



Jeffrey Dean Killpack

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The Force is strong with this one.

Jeffrey Dean Killpack (1971-2022) passed away peacefully at home at the age of 51 with his mother and step father by his side on December 13, 2022 after several years battling cancer.

Jeff was born on March 30, 1971 in Salt Lake City to Nancy Davis Killpack (now Kuiper) and J Duane Killpack - the second of six children.

Growing up, his family lived in several different locations in the Salt Lake Valley and as a result, he attended several schools: Jackling Elementary, Oakdale Elementary, Bell View Elementary, East Sandy Elementary, Mount Jordan Middle School, Clayton Middle School and finally, Highland High School where he graduated in 1989. He also attended the University of Utah as a chemical engineering major.

From childhood, Jeff had an inquisitive mind which sometimes got him into mischief. He loved exploring and physical challenges and excelled at almost everything he tried, including musical instruments (he played the tenor sax and accordion) and scouting (he earned his Eagle Scout at age 13). School was easy for him and even on his own, he actively sought knowledge. This love of discovery continued into his last days.

Above all, Jeff was passionate about - and excelled in - math and science. He was fortunate to pursue these in his career, working at several places in the chemical field before coming to Ceramtec, Inc. as an R&D Research Technologist. It was here he was really able to merge his creativity with his love of science - referring to his work as “art”.

While at Ceramtec, he co-authored a patent for post processing of heavy oil product streams, and was a member of two Innovation winning teams: Natural Gas Membrane Reactor in 2014 and



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Ship Fuel Desulfurization Technology in 2016. He also formed lasting friendships with some of his colleagues there.

When Ceramatec relocated out of state, he went to work for Northrup Grumman as a Senior Engineering Technician, performing QA and inspection of aspects of the manufacture of solid rocket motors. He remained there after his diagnosis until he became too ill to work, but also made some close connections in his 5 years there.

He met Tiffany Sanborn in the 2000s. While together, they had a son, Jachin, followed closely by his little sister Xanthie. Jeff's children were the center of his universe and they meant the world to him.

From the beginning, he encouraged their love of learning - especially science. Jeff worked with them on their schoolwork wherever possible and looked forward especially to working with them every year on their science projects - going further in depth to really understand and thoroughly explore their topics. This was a great bonding experience for all. Jachin and Xanthie are both excellent students and good friends to each other.

Jeff also had a love for philosophical, political, and often controversial, conversation. He enjoyed the intellectual stimulation of debate, and although he often came across as harsh and tough, he had a good and generous heart and had a lot of love for his family and friends - especially for his children. Throughout his illness, he expressed gratitude countless times for all the caring and support he received from his family, friends, colleagues and hospital and hospice staff. He emotionally referred to the healthcare workers who cared for him as "angels on earth".

Jeff is survived by his children Jachin and Xanthie, and by their mother Tiffany Sandborn; his parents, Nancy (Lee) Kuiper and Duane Killpack; his siblings: Jennifer (Reinard) Killpack-Knutsen, Greg Killpack, Andrew (Becky) Killpack, Debra (Jeff) Christensen, Benjamin (Amanda) Killpack; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by his grandparents and his uncles Barry, Darwin and Garth.

A special thank you to Tiffany for all her time, care and unceasing patience following Jeff's diagnosis; his hospice nurse Christi, social worker Teresa and his Oncologist, Dr. Shortridge for their gentle and compassionate care; his boss, James, who supported him in work and as a friend



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as his health declined; and his chaplain, Hilarie, a particularly special angel, who was a wonderful comfort to Jeff in his last days, as well as her continuing comfort to his family.

In honor of Jeff's love of science, his family is hosting an open house style memorial in the classroom at the Clark Planetarium in Salt Lake City on December 26, 2022 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served and parking vouchers can be retrieved at the front desk. (Directions to find the classroom to follow, or ask at the front desk).

We will greatly miss our dad, son, brother, nephew, cousin, friend, colleague. Rest in peace - we love you.

(... got you last)



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NK

Nancy Killpack Kuiper posted:

I cannot thank everyone enough for the support of co workers, friends, and family honoring jeff ;and for being a part of his life

December 26 at 4:51 PM

SN

Sue Nibley lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

I knew Jeff from working with him at Northrup Grumman. I enjoyed his conversations. Sorry for the loss of you Son and Father. He always spoke highly of his Children.GOD SPEED



December 22 at 7:53 AM

JM

James Mosby posted:

My sincere condolences go out to Jeff's family. I was luckily enough to work with Jeff at Ceramatec for many years. I always enjoyed his thoughtful conversation and quick humor. His love and dedication for his kids came out in his conversations on a daily basis. Jeff was also willing to provide help and guidance with his technical skills and knowledge on a variety of projects, making him a valuable asset to which ever team he was on. He is someone that I will never forget.

December 22 at 4:31 AM

GA

Galen Austin posted:

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Jeff's family. I got to know Jeff very well while working at Ceramatec for nearly 8 years. We worked closely on the same project and became very good friends. When Ceramatec closed up and moved to Colorado we both obtained employment at Northrop Grumman. I did not work as close with him, but we kept in contact and on occasion we would go out for lunch and talk. I was aware of his struggle with cancer. Jeff was a very intelligent, curious, and inquisitive person, with a natural ability to understand and solve problems. He was very thoughtful and caring. I learned a lot from him. I know he especially loved his kids. I will always consider him as one of my best friends. Truly an honor to get to know him. I will miss him.

December 20 at 1:51 PM



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Philip Bennick posted:

I would like to send my condolences to Jeff's family. I worked with Jeff at Northrop Grumman. Jeff was a great person and I enjoyed talking to him. He made me laugh often.

December 20 at 2:38 AM



Jennifer Killpack-Knutsen shared 3 photos to the **Childhood** album.



December 19 at 12:42 PM



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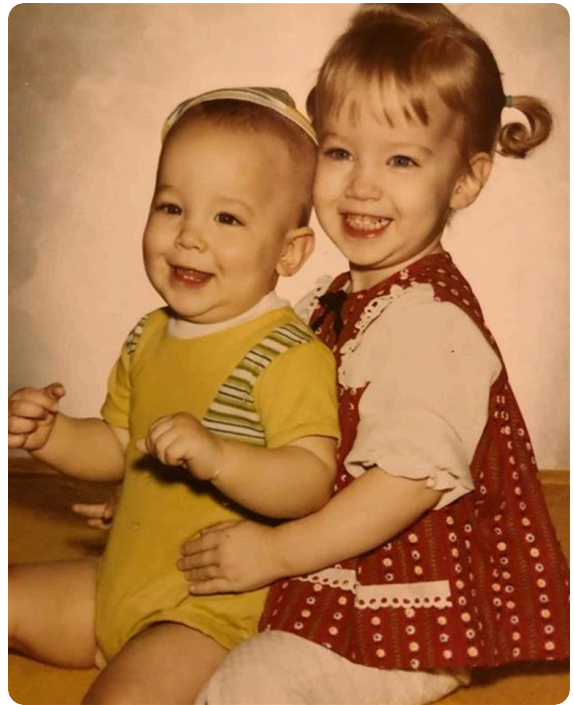
December 19 at 12:42 PM



Jeff in middle with brother Greg and sister Jenni



Jeff as a baby



Jeff and sister Jenni



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jeffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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