessed to have known in your life. Please know that the entire Bohnert Family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Hugs,

The Raines Family  
Scott, Kathy, Zachary, Noah and Gabriel

**Kathy Raines** - April 22, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ We are heartbroken as well. Our hearts are with the entire Bohnert Family. Jeff was such a wonderful Husband, Father and son! Prayers for the entire family. May God shepherd you with peace at this time.

**Sheila (Welter) Ortega** - April 22, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ My sincere sympathy for all of Jeff's Family. May God send you comfort. I had the privilege to Coach Jeff in J.V. Basketball and to watch his baseball career. He was not only a talented player, but carried himself with class. He was a model for what a student athlete should be. What great memories I have of him. In the years since graduation, he was always so good to me and to Notre Dame. Always ready to help and always with a smile.



**brad wittenborn** - April 22, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Oh Jeff.....As I look back, I remember a special memory you helped make into an important moment, a late night after returning from a MAC volleyball game. You made a bet with the friend you were bringing to meet me, about me showing up. I did! You won.....and the prize I'll have to share with Tammy and the girls, only. Those were some great old days. Your physical presence will be greatly missed, but YOU will always be in our hearts. You brightened this world and touched many lives in the most beautiful way. I pray healing and peace will find all of you soon. And, send my deepest soul felt sympathies and enormous love.

**Christina Roosman** - April 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ Tammy, Haley and Brooke I am so sad to hear of your loss. Your husband and dad was an amazing man! He will be deeply missed! You all are in my thoughts and prayers! Love you all!

**Allie Balsman (Payne)** - April 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

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“ Deeply saddened and shocked when I got the news. Lots of memories started replaying from first grade to Jeff's birthday parties at his mom and dads house to our competitive May Day races at St. Vincents to all our practices and games at Notre Dame to his endless competitive JBBills fantasy football team. Just a treasure of memories that will bring smiles and laughs one day.  
Rest in Peace man

**David Deevers** - April 22, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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“ Brooke and family,  
Jeff was an admirable guy. He really took the time to explain the fundamentals of basketball to me during our summer league basketball tournament days. He was always so patient, calm, and kind. I'm so sorry for your loss — you guys are in my constant thoughts and prayers.

**Allie Hardesty** - April 22, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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“ Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Jeff. He will always be remembered as a hardworking, honest and respectable man. My thoughts are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

**Danielle Torbet** - April 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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“ Speaking of competition:

Our house is 6 up from the Bohnert Family. Every Sunday morning, as I came over the rise in the road, I would frequently need to brake or else meet Jeff's back bumper as he left his house. Somehow our alarms were set at the same time.. (late!!!). It was a coin toss as to who would have bragging rights re: who won the weekly rush to church.

There was an unspoken truce , or maybe a gesture of recognition amounting to...you won the good seat in church this time. Didn't need verbal communication. But something so simple was so meaningful. I'll miss this ritual...and he's done it again!

**The Hahn Family** - April 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM

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“ Anytime I passed the Bohnert's house I would always look to see if Mr. Jeff was mowing so I could wave! Couldn't have asked for a better family to grow up with.

**Taylor Cox** - April 22, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. He was a stand up guy, always working hard, who had an intense love of his wife and family. My heart goes out to his family and friends. You are in my prayers.

**J Kornblum** - April 22, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ Spent a lot of time side by side with Jeff when we worked the Rose Garden entrance during the fair parade. He talked a lot about Tammy and his daughters which was evident they were everything to him. Such a good man who will be truly missed. Prayers to Tammy, the girls and grand baby and the rest of the family.

**Kathy Fausett** - April 22, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ Jesse & Ciara Schott purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Jesse & Ciara Schott** - April 22, 2020 at 06:28 PM

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“ Tammy and family,  
We are saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. May God give you all comfort and peace during this most difficult time. Treasure all of the wonderful memories that you have with him.  
With Love,  
Becky Moore (daughter of Adam & Margarete Mueller)

**Becky Moore** - April 22, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ Theresa and Tom Hoffmeister purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jeffrey William Bohnert.



**Theresa and Tom Hoffmeister** - April 22, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ Tammy & family,  
I am truly sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. I've known him since we were about 10 playing baseball. I remember competing against him many times over the years. He was always the same... a competitor... but a gentleman. Know I'm thinking of you all. You will all be in my prayers.

Kevin Alfultis  
St. Louis

**Kevin Alfultis** - April 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM