

## JEFFREY WILLIAM COLUMBUS

Fred & Wanda are sending our condolences to the Columbus families. Fred remembers always playing road hockey with Jeff and the Ritchie & Columbus boys

*Fred & Wanda Spring*

December 2, 2023

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Dear Laurie and family we are so very sorry for your loss. Jeff was a great man. We had many laughs in Gilford playing baseball. Our thoughts and prayers are will you. Sending our condolences and love.

*Tracey & John Spragg*

December 2, 2023

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I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was such a great friend. I have fond memories of the IBM days back in the 80s.

*Ross Fox*

December 2, 2023

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So sorry for your loss you have our sincere sympathy to his whole family

*Sandy Conn & George Conn*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie, so very sorry to see this news. My condolences to you and your family. So many "Jeffer" memories from my early IBM days ... always making everyone laugh and smile.

*Heather Andersen*

December 2, 2023

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May he rest in eternal peace he was a good man a good friend my prayers are with family

*Kasia and Bryce shortreed*

December 2, 2023

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Our sincere condolences . Our thoughts and prayer are with you. We are so sorry for you loss.

*Randy Oetelaar*

December 2, 2023

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Sarah and I are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Jeff. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Laurie, Ryan, Josh, Casandra and all of his family and friends. We hope and pray that your cherished memories will help to comfort you at this very sad and difficult time. Our thoughts are with you.

*Roman Calvano*

December 2, 2023

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So very sorry for your loss Tim, Ike and families ☹️

*Sandi Chapman*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie, I am so very sorry to see this news. My condolences to you and your family. So many "Jeff" memories from my early Bell days.

*Carrie*

December 2, 2023

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My heart is so heavy for the loss of Jeff your loving husband and wonderful father. May you find some comfort in the wonderful memories as a family. He was always so kind and always had a smile on his face . Hugs to you all

*Judy Haverkort*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie and Famiky, So sorry for your loss.. I worked with Jeff back in my early days at ISM Canada.. He was a fantastic person to work with and an even nicer person.. I remember our ISM Canada Wednesday after work baseball games.. and everyone going back to the bar for some drinks, chicken wings and sharing stories.. Jeff and the Trojans! Great memories.. R.I.P.

*Wally Hilts*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie, My deepest sympathies for your loss. Sincerely, Kelly Stacey

*Kelly Stacey*

December 2, 2023

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I worked with Jeff and he was a wonderful human being. Always positive, in a great mood and energetic. My sincere condolences ' Dolly

*Dolly*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie, we are sending deepest sympathies for your loss. Our condolences Dino & Ashley

*Dino and Ashley*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie and family, I am so very sorry to hear of dear Jeffer's passing. Such a fun loving cousin, I have many fond memories of my time with him and the gang while visiting Elmvale years ago. Always made us laugh. Life is too short, bless you all. Hugs, xo

*Laurie Columbus- cousin*

December 2, 2023

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Laurie and family I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My condolences to you all!

*Christy Venditello*

December 2, 2023

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I'm so sorry for your loss. My condolences to the Columbus family. Thinking of you guys during this time.

*Natalie Borges*

December 2, 2023

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Im so sorry Laurie for your loss. Jeff will be missed greatly xoxo

*Tracey Borges*

December 2, 2023

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Dear Laurie and family we are very saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. Our sincere condolences to all of you.

*Cheryl and Joe Maher*

December 2, 2023

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We are so very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Our caring thoughts are with his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was definitely a special guy; loved and admired by so many. Wish we had spent more time with him. Xoxo He will be greatly missed. Sheri, Lee, Alyssa and Jordana Vetzal

*Sheri Saunders*

December 2, 2023

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My condolences to the families of Jeff RIP Jeff ☹☹☹☹☹

*James M Mcconnell*

December 2, 2023

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I am very saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. May Jeff rest in peace. It was a pleasure and an honour to work along side Jeff at IBM Canada C&TS in the 1980/1990s. Jeff and I continued to cross career paths even when he transitioned over to Bell Canada. Jeff was a great guy; honest, dependable, smart and genuinely a friendly person. He knew his stuff and eagerly shared his technical expertise with others. I can still hear his laugh! To Jeff's immediate and extended family, I offer this; "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal." from a gravestone in Ireland.

*Rick Longford*

December 2, 2023

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My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Had some really good memories of Jeff at Bell. He was an amazing manager and a gem of a person

*Charmaine Risbert*

December 2, 2023

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I am so sorry to hear this Laurie my sincere condolences to you and your family. May he rest in peace ☐

*Karen Jordan*

December 2, 2023

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Condolences to everyone. Hugs

*Kathy and Martin VanLaarhoven*

December 2, 2023

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So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing, our hearts go out to the entire family. Laurie, you and family our in our thoughts.

