



Jeffrey Duncan Parker

June 23, 1952 - May 11, 2021

Jeffrey Duncan Parker, 68, of Mount Dora, Florida, passed away on May 11, 2021, after a brief illness. He is survived by Gail, his wife of nearly 40 years; his mother Jean, of Mount Dora; sister Amy Parker-Flinn (Billy), of Rocky Point NY; brothers Scott (Janice) of Slidell LA, Keith (Angela) of Leesburg FL and Bruce of Fort Lauderdale, FL; cousin Andrea; many in-laws, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many friends.

In 1975 Jeff was in an auto accident in Arizona which left him paralyzed from the waist down. This never slowed him. He went to college and technical school and became an electronics engineer in telecommunications. He began his career in 1979 with Coherent Communications on Long Island, and stayed with the company for 38 years, throughout several mergers and acquisitions, until retiring in 2017. He traveled extensively for work, visiting at least 46 states, and 22 countries throughout Asia, North and South America and Europe.

He obtained his private pilot's license in the early nineties, and was certified for both visual and instrument flying. He owned a 4-seater Piper Arrow and enjoyed flying as often as possible.

Jeff was born on June 23, 1952 on Long Island, NY, and raised in Hicksville, NY, where he bought the family home and resided until 1995. He was transferred to company headquarters in Leesburg, VA and lived there until 2007, when he was transferred again to the new company headquarters in Naperville IL. He stayed there until his retirement in 2017, then he and Gail

relocated to Florida.

Jeff joined the Knights of Columbus in 2002, and became a Fourth Degree Knight the following year. He was a founding member of the Saint John Paul II Assembly in Sterling VA, was an officer in several councils and assemblies, and at the time of his death was Financial Secretary for the Saint Patrick Council in Mount Dora.

He was an avid sports fan, especially football and auto racing. He loved technology of all sorts, being mechanically and technically knowledgeable in many areas. He was always willing to help when needed. He was generous to family and friends, and was a genuinely good man. He will be missed very much.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday May 24, 2021 at 9:00am at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Mount Dora. A Celebration of Jeff's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey Duncan Parker*



May 11, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *I have know and worked with Jeff since the old Coherent days. I remember a fun flight we had when Jeff took me to PA in the airplane he used to have. He was always there to be of assistance to anybody. He will be missed. My sincerest sympathies to Gail and everybody.*

Jeffrey Noel - July 10, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ We first met Jeff in our former parish in Leesburg, VA. After they moved to Illinois, Jeff and Gail became "unofficial members" at the annual Hammel Family Reunion in the Joliet area. Jeff was always very upbeat no matter the challenge. Besides the reunion we were able to visit with them when we were in the Midwest. Jeff saw life in its fullness and inspired others to see the opportunities and the goodness in living. Jeff will be a story of strength to share in some of my ministries in my parishes.

May he have eternal rest and joy forever.

Love,

Larry and Marianne

Larry & Marianne Hammel - May 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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“ I worked with Jeff in Naperville. Many great memories and laughs! Jeff was kind and caring I will miss him. Always a place in my heart. Sincere condolences to Gail and the Parker family. Till we meet again my friend RIP

Paul and Debbie Stock

PAUL STOCK - May 23, 2021 at 06:24 PM

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“ Sending our sincere sympathies to Gail and the entire Parker family. Jeff was a kind, thoughtful and loving man. We have so many wonderful memories throughout the years with him. Jeff will always have a special place in our hearts and we will miss him dearly.
Love, Jimmy and Nancy

Jimmy and Nancy Messina - May 21, 2021 at 06:02 PM