



Jeffrey Vernon Volkerding

January 22, 1960 - October 27, 2023

Jeffrey Vernon Volkerding of Parker, CO, formerly of Overland Park, KS and Cape Girardeau, MO, left his earthly life suddenly and unexpectedly on October 27, 2023 due to an unattended medical emergency. He was the first son born to Victor Vernon and Ferne Elizabeth (Howard) Volkerding on January 22, 1960.

Jeff attended Trinity Lutheran Day School from kindergarten through eighth grade and was Salutatorian of his eighth grade class. In 1978, he graduated from Central High School in Cape Girardeau, MO. During his high school years, his talents as a singer and musician were honed by his participation in numerous choir concerts and theater productions culminating in his portrayal of Jud Fry in the Red Dagger offering of the musical "Oklahoma" during his senior year.

After high school, Jeff worked as a realtor until 1985 when he made the move to the hospitality industry. He worked in Missouri and Kansas as General Manager and Director of Operations of several motels. He served on the Missouri Hotel and Motel Association Board of Directors from 1988-2000 and was elected President and President-elect in 1998 and 2000, respectively. He was appointed to the Perry County Tourism Commission in July 1988 and served two terms as its President. While in Perryville, Jeff was an engaged community member. He founded and was Chairman of "Perryville's Fabulous

4th" Independence Day celebrations in 1997 and 1998. He was elected to serve a three-year term on the Perry County School District 32 School Board. He also served on the Lodging and Tourism Committee of the Merriam, KS Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff stayed connected to music throughout his life. In his younger years he was a member of several bands (Melody Lane Express and Ivory Tower, for example). He also sang at weddings, funerals and other events. And, he worked as and enjoyed being a DJ for events such as wedding receptions and corporate parties.

Jeff gave of himself by volunteering numerous hours to produce, direct, and perform musical entertainment for local schools, churches, nursing homes, and sheltered workshops. He also volunteered for the National Stroke Association manning the phone helping others navigate the after-effects of having a stroke.

Survivors include one son, Christopher Volkerding of the Kansas City, MO/KS area; two sisters, Victoria Roundtree of Parker, CO and Jennifer Volkerding-Trinka of Whitewater, MO; one brother, Gregory Volkerding, whose whereabouts are currently unknown. Also one uncle, Jerry Howard of Dexter, MO and several nieces and great-nieces, nephews and a great-nephew with another on the way, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Louis and Oma (O'neal) Volkerding and John and Sylvia (Brecheisen) Howard, and many other family members.

A private family service was held in Parker, CO at Parker Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held in Cape Girardeau, MO at Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mount Auburn Chapel on December 2, 2023 with visitation from 12 p.m. -2 p.m. The funeral will begin at 2pm officiated by Rev. Douglas Breite of

Trinity Lutheran Church Cape Girardeau. Inurnment will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to the National Stroke Association or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jeff when he and his family moved to Sena Fawn Drive. I remember shouting across the field to see if we could hang out. Through ups and downs he was always the best of friends and will always be in my heart.

I will miss him very much.

Doug Norris

Doug Norris - December 02, 2023 at 11:07 AM

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“ Victoria and Volkerding family,
Please accept my condolences on the passing of your brother,
Jeffrey.

May he rest in peace.

Ruth Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Parker - November 27, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ There are too many memories from being neighbors growing up and feeling like he was my older brother, but one of my fondest memories he was also my hero.

I was getting my bicycle out of the shed on our property and saw a snake, I freaked out. Ran into the house screaming my head off about the snake in the shed, Jeff was our baby sitter that day, never missed a beat grabbed up a baseball bat and proceeded up the hill to the shed and killed the snake. Gave him the biggest hug that day. I always smile when remembering that day. He will be greatly missed.

Carol Wegman - November 17, 2023 at 10:52 AM