



Jeffrey Shumaker

October 10, 1960 - August 18, 2023

Jeffrey "Jeff" Alan Shumaker, a man known for enjoying the simple things in life, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, August 18, 2023, surrounded by his family. Jeff 62, of Charlotte, was born on October 10, 1960, in Charlotte, the son of Orland and Ethel (Canter) Shumaker. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1978. On September 13, 1985, he married his high school sweetheart Daneen Atwell. Jeff worked at Spartan Motors in Charlotte where he was a Production Supervisor. Many referred to him as the Best Boss at Spartan. He retired from Spartan in 2022 after 33 years and began working for Air Lift. Jeff worked for Air Lift until he was diagnosed with cancer and was unable to work any longer. Many will remember Jeff for his funny personality and his ability to make you laugh. His biggest pride and joy in life was his family and in recent years his 3 beautiful grandchildren.

Jeff was an outdoor enthusiast with a passion for chasing Michigan whitetails in the fall and turkeys in the spring. You could often find him cleaning up around his yard, and tending to his yearly vegetable garden. Jeff and his son Travis were proud members of the Rankins Big Buck and Turkey Contest each year. On a bear hunting trip several years ago, Jeff was given the nickname 2 Shot Shumaker, which has stuck with him over the years. Jeff also enjoyed numerous hunting trips out west. On May 28 Jeff was able to hunt one final time. With the assistance from Travis, he was able to tag one final turkey. There was also the yearly fishing trip to Platte Bay when the Salmon

were running. Jeff was also an avid golfer, playing in different leagues over the years.

Jeff is survived by his wife of almost 38 years, Daneen; children, Tara (Chuck) Collier, and Travis (Lexie) Shumaker; grandchildren, Olivia Collier, Adalynn and Tucker Shumaker; siblings, Bernard (Ana Maria) Stambaugh, Linda Russell, and Doug (Katy) Shumaker; mother-in-law, Janice (Barry Baba) Atwell-Finn; sister-in-law, Shelley (Chuck) Hogle; brothers-in-law, BA (Chris) Atwell, and Phil (Sonja) Atwell; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and step father-in-law, Thomas Finn Jr.

Friends are encouraged to support Jeff's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. There will be no services for Jeff at this time. His family would like to thank everyone that came to support Jeff and his family at the Living Celebration of Life that they had for Jeff earlier this summer. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I worked with Shu at Spartan Motors. He always made it a point to stop in the lobby to say hi to me, grab some candy and ask if the “pocket t-shirts” are in yet and just have a little chat. I’ve missed those days. He was a wonderful supervisor and a great friend. He will be missed. Prayer to the family.

Andy Pena - August 23, 2023 at 07:57 AM

KS

“ Rickey and I worked with Jeff at Spartan. He was a very good boss. God Bless you, family and friends.



Kim Schlehuber - August 22, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MC

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Hugs to Daneen and Travis. Jeff's spirit will always be with you.

Monique T Colizzi - August 22, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Shumaker.



August 21, 2023 at 10:28 PM

JM

“ I worked with Jeff for over 30 years at Spartan. He was a great guy at work and away from work and he will be missed. We had many trips to the Platte fishing, playing horse shoes and enjoying great times with friends. Here is a picture from Sept. 18th, 1999, what a trip! Thoughts and prayers to the Shumaker family.

John Morales



John Morales - August 21, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JS

“ Shu truly was one of a kind, made my life so much easier in the many years I was pleased to work with him. Kind , dependable and smart. Thank you Shu for making me a better person striving to be more like you. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers to Daneen and the rest of his family and friends.

Jeff Smith - August 21, 2023 at 12:04 PM

DS

Thank you, Jeff, for the home visits when you came and spent with Jeff. Also for sitting with him 3 day's before he passed, while I had an important appointment.

You are AMAZING..

Daneen

Daneen Shumaker - August 21, 2023 at 07:31 PM

BH

“ *EMC Insurance Claims Department: A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Jeffrey Shumaker. May his memory live on.*

Benita Heldt - August 21, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffrey Shumaker.

