



Jeffrey Eugene Drifmeyer

September 7, 1948 - July 31, 2020

Jeffrey Eugene Drifmeyer, PhD MS MPH, was born, September 7, 1948 in Washington, DC. Jeff was called to the Lord on July 31, 2020 at home in Nashville, Tennessee after a courageous, decade-long battle with neuroendocrine cancer. Loving husband of Gina, formerly of Williamsburg, Virginia and father of Erin (David) Moga, of Blaine, Minnesota and Julie (Patrick) Shaffner, of Nashville, and Grandpa of Eleanor, Michael, Nicholas, and Clementine. He is also survived by his parents, Helen and Eugene, formerly of Alexandria, now Harrisonburg, Virginia, and siblings: Ken (Gail), Sally Mielcarek, Polly (Jay) Ashby, Barrett, and Matthew.

Jeff grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia, graduating from George Mason University, University of Virginia, and Johns Hopkins University. He served honorably in both the United States Marine Corps Reserve and in the Army Medical Service Corps as an environmental science officer, with duty throughout the U.S. and abroad, retiring after a 20-year career as Lieutenant Colonel.

Jeff led many research studies in environmental public health, published numerous articles, and taught at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and the College of William & Mary. His dedicated work received numerous awards including best research paper, and an award for excellence in collaborative leadership. His writing included two books, the narrated nonfiction, *Civil War Comes Home*, and the novel, *When Pigs Flu...* under pen name, 'Jake McKenzie.'

Jeff was an avid gardener, novice beekeeper, artist adept in paint and stained glass, and was a master at puttering in the shed. All who knew him were touched by his generosity and kind spirit. He is loved beyond measure by his family and is greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances are invited for the ongoing research effort on neuroendocrine cancer at: LSU Health Foundation, 200 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112. The family thanks his many caregivers throughout the years, Drs. Eugene A. Woltering and J. Philip Boudreaux of LSU, and nurses Bettye Simmons and Mary Giguere of Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and Sarah of Alive Hospice.

Funeral Service will be at Holy Name Catholic Church, 11:00 am , Wednesday, August 12, 2020, and Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Holy Name Catholic Church

521 Woodland St, Nashville, TN, US, 37206

Comments



“ I was very sorry to learn of Jeff’s passing. He was a man and soldier of highest honor and a great 30 year friend. I enjoyed his collaboration in our Medical Service Corps duties; our follow-on email exchanges; and his later years books and the reviews I wrote for them.

Blessings to Gina and family and pray God’s Grace will help you in this difficult time.

With Deepest Sympathy,

CAPT Richard J. Titi, MSC , USN (Ret.)

Rick Titi - August 15, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Gina and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I know Gina through the Holy Name Woman’s Ministry. I know that your husband and father was loved so deeply. He built a solid family and a beautiful legacy of love. In your time of deepest grief, my prayer is that your great memories will sustain you.

Wishing you peace,

Chris Svitek

Christina Svitek - August 09, 2020 at 12:53 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Love & prayers. Paul & Carol Levesque

Paul Levesque - August 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ I still can't believe you're gone, Dad. As I promised you, your grandchildren will never forget you. Thank you for fighting so hard for the past 10 years, we loved and needed you. Thank you for your love, guidance, and patience. You continue to inspire me.

Love,
Erin

Erin Moga - August 04, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Sister Gina, am sending prayers up for you and your family during this difficult journey. May God continue to comfort the entire family.

Garmai Tokpah

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Garmai Tokpah - August 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Jeff was such a great guy and will be missed by all. We will think of him often, especially at Christmas as we set up our Nativity set and add the beautiful stained glass angel he made. He left behind so many wonderful memories and a very dear family. Our deepest sympathy to you.

Cindy and Don Piercy

Cindy Piercy - August 02, 2020 at 07:45 AM