



Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond

November 12, 1953 - March 13, 2023

Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond, 69, passed away at his home in Kalkaska, MI, on March 13, 2023. Jeffrey was born on November 12, 1953, in Traverse City, MI. He is the son of Irene (Levett) Raymond and Clifford Raymond. Following Jeff's graduation from high school he set to hitchhiking and made it to Alberta, Canada before heading back home to Michigan. Jeff was married in 1984 and was lucky enough to be blessed with two children. Jeff finished construction on the beautiful home he built for his family in Kalkaska on Island Lake Road just before the birth of his first child. As time progressed Jeff transitioned into taking over and continuing his father's business, Raymond Heating. He took great pride in his work and continued working throughout his life. In Jeff's spare time, his hands would be found on the frets of a guitar, and if not there - loving one of his dogs. Jeffrey will be missed by all and remembered as a loving father and friend. Jeffrey will be lovingly remembered by his two children; son Jéson Raymond; daughter Caralie Canning; brother Dave; and sisters Dolly and Kathy. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Irene, and Clifford Raymond. The memorial service will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 3:00 PM, the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 PM until the time of service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Memorial Service

MAR **21**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Tribute Wall

TG

“ I knew Jeff at an impressionable time in my life—I was 17 and he was 23. He was a tender soul then and a gifted musician. We met when I worked at McLean’s Hardware and he came in frequently to buy parts for his dad’s business, Raymond Heating, We stayed in touch from time to time over the years. I had perpetual wanderlust, but he loved being at home, especially when his kids came to visit . I’m so sad that Je’son and Cara lost their dad way too soon. My heart goes out to you. Tammy Medell Gardner

Tammy Gardner - March 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond.



March 20, 2023 at 07:57 AM

PR

“ I am truly saddened to hear of Jeff passing. I was privileged to know Jeff through my late husband Wayne Reece. I know Wayne treasured his long friendship with Jeff and I will forever be grateful for the phone calls from Jeff after Wayne passed. I know Jeson and Caralie how hard this must be. I am truly sorry. Prayers for you and all your family. I will always be thankful I knew your dad - and witnessed his incredible musical talent but mostly his kindness. Pam Reece- Branson,mo.

pamela (wayne) reece - March 19, 2023 at 07:12 PM

CD

*My husband and I are so sad to hear about the passing of Jeff in March. He was our heating contractor when we built our house 38 years ago in Kalkaska. Over the years he has made trips out to the house for furnace issues and installed our second furnace and air conditioning. He was our trusted heating and cooling contractor and always showed up when we had a problem. He was such a great guy and we always enjoyed his company as well as the great service. I know he will be truly missed by all who loved him. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family. Our Deepest Sympathy
Craig and Connie Davidson*

Constance Davidson - June 01, 2023 at 11:55 AM

BT

“ It is incredibly sad knowing that we will never hear the phrase " well you don't say", spoken with Jeff's hint of humor, or twinkle of eye. Everyone's campfires will be missing his well known five finger picking and thumb strumming style, something only Jeff could provide for hours. Jason, Caralie, your mom Sue, to Dave and family, words cannot express how deep this sadness must be. Love you all - God Bless you all, I will miss Jeff, his friendship - love you my friend.



Bob Thiel - March 19, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond.



March 18, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond.



March 18, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Lawrence Raymond.



March 18, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ Sure enjoyed playing music with him, he definitely had a great voice, he will be surely missed in the Circle!! From one Jeff to another RIP my friend

Jeffery W. White - March 17, 2023 at 08:16 PM



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March 17, 2023 at 07:53 PM

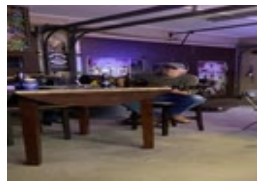
DB

“ Jeff and I go way back to the 7th grade when his parents moved to Grandville. We were instantly best friends and were inseparable until graduation from high school! Went through many ups and downs together. Could always count on Jeff to be there for me and will miss our long talks around around the campfire! Love ya buddy!

Denny Balkon - March 16, 2023 at 05:46 PM

AS

“ Jason and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Jeff was a great man and an even better friend. I feel extremely blessed to have so many memories of Jeff and Uncle Wayno putting the sting on them strings. I know they're up in heaven right now just a picking and a grinning together. RIP Jeff. You will be missed



Ashley Slick - March 16, 2023 at 04:38 PM

This is such a perfect moment. I would love this video ashley.

Caralie Canning - March 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM

KL

Wow, so great to see him still playing in a recent video. Love this!

Kathryn Lovings - March 19, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KL

“ I was heartbroken to hear of Jeff's passing. He was a truly gifted singer and song writer. His voice was so soothing, like velvet. The kind of voice you could listen to for hours. His guitar playing skills were equally amazing. He was a gentle soul, an inspiration to all of us with the music he created. I feel blessed to have known him and to have gotten a chance to play guitar and sing harmonies with him. The world has truly lost a great source of love and comfort. He will be eternally missed.

<https://www.facebook.com/kat.lovings/videos/1689804097713106>

Kathryn Lovings - March 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM

JC

“ We enjoyed Jeff's music and his company over the years. We will miss this incredibly talented yet humble man. He is surely playing Hallelujah to the perfect heavenly audience.

Jeff and Nancy Cooley - March 16, 2023 at 01:52 PM

GS

“ Jeff was a real good man and a great friend to have. He helped my brother and I with building our log cabin in the UP. He would come over and Jam with us. Wayno and Josh Reece, Jon Hoggard, Joel Isler we all had a blast. He's gonna be dearly missed

George Slick - March 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ Jeff my heart aches, you will be missed. Memories of you and Wayno playing guitars at our cabin in the UP will forever be in my heart. I know you, Paul and Wayno are playing guitars and singing in Heaven. Rest in peace. Prayers and peace for your children and family.

Mary K Slick - March 16, 2023 at 01:02 PM