August 21, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RA

“ *I worked with Jeff at Spartan when I was an intern in high school, and later summers when I was home from college. Jeff was always such a paternal figure at Spartan. He had a dry sense of humor and a warmth that betrayed his tough exterior. I send my love to his family. I can only imagine the void he leaves behind. I pray that that void can be eclipsed by many loving memories.*

Rachel - August 20, 2023 at 09:51 PM

RM

“ *You was the best boss I've ever had. You will be missed and my prayers are with your family. Rest in peace my friend.*

Robert Miller - August 20, 2023 at 09:48 PM

TS

“ *Here is a video of Dad's Final Hunt.*



Travis Shumaker - August 20, 2023 at 08:44 PM

CP

“ *Our deepest condolences to Daneen , Tara ,
Travis and the Shumaker Family members ,,
one of a kind guy and a dang good one ,, RIP
Nephew ...*



Cathy & Dwight Sr Perkins - August 20, 2023 at 06:12 PM

TC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tara Collier - August 20, 2023 at 12:32 PM

AM

“ My deep heartfelt condolences to Daneen, Tara, Travis, and the rest of the family. Jeff started working for Maurer Farms I believe at 15, His mom would bring him out on weekends to work. He worked for us till a couple of years after High school. Always dependable and eager to learn new things, dedicated employee with a personality that made it very easy to work beside. I still remember the day he came to me and ask if it was ok that he looked for new employment, farming was getting pretty tough at that time, and the rest of the country was taking off for the sky. I never thought twice about advising him that he would do just fine out in the world. And he surely did not disappoint. I really hoped that after the rat race we both were in would end with both of us getting back in touch and kicking back on the porch swapping stories and the fun we had making them. RIP my dear friend, surely we will meet again, thank you for being you. Aaron Maurer

Aaron Maurer - August 20, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DS

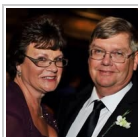
Just when I thought I had no more tears..Thank you Aaron!

Daneen Shumaker - August 20, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Hugs and Prayers, Bill & Debbie Howard

Deb Mock-Howard - August 20, 2023 at 08:53 AM



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Deb Mock-Howard - August 20, 2023 at 08:52 AM

JQ

“ *Jim And Carol Quantrell lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Shumaker*



Jim and Carol Quantrell - August 20, 2023 at 12:40 AM

CQ

My husband graduated with Jeff and was in their wedding and Jeff, Daneen was in our wedding RIP Jeff Jim, Carol Quantrell

Carol and Jim Quantrell - August 22, 2023 at 06:37 PM

MW

“ *All the great memories with this guy! From Platte Bay to the Grand River to the White River, to Duck Lake and Bridgeman (where he broke his rod on a master angler alewife 😊). I am glad and always will be for Jeff being my best friend! Not exactly the plan him and I had for our futures together as we had many plans to continue on with all of these shenanigans long after we were done working, but we will meet up again on some lake somewhere! I love you Shu and am just so glad that we had 35+ years of Platte Bay and other trips under our belts. I promise Trav and I will carry on the legacy of the Platte Bay trips and know that Tucker will be there with us too and know just how much you were a part of the tradition that they both will carry on! Until we meet again, Fish On nose! You were one of a kind ❤️.*

Mike Whitely

mike whitely - August 19, 2023 at 07:38 PM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God be with them in this time of grief. Ive known Jeff since grade school and work at Spartan with him for almost whole time he was there,he will be greatly missed by everyone that work with him.

Bryon Wheaton - August 19, 2023 at 06:16 PM

SB

“ My thoughts are with the entire family. I worked for and with Shu for many years at Spartan. Class act, and he will be missed. Always enjoyed talking and laughing with him.

Stuart Brabant - August 19, 2023 at 04:57 PM

MH

“ Shu was my 1st supervisor at Spartan 30 years ago. A great boss and a great guy. RIP Shu.

Michael Hengstebeck - August 19, 2023 at 04:48 PM

MH

My prayer to the family and friends to find their new normal as you move forward without Jeff.

Michael Hengstebeck - August 19, 2023 at 07:39 PM