



Thomas Jeffrey "Jeff" Pohlen

July 16, 1960 - October 14, 2023

Thomas Jeffrey "Jeff" Pohlen, 63, of Bloomington passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Born July 16, 1960, in Wichita, Kansas, he was the son of Jerome John and Ethel Julia (Nepl) Pohlen. Jeff was a 1978 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Old Dominion University and later a Master's Degree in History from Indiana State University. His career was dedicated to higher education in Maryland, Minnesota, and Indiana. He retired from his role as Director of Operations & Technology at the Indiana University Institute for International Business in 2022.

Jeff was a devoted partner, father, and grandfather who loved his family deeply. He was contented by life's simple pleasures and was a talented woodworker and gardener, known for his tomatoes and homemade salsa. He enjoyed golf and Harry Potter. Jeff served on the Board of Directors of Shalom Community Center. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and coached youth soccer at the YMCA. He attended St. Mark's United Methodist Church and was a Knight of Columbus. He embraced lifelong learning and believed in intentional living.

Jeff is survived by his life partner, Anne Foster of Bloomington; his children, Angela Pohlen of Bloomington; John Pohlen of Ellicott City, MD; Kelly (Johnathon) Shaffer of Bloomington; Savannah (Drew) Kipfer of St. Louis,

MO; Naomi Brown of Northampton, MA; Susan Brown of the Netherlands; seven grandchildren, Olivia Pohlen; Frances and Evelyn Shaffer; Lola, Amelia, Christopher, and Casey Kipfer; two sisters, Geralyn (Thomas) Osoba of Arizona; and Jackie (Mark) Klepper of Iowa; one brother, Mark Pohlen of Florida; two nieces, Ashley Pohlen and Lani Kazel. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Ethel Pohlen, and his sister, Maggie Kazel.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Youth Sports at the YMCA or you can plant a tree in his honor.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Angela,
I noticed the last name in the paper and read the obit. I was so sad to read that this was your dad! I'm so sorry for you as I know that you were close. I hope that you are surrounded by all that you need as you move forward through this challenging time.
Sending you my deepest sympathies,
Jeannie Galbreath (Ivy Tech)*

Jeannie Galbreath - October 22, 2023 at 05:44 PM



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