



Jeffery Jim Ashley

August 1, 1946 - September 22, 2019

Jeffery Jim Ashley of Charlotte passed away on September 22, 2019, at the age of 73, after bravely battling cancer with courage and dignity. He was a graduate of Okemos High School, Lansing Community College, Western Michigan University and the National FBI Academy.

Jeff retired in 1999 after a 30 year law enforcement career with the Lansing Township Police Department. After his retirement he served three separate missions as a UN police officer/station commander for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo. An avid outdoorsman, fisherman, antique collector and history buff, Jeff also had a special interest in history and artifacts of the Civil War.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Patricia Ashley; stepsons, David (Juli) Ellison and Matthew Ellison; grandsons, Sebastian Eaton-Ellison and Max Ellison; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Marie Ashley; son, William Ashley; sisters, Mary "Chris" McClean and Lynn Hayes-Maceroni; brother, Paul Ashley; and guardian/mentor, William Fry.

A special thank you to Jeff's doctor at the University of Michigan, Paul Loren Swiecicki, MD, for providing Jeff with outstanding care, support and friendship.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Pray Funeral Home, 401 W. Seminary, Charlotte, MI. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. following the visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Head and Neck Molecular Monitoring Fund. Please make checks payable to "University of Michigan" and send to Michigan Medicine Office of Development, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104. You may also call 734-764-6777 to make your gift. Pre-addressed envelopes will be available at the visitation.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

2

Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

OCT **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

2

Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home - October 01 at 05:25 PM



“ Hey Pat, I am so sorry, I just heard about Jeff's passing on Saturday 10/5/19. And found his tribute today, Monday. He was a very special friend and mentor to me along with Bill. We had many good days together on the farm, at 4-h events and with my parents (Bud and Donna Balderson) at the Shack in Trout Creek, Mi. Where he learned his Love of Fishing and his complete discussed of black flies and mosquitoes. One Day we saw on a map that there was a big lake at the end of the JUMBO river, so we took dad's flat bottom boat and went off to find it. Took us all day as the water was so low we were either poling not rowing the boat or we were wading and pulling the boat. Well we made it to the end and the lake had dried up and grown in with so much vegetation it was gone. We picked our battles more carefully after that trip. Over the years I have told many people about my friend Jeff and his Special Padlock of Abe Lincolns and all the other things he enjoyed in life. Even though the years separated us he never has or ever will be forgotten. Please if you have time give me a call I would love to hear from you and more about Jeff.

Thank-You, and God Bless and Keep you Always,
Steve Balderson
3324 Baldwin Rd.
Hastings Mi. 49058
269-948-0164

Steve Balderson - October 07 at 03:53 PM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes





“ Very saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. I knew him professionally while he was with the Lansing Township Police Department and I was the lieutenant in the neighboring Delta Township patrol section for Eaton County. Jeff was very easy to work with and very effective in his profession. I recall one occasion that he covered for us in Delta while we attended to the loss of one of our own. He had to handle a complicated event for us and did it with his typical style of professionalism. It wasn't an easy task but he made it look like it was. He was like that. I am honored to have known him. Rest in peace Jeff.

Richard Deer - September 28 at 09:51 AM



“ Very sorry to learn that Jeff has died. He faced this adversity with dignity and courage. Jeff was a great person

Gene Conley - September 26 at 09:07 PM



“ "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal."

Jeff was a wonderful person. I met him many years ago and have many fond memories. Thoughts and prayers to his wife and family.

Candie Serna
Galveston, Texas

Candie Serna - September 25 at 07:13 PM



“ I worked with Jeff at Lansing Township for almost 5 years (1977 - 1981). I highly respected Jeff as a brother (personally and professionally) and have thought of him often. So sorry that I will be out of town and not be able to attend his Memorial service but will hold him and all the family in my thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O' Lord; may he Rest In Peace. Bob Irish

Robert Irish - September 25 at 05:44 PM