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In the mid-1970s, Debra Ann Story vacationed in Hawaii where she met her future husband, Gene (Eugene) Bauman. They married a year or so later and soon their first son, Jeffery Eugene Bauman was born on September 14, 1977, and little brother Andy followed in 1985. Jeff grew up in the Hunter neighborhood of Salt Lake Valley and graduated from Hunter High School in 1995 where he played soccer and skied every chance he could. Jeff loved anything and everything to do with sports and the outdoors, but he was passionate about skiing and soccer. Thanks to Debra and Gene's frequent summer and winter trips to places like Yellowstone, Island Park, Glacier, and Grandma Jane's cabin in Fairview, Jeff was bitten early by the Adventure-Travel Bug.

Soon after graduating, Jeff interviewed and was hired by Delta Airlines. He thought, What a great gig, they pay me and I get to fly FREE all over the world! And travel he did. He even took seasonal jobs for Delta in Jackson Hole and Alaska. Before the age of 35 he had visited five out of the seven continents and over 40 countries. His bucket list got short very fast: Hike a volcano in Iceland - check! Explore an Aztec temple - check! Stand in the shadow of the Great Pyramids at Giza - check! Drink a Guinness in an Irish Pub - check!

Of course, Jeff's life also includes a love story. In 2010, a receptionist at his dentist's office, aware of his intrepid travels, said, "You travel a lot; we have a patient who travels too and you should meet her." Soon after, Jeff met Michelle (Moore) and they became lifelong travel buddies. Their adventures are the makings of a storybook. No kidding, he proposed to her at Machu Picchu and they married on a beach on Maui for heaven's sake! They drank wine in Paris and kissed at the top of the Eiffel Tower (probably French kissed, but Michelle isn't disclosing). Ate sushi in Tokyo. Cheered for Americans at the 2012 London Olympics. Watched sunsets on the Italian Riviera. Camped with lions, zebras, and giraffes in Kruger National Park in South Africa. In 2014 they completed their Travel Holy Grail with a cruise to Antarctica. All seven continents together!



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Little Lucas was born in January 2016. Jeff and Michelle's globe-trotting gave way to parenthood, which suited them greatly. Jeff adored his son and the feeling was mutual. As Lucas grew, their international travel shifted to trips closer to home, including snowmobiling in Yellowstone, camping at Grand Canyon's North Rim, drinking margaritas in Puerto Vallarta, whale watching in Alaska, and mountain and desert camping with their side-by-side in tow. Their adventures were not as exotic, but the passion and zeal were unchanged. Lucas is now almost seven and he reminds everyone of Jeff. With his energy and zeal for play it is certain he will follow in Jeff's footsteps.

Jeff's motto was, "You work to live, not live to work," and he truly lived life fully with seldom a dull moment. His presence never went unnoticed. He always wore shorts with crazy, colorful socks, even in January. Jeff's was always the loudest laughter in the room. He was never shy and looked for every opportunity to say something funny (often cringeworthy) or share a good story (always colorful). If you were offended, Jeff would have said, "Get over yourself." A friend summed him up perfectly, "Jeff was always unapologetically himself at all times." So few of us can say the same about ourselves.

Jeff was recovering from foot surgery and looking forward to returning to work. No one could have imagined such a tragic ending at such a young age. Thankfully, he passed quietly in his sleep. Jeff is survived by his wife Michelle and precious son Lucas, as well as his father, Gene (and Sandy) and brother Andy (and JoAnna). Jeff was preceded in death by his dear mom Debra in 2014, and his beloved grandmother Jane in 2017. A Celebration of Life memorial is planned for spring (TBA). Michelle and Lucas will celebrate him privately, when the time comes, by spreading his ashes in a few of his favorite places, with the remainder laid to rest next to his Mom and Grandma where he would want to be.



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LS

Lori Sterrett posted:

Michelle I just heard about Jeff's passing, I am so sorry. I got to see him every 3 months for his teeth cleanings, he didn't need them that often but he wanted to keep those appointments. I always looked forward to him coming in, he was my friend. I loved his sense of humor. My heart goes out to you and Lucas. Love Lori (hygienist)

February 6 at 1:46 PM

MT

Matau Tuivaiti posted:

I worked with Jeff at D and then C gates for a long time. He will always play jokes and add names on the standby list. Me not thinking I kept calling standby Anita Mann several times until I looked across and he was busting out laughing and went on the mic and said Anita Mann is a little desperate Kio 🤔🤔 Jeff you'll be sorely missed. My condolences to your family, your beautiful wife and your pride & joy your son ❤️ We love you until we meet again ❤️ Aloha Oe

December 28 at 5:36 PM

IE

Ingunn Earl posted:

Jeff was bigger than life! He was always happy and always had a witty remark ready. He was great to work with. He will be missed!

December 27 at 8:26 AM

MC

Michelle Carr posted:

Jeff always had smile, if you were in a bad mood he could always cheer you up and make you laugh. He had no filter and always had a big smile. He was out spoken and would always tell you the way it was. Very helpful and friendly. He will truly be missed. Hugs

December 26 at 4:35 AM



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Tiffani Backus shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Our family will miss you Jeff! Michelle, Lucas and your family, we are deeply sorry and sad for the loss of one of the best men we have had the honor of knowing. Here's a photo of some fun socks my daughters picked up for Jeff when we were in Hawaii. He was so excited when I gave them to him. He changed his socks right there in the break room at work! Then posed of course with that sweet smile that light up the room. Rest in peace my friend.

