



Jeffrey L. Randles

December 29, 1957 - January 21, 2022

Jeffrey L. Randles, 64, of Zanesville, was surrounded by family when he passed on January 21, 2022 at Genesis Hospital after an extended illness. Jeff was born on December 29, 1957 in Cambridge, Ohio to the late William F. Randles and Donna S. Mallett Randles. He was a 1976 graduate of Zanesville High School and attended the University of Kentucky and The Ohio State University.

Though Jeff's life journey took him from southeast Ohio to Caldwell, New Jersey; from Lexington, Kentucky to Columbus and then Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Zanesville was his home. His first job was for the local cable company operated by his father, and he went on to a 40+ year career as a "cable guy." As a cable contractor, he traveled the country from coast to coast, spending a particularly impactful 2 years working in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He returned to Zanesville at the end of his career, retiring in 2020.

Jeff was an intelligent, articulate, gregarious personality who never met a stranger. He could spin a tale and was often the life of the party. He enjoyed fishing (especially from Clearwater Beach in the Gulf of Mexico), camping and the company of several 4-legged companions through the years including Max, Sam, Copper and especially Snots. While Jeff had flaws and was far from perfect, in many defining moments his presence was undeniable, impactful, and even heroic. That was never truer than in 1997 when he helped save the members of his household from a devastating house fire.

Jeff is survived by his children, Justin (Ann) Randles, Paige (Ben) Bierce and

Hunter (Grace) Riggs; grandchildren Bentley and Bennett Bierce and Kelvin and Leon Bell; siblings Steve (Halle) Randles and Lisa (Tim) Norris; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He is also survived by aunts, Helen Randles, Mary Lou Randles and Ruth Hastings, and an uncle, Duryl Mallett. Jeff planned to be cremated with his ashes interred at the grave of his mother in Zanesville Memorial Park. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date at Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Randles Family Fund, c/o the Muskingum Country Community Foundation, 534 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey L. Randles*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 26, 2022 at 04:58 PM

SN

Such a beautiful tribute. I pray that soon the happy memories of Jeff will replace the sorrow of your loss.

Sylvia Norris - January 27, 2022 at 09:16 AM

CF

Our thoughts are with you, we are very sorry to hear of your loss.

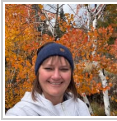
The Finerans,

Chuck Fineran - January 27, 2022 at 04:51 PM

TB

*Jeff was one of the greatest men I've ever known. Definitely the smartest. Jeff, Joey, CJ & Lup taught me everything I know about cable. Jeff & I rode together every day. Talked, laughed, dropped off Justin at pre-school. Had "breakfast" - served daily on Powell Rd. Jeff was one of the good ones, for sure. Jeff said things to me that echo in my head to this day. Just little quips, nicknames for things, mostly insignificant but he also shared his great wealth of knowlege - with me or with anyone who cared enough to listen. He would give you an ear-ful. He wasn't afraid to tell it like it was but he did it in a careful, articulate way so as to end up, "beyond reproach", as he put it. "Stamp-out & abolish redundancy" & "Like trying to catch a deluge in a paper cup." Jeff will live forever in all our memories & those of us who he shared his time with are truly blessed. Prayers go out to the family. Jeffro Tull - see you when I get there buddy!
- Bum*

Tim Baumgardner - January 27, 2022 at 07:44 PM



Thank you, Tim!

Lisa Randles Norris - January 29, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Jeffrey L. Randles*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

SA

“ *Sorry to hear about your brother Lisa. Hope you and Tim are well.*

Shane Abbott

Shane Abbott - February 13, 2022 at 07:09 PM

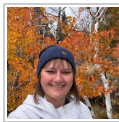
JS

“ Steve and Lisa I am so sorry to hear of Jeff’s passing. I met him on the first day of college as a Freshman in Aug 1976. He was my next door neighbor in the dorm at Kirwan 2 - University of Kentucky. We had many fun days and nights together as we both pledged Sigma Nu Fraternity. Jeff was my roommate sophomore year and has been well documented here - he was always smiling. He was known as a (slightly) aggressive driver and Doug Barr used to say “If Jeff Randles the pedestrian ever met Jeff Randles the driver there would be hell to pay!”

I was honored to have Jeff as one of my groomsmen at my wedding. He in turn invited me to be in his in 1982. Unfortunately this was the last time I saw him and I am full of regret now about this. He was so loyal to Bill and Donna and mentioned them all the time lovingly. The obituary truly captured the essence of Jeff and I have no doubt you all wrote it. Godspeed Jeffrey Lee Randles. We miss you.



james Sgueglia - February 01, 2022 at 12:35 PM



I heard lots of stories about you, "Squig." Jeff treasured the friendships he made at UK and shared many stories from that time, even as recently as a few weeks ago. Thanks for sharing your memories.

Lisa Randles Norris - February 03, 2022 at 11:40 AM


SR

Thanks Jim. Your comments made me laugh and smile. We all know he treasured the time he spent, the people he met and the memories that were made at UK. All the best to you and yours.

Steve Randles

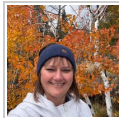
Steven Randles - February 04, 2022 at 12:15 PM

IR

“ My name is Iva Riley, I am a sister to Pat Riggs. I only met Jeff a few times, but when I did he always had a big smile on his face and was so friendly! So sorry to all of his family! May he rest in peace! Pat wanted me to tell you that all the family loved Jeff!! She said he was like a son to her!! Larry had loved Jeff like a brother!! She said that she will always be so grateful to him for saving her family in the fire in 1997. If it hadn't been for Jeff, Cinda, Paige and Hunter would all have perished. He almost died in that fire. Pat said Jeff was a wonderful man, and will always have a special place  in her heart. Much love to Lisa, Steve and all the family. Pat Riggs and Ronna



Iva Riley - January 29, 2022 at 01:05 PM



Thank you so much. I know he felt the same. 

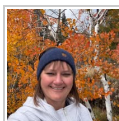
Lisa Randles Norris - January 29, 2022 at 01:35 PM


VF

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to your family.
Tom and Vicky French



Vicky French - January 29, 2022 at 11:06 AM



Thank you! 

Lisa Randles Norris - January 29, 2022 at 01:37 PM



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Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 29, 2022 at 08:55 AM

BD

“ *Jeff was a great guy to work for and with, had the privilege of getting to know him when I started doing cable work in the early 90's in Ohio. Rest easy old buddy.*

BRIAN DALTON - January 29, 2022 at 08:52 AM

SB

“ *Jeff was a friend and co-worker for the past 40 years when we worked for TWC. It was impossible to have a conversation with Jeff when I didn't laugh. It was also fun to chat about current events , history, work and kids. It was a privilege to know Jeff. I'm happy I did. Sharon Beach*

Sharon Beach - January 28, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey L. Randles.*



January 28, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey L. Randles.*



January 28, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My condolences to the entire family, Steve, Lisa etc.*

Debbie(Harper) Work

Debbie Work - January 27, 2022 at 07:24 AM



“ *Steve and Halle so sorry for your loss. Your in my prayers.*

Vickie Newell - January 26, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Jeff. We ran cross country together at Z.H S. Steve was fun to be around and and was a good teammate.*

Tim Duff - January 26, 2022 at 06:18 PM



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