



Jeffrey Allen Rutkowski

Memorial Service

Wednesday November 18, 2020

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Song: What a Wonderful World
By Brooklyn Duo

Welcome Message by Father John Malone (*Officiant*)

Reading 1: He Is Gone
Poem by David Harkins
Read by Michelle Hanson

Song: Love Me Anyway
By Pink and Chris Stapleton

Reading 2: Remember Me
Poem by Margaret Mead
Read by Kory Maw

Song: You Are The Reason
By Calum Scott & Leona Lewis

Eulogies:
Steven Rutkowski (brother)
Lisa Nagel (sister)

Song: What the World Needs Now is Love
Sung by Brynn Cartelli

Memories of Jeff
Father Malone will invite anyone to stand who would like to share a memory or something about Jeff.

Song: True Colors
Sung by Justin Timberlake & Anna Kendrick

Closing Message by Father John Malone (*Officiant*)

Closing Song: Jurassic Park
By Brooklyn Duo

Reading # 1 (Read by Michelle Hanson)

He is gone
By David Harkins

You can shed tears that he is gone. Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back. Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him. Or you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday. Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he is gone. Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Reading # 2 (Read by Korey Maw)

Remember Me
By Margaret Mead

To the living, I am gone.

To the sorrowful, I will never return.

To the angry, I was cheated,

But to the happy, I am at peace,

And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea, remember me.

As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty, remember me.

As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity, remember me.

Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the times we loved, the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.



Jeffrey Allen Rutkowski
Age 38 of Saint Paul

Jeffrey Allen Rutkowski was born on June 28, 1982 in Saint Paul, Minnesota and passed away peacefully on November 12, 2020.

"Look for the helpers, you will always find people who are helping." Mr. Rogers could have written this quote about our Jeffery. Jeff was one of those diamond people that someone could call and ask for anything. Jeff had the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return. We are left with an irreparable hole in our hearts and now Jeff will live on within all of us instead of beside us. Jeff touched each of our hearts in a very unique way. A way that will never be forgotten. Jeff loved traveling, spending time with family and friends, and loved being the pontoon captain. Jeff just made life better.

Jeff is preceded in death by his adoring mother Sharon, grandpa Wally, grandma Betty and cousin Kristy.

Jeff is survived by loving husband, John Bjoraker; father, Keith; sister, Lisa (Michael) Nagel; and twin brother Steven (Lisa). He was known as Uncle Jeffrey to Tyler, Kendall, Brooke, and Karlie. Jeff is also survived by his grandma Shirley, and many other loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jeff was also known as a godparent, cousin, friend, and Leo's dad.

Jeff's family would like to thank all the wonderful nurses and doctors at Regions Hospital, especially those on South 6.

Because Jeff cares so much for you, we will gather at a later date to celebrate Jeff's life well lived. Be good and remember to take care of yourself.