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53, Brooklyn, New York, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away on August 27,

2010. He was born August 28, 1956. Jeff graduated from Ben Davis High School in

1974 and earned a bachelor's degree and Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

from Indiana University.

Jeff worked as an advertising copywriter for Sudler & Hennessey in New York

City. He was also the author of three novels and several short stories.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Black and Barbara Jean

(Bishop) Black Cline; his stepfather, Frank E. Cline; and his stepsister, Brenda

J. (Cline) Archer. He is survived by his sister, Jeannie (Anthony) Black

Francalancia; his brother, Joel (Robin) Black, his aunt, Patricia L. Bishop; and

stepbrothers, Steve (Beth) Cline, Joe Cline, and Scott (Marsha) Cline. Other

survivors include Jeff's nieces and nephews, Kevin, Marci, Austin, Wes, Andy,

Ryan, Martin, John, Caroline, and Ali.

Cremation services are being provided by Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, Bloomington. A memorial for Jeff is being planned for a later date.

Jeff's family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Southern Care Hospice of Bloomington for their compassion, support, and loving care.

Memorial

contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made to the family at allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I just learned of Jeff's passing and am deeply saddened by the news. We met at Sudler & Hennessey and it was indeed a pleasure to run into him at meetings, in the hallways or in the elevator going home! I will always remember Jeff as a joyful colleague. My sincere condolences to the entire family.

Janet Stromer - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ My thoughts of Jeff are wonderful. When we worked side by side at Sudler, he made every day a joy. He was an absolutely wonderful person and I feel very fortunate to have known him.

Mark Schofield - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LE

“ Jeannie, Joel and family,
It's hard to know what to say to comfort you. I hope your memories of Jeff and the love you shared will bring you peace. As others have said, he was an extraordinary person! No one had such quick & witty come-backs. I remember when we used to laugh so much our cheeks hurt...we'd have to actually stop and massage our cheeks! Jeff made a difference in this world. He touched lives and made them better. My thoughts are with you.

Leeanne Heaton - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LA

“ My deepest condolences to your family. I worked with Jeff here at Sudler--and for the last year or so we have shared an office. Jeff was a wonderful person in every way. I feel so fortunate to be able to call him not just my coworker, but my friend. He had a fantastic sense of humor that brightened my days. I am so happy to have known Jeff--a talented, kind, and brave person whom none of us will soon forget. We miss him every day.

Lauren Anton - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

BE

“ I want to express my sincere and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I am deeply sorry.

I worked with Jeff at Sudler & Hennessy in New York. I was his supervisor for a time and I want to express to you what a joy it was to know him. He was one of the brightest, funniest, smartest, kindest people I know. He was a hard worker and took his job seriously, but he made everything fun. His unique creativity and sensibility made the work better and the work environment more enjoyable. He is sorely missed. There was no one quite like Jeff and I learned a lot from him about having a sense of humor in the face of adversity, about courage, about friendship, and about perseverance.

It's hard to believe he has passed, but I hope it gives you comfort knowing he touched many lives in many different ways. I for one will always remember him with great fondness and respect.

Beth Shustin - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

SU

“ Jeannie, Joel, Scott, et. al:

I'm so sorry to hear about Jeff. Hadn't seen him since a couple of years after high school, but I thought of him often. We became friends in 4th grade and stayed so through graduation.

I often wondered what he was up to. He always had a great sense of humor, always was the brightest one in class. Never liked him when he broke the curve :).

I just read that he wrote several novels--I'm not surprised. He was always very talented.

Once again, my condolences. My prayers are with you all.

Susan Albers - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

CA

“ *My prayers are with your family at this difficult time. I was deeply saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. I was lucky enough to meet and work with Jeff for a short time here at S&H and I will never forget his talent and great sense of humor that made him a pleasure to work with. God bless*

Cathy Midura - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LE

“ My most heartfelt condolences. Jeff and i were creative partners for a while at Sudler. Not only was Jeff amazing at what he did but he was a great friend. Nobody could make me laugh like he did, and we laughed a lot. He made a very stressful job fun. When ever there was a pitch or creative work to be done all the art directors wanted to work with Jeff because he was such a good idea guy and made them look like a star. His great attitude and courage will always be an inspiration to me.

leanne budreau - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

JU

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff was such an amazing person. I worked with Jeff in NY and I can't tell you how many meetings/projects he got me through with his sense of humor. He was so incredibly talented and smart. I use to sit with him in his cube and just laugh. I am so glad I was able to meet this incredible human being - he was a person well worth knowing and I'm glad I was given the opportunity.

Julie Schipper - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

EW

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Jeff was a wonderful writer and a terrific team player at S&H. He will greatly be missed and his always loving attitude will never be forgotten.

Elise Walsh - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LA

“ *Im deeply sorry for your loss. Jeff and I worked together at Sudler. He was one of my closest friends there. We could talk for hours...gossiping, laughing. i always admired his wit and humor. We talked alot about families and compared notes about our neices/nephews. Although he may have looked thin and fragile, Jeff was anything but. He was strong and positive even on a hard day. i will never forget him and will miss him very much.*

Lauren Jordan - October 26, 2015 at 04:30 PM