December 23 at 7:36 AM



Robert Haley December 24 at 7:11 AM

Jeff will be deeply missed. ❤️ He always had a smile and the best advice when things weren't going right. Jeff will be deeply missed.



Kim Brady posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Jeff for over twenty years! He was indeed one of a kind. He could make any situation into something to laugh about. And oh that laugh, it was a blessing to just hear that laugh. I would think any Delta employee that worked with him learned something from him. I loved talking with him. He always loved hearing about my son's soccer games and even took time to go watch them when he could. Then when he got married to hear him speak of his dear wife and to see the joy and love that she brought into his life and then having a son and the unlimited joy and love he felt was wonderful to see. Jeff was a dear friend and such a good man. He will be missed.

December 23 at 5:46 AM



Kava December 26 at 8:08 PM

Jeff was sent to Ta'u and I from training to learn the functions as a gate agent. Immediately we bonded with this handsome young haoli boy. We treated him like our little brother and called him 'Kio' when he hit the wrong key functions and he started calling us Kio and we burst into laughter him the loudest. He finally asked what the word mean since we used it often, he wasn't convinced it means 'I love you' and he asked someone else came back had the loudest laugh at us started calling us Kio so perfectly and sounded as a Poly. If a passenger was rude to us he would say Kio and tell them the meaning I love you and you don't want to mess with these Poly ladies and the passenger burst into laughter with Jeff. I was so sad when agents texted of your passing Kio head. Thank you for all the fun years working with you. You're deeply missed little brother Jeff.



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Cynthia Stott posted:

I love Jeff so much and I miss him. I kept waiting for him to come back to work. Deepest condolences to Michelle and Lucas and all other family members. I wrote some of my memories and sent them for the book Michelle Lawrence is putting together.

December 23 at 5:02 AM



Chris Orrock posted:

I was a veteran flight attendant who saw Jeff at work often and was always struck by his ever-present smile and pleasant demeanor. Our sincere condolences to his wife, son and extended family and close friends.

December 22 at 7:21 PM



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EH

Ellen Haslam posted:

What a joyous, heartfelt obituary, totally capturing Jeff's personality and essence. He was about love, laughter and friendship. How lucky we were to have him in our lives. Gone way too soon.

December 22 at 9:57 AM

LS

Linda Strasburg December 26 at 10:28 PM

Jeff would come into the Delta Sky Club to help out when we needed help he always brought with him a smile, a sense of humor that lightened the mood on difficult travel days. I loved to hear his adventurous travel stories. His zest for life was contagious. His verbal observations about life, people and work were both brutally honest and funny. May his family have all their memories be locked in their hearts for comfort.

NC

Noel Clayton December 24 at 7:07 AM

I met Jeff much later than all the other Delta family but had the pleasure of being introduced to him by Michelle Lawrence....and it was all downhill from there! One of the best agents out there, best smile, and one of the funniest guys around. I love how he was not afraid or embarrassed to say it how it was. Jeff will be missed but not forgotten. Hugs to his sweet family.

SF

Sachiko Fluharty December 23 at 4:41 AM

It was a great pleasure working with him. His advice of achieving goals made it possible for me to summit the highest peaks of each county of Utah's 29 counties. My husband didn't want to leave the house, or didn't want to travel. I wanted to travel but felt guilty to leave my husband alone at home. Jeff said, "It's his choice to stay home. If you want to achieve your goal, just go. He is not getting any younger. If he is bed-ridden, you can't go. While he is still healthy, go NOW. It's your choice. ". I am glad that I followed his advice. If you have a bucket list, do it now while you can. Jeff, rest in peace. I will miss you greatly but will remember your laughter. Sachiko Fluharty

AC

Abbott Cory December 23 at 1:20 AM

I was honored to know Jeff , always had something funny to tell me. Loved by so so many at Delta. He will be missed tremendously but not forgotten. It was a true honor my friend!

EH

Estelle Mastronardo Hansen December 22 at 7:22 PM

Jeff was the coolest, funniest and most colorful person I ever worked with. I never left his presence without my eyes watering from laughing. A true Delta guy. We will miss the heck out of you Jeff. RIP and sincere condolences to family 🙏

MA

Marilyn December 22 at 6:00 PM

Jeff was such a great guy! I loved working with him at the C- info counter. I knew he always had my back, and the evening would be so much fun in spite of the circumstances. You



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EH

were a bright light Jeff, and I'm happy our paths crossed. Wishing you Blue Skies and Tail Winds! ✈️

DB

David Brahe December 22 at 4:01 PM

Jeff was the absolute best! I miss him very much, he was the man the taught me everything about Salt Lake City and Delta when I transferred here on day one back in 2011. He was my best friend here in Salt Lake and I miss you brother you will never ever be forgotten.

TC

Thomas Clayton December 22 at 3:16 PM

I am glad for your adventures and sorry for your loss.

VC

Valerie Cole December 22 at 11:19 AM

Jeff was a very positive, fun Delta Airlines employee. He lit up the whole room with his presence and was always smiling. He was family to everyone and will be missed. So glad he was able to travel all over the world and come back to brag about it. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Hope he wrote down some of his fun adventures to share with his family. Until we meet again Jeff. You made work FUN. Thank you!

VC

Valerie Cole December 22 at 11:00 AM

Jeff always was fun to see at Delta Airlines. He brightened the whole room and he was a positive person to be around. Now he is in Heaven making everyone laugh, but it is hard to believe he left us so young. Thank you Jeff for being like family at Delta. We will miss you.
Valerie Cole



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