



## Jeff Sandlin

December 30, 1983 - December 26, 2024

Jeffrey Nels Sandlin passed away on December 26, 2024. His heart could not overcome a recent illness after enduring many years of medical challenges.

Jeff was born December 30, 1983, in Belleville, Illinois, the only son of Rev. Kenneth and Marcia (Haupt) Sandlin. He spent his early childhood in Cahokia, where he loved to watch the planes take off from the downtown St. Louis airport and to look out the patio door at the St. Louis Gateway Arch. His elementary, middle, and high school years were spent in Hillsboro, IL, where he graduated from high school in 2002. Following high school graduation, he attended Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, for two years, where he majored in communication arts and was particularly involved in Wartburg TV.

On November 29, 2008, Jeff was united in marriage with Meridith Burkgren Morgan at Fredsville Lutheran Church in rural Cedar Falls. They made their home in Waterloo. During their life together, they enjoyed attending musicals, travel including Hawaii and Alaska, and collaborating on technology projects, particularly for their church.

Jeff worked at KWWL for his entire adult life, beginning in November of 2003 as an early morning production assistant and being promoted to his dream job as a director in August of 2004. At the time of his passing, Jeff was the senior director for the KWWL production department. Jeff was particularly proud of

winning an individual regional Emmy for newscast directing in 2023.

Jeff was a man of faith, a lifelong Christian and Lutheran who firmly believed in Jesus Christ. He was baptized into Christ on April 22, 1984 (Easter Sunday) at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cahokia, IL, and he made affirmation of his baptism on May 17, 1998, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, IL. In recent years, Jeff ran the sound system, projection, and video recording equipment for countless Fredsville Lutheran Church worship services as well as weddings and funerals.

The outstanding depth of knowledge, talent, and dedication that Jeff brought to the world will be greatly missed amongst the Fredsville congregation, his colleagues at KWWL, and especially his family and friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Meridith Sandlin, parents Ken and Marcia Sandlin, in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at Fredsville Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls with interment following at Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 30th at Fredsville Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Friends of Kids with Cancer (16 Sunnen Drive, Suite 161, Saint Louis, Missouri 63143), Basket of Hope (3558 South Jefferson, Saint Louis, Missouri 63118), or Fredsville Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

32756 150th St.  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fredsville Lutheran Church  
32756 150th Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fredsville Lutheran Church  
32756 150th Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Jeff was in my small group at Leadership Lab in 2000. He arrived at Lab with a sunburn, and some of the activities I'm sure were a bit uncomfortable, but he participated in all of them. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

*Pastor Mike Thomas*

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**Pastor Mike Thomas** - January 30, 2025 at 11:25 PM

CO

“ I'm sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Colin** - January 07, 2025 at 11:46 PM

AS

“ I took care of Jeff many years ago at Cardinal Glennon, my favorite story about Jeff is that he was getting chemo on 9/11 and just stood in his room and we watched and watched together in disbelief, and with his interest in radio and news..I'll never forget Jeff and his sweet soul and that day. So sorry to hear of his passing, prayers to your family! Love, Abby

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**Abigail Sharamitaro** - December 30, 2024 at 06:17 PM

LM

“ Larry and Marilyn Moeller purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



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**Larry and Marilyn Moeller** - December 30, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JM

“ Jim McKernan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



Jim McKernan - December 30, 2024 at 02:40 PM

LF

“ Love the Lizer Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



Love the Lizer Family - December 30, 2024 at 08:16 AM

TH

“ There was no one more dedicated to their job than Jeff. When there was a technical problem at the TV station, you called Jeff. He was one of the most genuine and caring people I had the privilege to work with.

Tanner Heinrichs - December 29, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JF

“ Julie Neas, Katie Routh and Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



Julie Neas, Katie Routh and Families - December 29, 2024 at 09:29 AM

HF

“ Hertel Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



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**Hertel Family** - December 28, 2024 at 09:52 PM

CN

“ Jeff was already very kind and helpful during the time we worked together at KWWL. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family.

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**Chelsie Nelson** - December 28, 2024 at 09:38 PM

DC

“ Rev. Sandlin, Marcia and his loving wife. I'm so very sorry to learn of Jeff's passing. We shared so much over those high school years with a lot of it being unpleasant. However, Jeff being Jeff withstood it all and kept oin smiling and cracking jokes. I've followed his career via Facebook and I've been so proud of the man he became and the life he led. He loved his family, his friends and life and he lived it fully. Jeff you will be missed and remembered by all who knew you.  
Dianne Catlin

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**D it anne Catlin** - December 28, 2024 at 06:09 PM

LM

“ Liz Allen, Ken Meade purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



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**Liz Allen, Ken Meade** - December 28, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeff Sandlin.*



December 28, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeff Sandlin.

December 28, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *One of the things I am grateful for is Jeff's knowledge in communications and sharing it with our church. St. Paul's is using software recommended for streaming our worship services since the pandemic. I know he did a lot for his church in Iowa, too. But I cannot imagine how many lives he blessed through his helpfulness. God be praised and thank you Jeff! Pastor Stefan Munker*

**Stefan Munker** - December 28, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ *JAN MORGAN purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeff Sandlin.*



**JAN MORGAN** - December 28, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JM

“ JAN MORGAN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeff Sandlin.

JAN MORGAN - December 28, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeff Sandlin.



December 28, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeff Sandlin.

December 28, 2024 at 10:23 AM

KM

“ I greatly enjoyed working with Jeff during my time at KWWL and swapping stories about our love of the St. Louis Cardinals. I was working at Ch7 when the Cards won the 2011 World Series, so it was fun to share in the celebrations with Jeff. He was always positive, smiling, upbeat and bringing his best to the table every day--a kind and genuine soul. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by many. My heart and prayers go out to his wife, family, friends and colleagues.



Kera Mashek - December 27, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff Sandlin.*



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December 27, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeff Sandlin.

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December 27, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ *Jeff was one of my first graders at Beckemeyer Grade School in Hillsboro!!! We always visited when he and Meridith were in Hillsboro. Bruce and I are sending our thoughts and prayers. 💕🙏🙏. Jeff will be missed by a lot of people. RIP, Jeff.*

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**Bruce and Cassie Gunn** - December 27, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Eileen S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeff Sandlin.*

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**Eileen S.** - December 27, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ *Meredith, Ken and Marcia - we are sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Sending love and prayers to you.*

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**Karen and Greg Chang** - December 27, 2024 at 04:04 PM

DH

“ *My brother and I will miss going to musicals, guys's trips and going to Hillsboro to go tour St Louis and see his parents! He will most definitely be missed, but I know he's watching over us all! RIP bro!!*

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**Dustin Heide** - December 27, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MR

*Our thoughts and prayers have been with you since Matt became part of Jeff's journey*

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**mary Jo Rasmussen** - December 29, 2024 at 09:08 AM