



Jeffrey Allen Blank

April 12, 1955 - January 11, 2022

Jeffrey Allen Blank of Cedar Falls, Iowa passed away at home January 11, 2022 of cancer. Jeffrey was born in Watertown, Wisconsin on April 12, 1955 to Lorraine and Wilbert Blank. Jeff grew up on a dairy farm outside of Ixonia, Wisconsin. Jeff is survived by his sister, Barbara (Rob) Parkhurst of Cedar Park, Texas ; twin brothers Dan (Carla) Blank of Chatham, Illinois, and Dave (Kay) Blank of Ixonia, Wisconsin and many nieces and nephews, all of whom were precious to Jeff.

Jeff is also survived by his wife of 25 years, Ruth Ann Shriver, of Cedar Falls, Iowa and her three daughters Carol Ann (Sam) of Urbandale, Iowa; Emily(Randy) Howe of Cedar Falls, Iowa and Rachel (Kevin) Busch of Urbandale, Iowa, and four grandchildren Ryan (Rachel) Anderson, Vinton, Iowa; Brady Anderson of Cedar Falls, Iowa and Valerie Ann and Benjamin Busch of Urbandale, Iowa.


Jeff graduated from Oconomowoc High School, then went on to join the Air Force spending four years seeing the world from the air and land. He loved flying so much he eventually got his pilots license and started building his own airplane. A project he never finished largely because he was a devoted pastor and husband. He loved flying and continued to fly for fun. He was a member of Clayton Folkerts EAA Chapter Sk3. He and other members of his chapter organized a yearly teaching event at the Allison Airport to teach elementary

students about flying and to give each child a ride in a small plane with the intention of encouraging them to love flying as much as they did!

After the Air Force Jeff went back to school and graduated from Whitewater University In Wisconsin with a degree in Biology. But Jeff was called to serve God and he graduated from Warburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and went on to serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for almost thirty years serving parishes in Cokato, Minnesota; Lancaster, Wisconsin; Allison, Iowa and Waterloo, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to the Allison airport and Unity Point Hospice. A service will be held sometime this summer at the family farm.

Tribute Wall

 Renee Barr

“ Dear Ruth Ann... we just heard about Jeff's passing. What an incredible loss for you and your families. Jeff and Charlie became fast friends at UWW following their service. We all loved him deeply. Simply stunned as we process this news, while gathering our memories of happier times. Take care. ❤️

Renee Barr - February 03, 2022 at 11:12 PM

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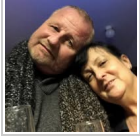
“ My heart goes out to all who knew Jeff "Pappy" Blank. I came to know Jeff at UW-Whitewater, during our fun, mischievous college years. His sincerity, love for others, and sense of humor were quite remarkable. May his family and friends find comfort knowing how many lives he positively impacted through his friendships and ministry. RIP, Pappy. Have "a few" with J.

Gwen Harron - February 03, 2022 at 10:34 PM

 PK

“ My sincere sympathy to the whole Blank family & friends. I knew Jeff when he was just a kid way..... Before his call to flying & ministry. He was the youngest brother of Barb & of course I gave him a hard time just like the rest. He was a funny good kid who loved fun and games. I'm not surprised he had a calling to the ministry as he came a family that served the Lord. I'm sure he will be missed by many people whose lives he touched. Rest In Peace Jeff.

Phyllis (Wittnebel) Krueger - February 02, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ Jeff was a great lifelong friend. We lost touch for years but I was grateful to spend time with him recently. Jeff - we will miss your sincerity, integrity, and humor but we'll keep you dearly in our memories.

Stu Morgan - January 31, 2022 at 06:11 AM

DV

“ Pastor Jeff was a good Pastor and a fine man. I always enjoyed seeing him when our paths crossed. A few years ago, we happen to meet at a Burger King, and we had an engaging conversation while we shared lunch. My mother always appreciated their pastorage when Pastor Jeff and Pastor Ruth were Pastors in Allison.

David Voigts

David Voigts - January 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM

PW

“ Deepest sympathy Blank family- Pastor Jeff's persistence served two congregations well in a difficult time. His commitment to learning social media in order to serve was admirable, it took him out of his comfort zone but he was determined to do it well and he did. His kind soul will be missed, may he rest peacefully.

Pam & Randy Wright - January 19, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Jeff was a classmate at Wartburg Seminary. We shared a birthday and would celebrate it together...so many good memories of a great guy.

Janet Peele Wold - January 19, 2022 at 07:39 PM

CB

“ Jeff was a great partner with me, always making sure that I knew when one of his parishioners was at UIHC. Sending comfort and healing light to Ruth Ann and all of the family, and all those who knew Jeff as their pastor.

Cindy Breed - January 19, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BT

“ The Synod reported today that Jeff passed away. That certainly was untimely for us but who has known the mind of the Lord?

I really enjoyed working with Jeff in getting him settled in the Bennington congregation. I wish he had been about to stay longer.

God bless him and bless us all.

Bill Thalacker

Bill Thalacker - January 19, 2022 at 05:44 PM

EH

“ Sincere condolences to Ruth Ann and families! My husband, Scott and I always enjoyed seeing Jeff when we could get together in Allison. It was also really special that he stopped to visit us at Highland Pines, our resort in Hayward, WI. What a great guy! Rest In Peace now.

Ellen Mosher Hanson - January 19, 2022 at 04:38 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about Jeff's death. Have known Jeff for a number of years as a colleague and friend. My condolences to Ruthann and family. May God's hope and grace sustain you in this time of loss.

James Knudson - January 19, 2022 at 03:58 PM

DM

“ Sincere condolences to Ruth Ann and the Shriver and Blank families on the loss of Jeff. He was my pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and also a mentor. Will miss his gentle soul and big smile as he led us to worship and service to the community. - Doug Marshall, Waterloo.

Doug Marshall - January 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JD

“ Sincere sympathies to Ruth Ann, their family, and the community family that embraced him. Over the past years Jeff flew with me a number of time. I will truly miss his friendship, companionship, and his deep faith.

John Dutcher - January 19, 2022 at 08:48 AM

BG

“ Oh Ruthann I'm so very sorry to hear that Jeff has passed! I do hope you will get through all this too! I know it's hard to loose your spouse. I'm sure he will be missed by many many people! Wish we hadn't lost touch when we both moved. I've thought of you both so often! Would love to hear from you again. My e-mail is the same as it was.

Bonnie & Jim Graser - January 17, 2022 at 10:58 AM

HP

“ Our deepest sympathies to Ruth Anne and to the rest of the family on the passing of Pastor Jeff. He was our Pastor and I loved working with him at the parish. Phyllis & I will miss Pastor Jeff along with the rest of Trinity American Lutheran Church congregation.

Howard & Phyllis Peterson

Howard & Phyllis Peterson - January 15, 2022 at 08:35 PM

PC

“ *My deepest sympathies to Ruth Ann and the rest of the family on the passing of Pastor Jeff. He was a great pastor to work with and will be greatly missed by the congregation at Trinity.*

Pat Cole - January 15, 2022 at 05:28 PM