



## Jeffrey Barton Carlin

April 8, 1945 - July 6, 2020

Jeffrey Barton Carlin, who passed away at the age of 75-years-old on July 6, was a throwback to a different era when a man might wear a perfect suit, walk up to you in a bar, and say, “Here’s looking at you, kid.”

Part of what made Jeff the ultimate embodiment of midcentury elegance and cool was his vibrant soul and hunger for knowledge. He was a true student of history including aviation, the military, the New York Yankees, and classic movies. But he wasn’t just a reader, Jeff lived life — and he put his studies into practice.

Jeff was a man who moved all across this country including his hometown of the Bronx, Vermont, and Maine. Ultimately, Jeff was a Hoosier. He knew how to sail boats, dive the depths, shoot guns, raise huskies, and fly millions of miles. Jeff could navigate to port in a storm, find the best restaurant in a slew of cities, cut through any airport, face off with predatory fish, and beat anyone at “Jeopardy,” which was one of his favorite shows. Jeff was also a software pioneer and entrepreneur who owned his own company, BMSi Partners, which developed programs for oncologists.

He wore many hats, but, by far, Jeff was most proud of his role as a family man. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Christine, with whom he enjoyed a storybook marriage that lasted nearly three decades, and two wonderful children, Ben and Melissa. Most importantly, Jeff was a grandfather to Sam, Jack, Gabe, and Molly. He was also a big brother to Neil, Peter, and Jane.

There were no bounds to Jeff’s love. Along with the support and care he provided to his immediate family, Jeff was also a devoted uncle to Amber, Hunter, Matt, Shelby, Austin, Marilyn, and Antonio. He was a source of strength as an in-law to Mike, Jessica, Carole, Martha, Greg, Gloria, Sarah, and Alex. Jeff was also a true friend to his “goombahs” and everyone else who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was buried on July 12 at Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, New York surrounded by

some of the many who loved him including his mother, Natalie, and his grandparents.

When Jeff told you to, “straighten up and fly right,” you knew he meant it and that he knew from experience. Everyone who met him learned from and benefited greatly from his presence. We will think of him every time we enjoy a lobster, cheesecake, film, sunset, ball game, or even a bourbon.

Donations in Jeff’s memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or Northern Lights Sled Dog Rescue of Indianapolis. As Jeff’s wife said at his funeral, he didn’t just give us good memories, he made our lives grand. He was the exemplar of the old Jewish cheer that we now use to send him off, L’Chaim, or, ‘To Life.’”

We will miss him terribly.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with the local arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chrissy,

*I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. It was really a pleasure meeting him and getting to know him a bit. About two months ago I ran into him at Bloomington Hardware and we had a nice chat. It was great seeing him. Hope you are doing okay and I hope to see you sometime in the future.*

*Love, Bruce Johnson*

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**Bruce** - July 29, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ One of the true pleasures of life is to share it with dear friends like Jeff and Chrissy Carlin. Jeffery's passing saddens many lives first among those are Nancy and Me. His passion for adventure, friendship, and love was like none other I've known. He was an impeccable businessman which is how we met some 25 years ago. But it was his vibrant personality and drive to succeed in all avenues of life which made him a dear, dear friend. He loved to fly-fish, so finding the Carlins and Currys floating the magnificent rivers of Montana and New Mexico or casting into a pristine lake between two Colorado peaks was quite normal. Jeff was the best fly-fisherman I ever met and he loved sharing his skills. To celebrate Chrissy's 50th he invited us on a weekend retreat to Chicago. For our 40th anniversary Jeff and Chrissy invited us to island hop the British Isles, daytime sailing, nighttime dancing. He lived a life worth celebrating. When the 911 attacks grounded the airlines, Jeff drove ten hours from Bloomington to Tulsa to attend our daughter's wedding. He was devoted to his friends, his lovely wife, and his huskies. Oh, what splendid memories he gave us all. What a grand life he lived. What a dear friend we lost. - Jay & Nancy Curry

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**Jay Curry** - July 22, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ I grew up in New Jersey and ended up in Bloomington. I loved Jeff because he reminded me of home. He was the uncle I didn't have. We talked shop about technology, but far more about Yankees baseball. Although we were of different generations, Yankees fans know the history and could talk for hours. For my birthday last year, he gave me his Yankees 2000 World Series ring, which gave me an excitement about sports I haven't felt since childhood (or the 1996 Yankees World Series win against the Braves) He also recommended to me switching from Hebrew national franks to Nathan's and was completely right! In the spring of 2019, we went to the final home season IU baseball game with Jan Bond, ate hot dogs, talked baseball, and watched the Hoosiers win the Big 10 championship. It was a fantastic day with the fantastic Jeff Carlin. I will miss him greatly.

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**Cory Myers** - July 19, 2020 at 05:18 PM

DK

“ My favorite memory of Jeff is the huge smile he put on Chrissy's face.



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**Diane Kopelakis** - July 18, 2020 at 09:46 AM

GR

“ First thought is what a wonderful person Jeff was. He was a great husband to my sister who like the rest of us will miss him deeply. He was a straight shooter who said it like it was whether you liked it or not. I loved to watch jeopardy with him and try to keep pace, but of course very few people could. We had many great meals together that included talks about work, sports, politics, relationships, and life in general. I will miss our intellectual and humorous conversations. I was very fond of Jeff for many reasons including the respect he gave to me and I am sure to others. He liked to live life to the fullest and succeeded at everything he put his beautiful mind to. I will miss you for the rest of my life Jeff. May you rest in peace and put in a good word for the rest of us as you are now with God I am sure. Love, Greg.

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**Greg** - July 17, 2020 at 08:47 PM

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“ I never have the privilege of meeting Jeff in person. We only spoke once on a phone call but made me feel that he knew me personally. Chrissy is my childhood friend and will always be my BFF. I missed out on meeting a wonderful man but so happy Chrissy was blessed to have Jeff in her life, may he rest in peace. God bless Chrissy for being a great caregiver warrior to a great man.

Susan Brock - July 16, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ Our life was Grand my darling.  
I will love you forever!!!  
God speed SUPERMAN!!!

Christine Carlin - July 16, 2020 at 03:50 PM

LC

“ My mother and I worked for his wife Christine for many years which is how we met Jeff. I ended up taking care of my mom, with Alzheimer's and heart disease, for 8 1/2 years and still worked for Christine. During that time Jeff was always kind and compassionate towards my mother and myself. It was nice to get to know him. Much sympathy to the family.



Lorraine & Bric Compton - July 16, 2020 at 10:21 AM

SV

He always said to me...Hey Sue and then he would come up to me and give me a hug....Jeff was near and dear to me...always thinking; always finding me the name of the song and the artist as it played in the background....I will miss him.....xoxo. I will never forget going with Chris and him to Tamar...what wonderful memories...all the dinners, conversations, etc....May God Bless and watch over him.

Susan Vannoni - July 17, 2020 at 03:35 PM