*Dianne & Don Toshack*

December 2, 2023

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Our condolences to all the Columbus families. Our thoughts are with you.

*Deb & Tim Kennedy*

December 2, 2023

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My sincere condolences to all of you at this very difficult time may all of your sweet memories comfort you during this very difficult time

*Kathy Patterson*

December 3, 2023

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I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to yor family at this time. No words can make you feel better but know that there are people who care and understand what you are going through at this time. Remember your memories they will help you get through it. Thoughts and prayers are with you, Debbie Tomlin

*Debbie Tomlin*

December 3, 2023

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Jeffer and I started at IBM together in 76' and stayed friends forever. Even lived together in the beaches for a year. Had so many good times with him I can't begin to recount. His is the longest friendship I've ever had and I have no words to express my grief. We are sending love and hugs to Laurie and his family.

*Wayne Arsenault*

December 3, 2023

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Our deepest condolences to the family and friends on passing of Jeff. He was such a funny intelligent man. He was such a ham in Florida, thanks for those lifetime memories. He will be missed by all who have had the pleasure to know him. We will miss him but are glad we knew him. Rest in peace Jeffer.

*Chris and Lorraine Stuart*

December 3, 2023

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Goodbye good buddy, I will miss you and our times together. Until we meet again on the ice as line mates.

*Mark Colley*

December 3, 2023

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Laurie & family. We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Jeff....our deepest condolences! We have fond memories of camping with your family. Dean & Cheryl Teasdale

*Cheryl Teasdale*

December 3, 2023

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Laurie, my thoughts & prayers go out to you and the family. I knew Jeff from when he started at IBM up until I retired in 2010. Sunday night hockey at Double Rinks in the winter, Wednesdays after work at Centre Ice in the summer. May he rest in peace. Take care of yourself and the family.

*Bob Woods*

December 3, 2023

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Hi Laurie; My deepest condolences to you and your family. I've been thinking about all the times we spent together since 1981. Jeff was a wonderful guy and had a great sense of humour, for which she will always be remembered. Much love, Marilyn xo

*Marilyn McLeod*

December 3, 2023

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My deepest condolences on the passing of Jeff. Definitely far too young. I have fond memories of working with him in the 80s. He was a fun person and someone who was memorable. I am sorry for the family's loss.

*Yvonne Verberg*

December 3, 2023

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My sincere condolences to Jeff's family. A truly nice man, I have fond memories of the days we worked together at IBM and the times we spent at the hockey arena. RIP my friend .... JT.

*John Tardella*

December 3, 2023

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To my lovely Casi, her dear mom and all family: The words are inadequate at a time like this but I wanted you to know how deeply sorry I am for your loss. May he rest in peace.

*Mina Aghaei*

December 3, 2023

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I'm numb and not sure where to start or what to say. Jeff and I go back to the very early 80's and our time spent at IBM and subsequently Bell. Over the years we shared many a laugh and one or the other always had a good story to share. As the years went by and we saw more and more colleagues depart through firings, layoffs, job changes, retirements, etc., just before I retired in 2015 I went to Jeff one day and said, "Well buddy, it's come down to just you and I still remaining. Which of us will be the last man standing?". I never expected that comment to come back to haunt me like this. Jeffer, we had a helluva ride Mate. Thanks for all the laughs and memories.

*Winston Stairs*

December 3, 2023

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Laurie, We are so sorry to hear about Jeffer. He was a great friend for so many years, I have so many great memories. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Gord and Anne O'Donnell*

December 3, 2023

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Deepest sympathies to everyone. May your memories help in your time of sorrow.

*Sherree (Pilon) Buchanan*

December 3, 2023

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So very sorry to hear of the passing of Jeff - he was a fun loving guy with a great sense of humour, who will be fondly remembered. My sincere condolences to Laurie and family for your loss.

*Lee Swigger*

December 3, 2023

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I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing May you be comforted by your memories of Jeff.

*Deb Marshall*

December 3, 2023

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Do accept our deepest sympathy Joe and Linda Rowntree

*Joe and Linda Rowntree*

December 3, 2023

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So sorry for this terrible loss! Jeff was a great man and a great influence for me growing up through hockey with Josh.. My deepest condolences to your family at this time.

*Jesse Tuckey*

December 3, 2023

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023 Gut punch . I am very saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. We had many fun times , many great memories. He was always cheerful and I consider myself very lucky to have him as a friend , at work and outside of work . He was a fun part of my life. I had gotten to know Jeffer from his first day at IBM . He was a true friend a great guy. Loved by all .. great sense of humour. Lots of memories notably from the IBM Toronto Computing Centre (C&TS) days back in the 1980/1990s and maybe late 70's?? Jeff and bunch of us went down to Detroit a few summers for the IBM slow pitch tournament . We really had a great time there . Did I mention Jeff was a great guy ?? Many admirable qualities , he was honest, knowledgeable and truly a wonderful person. I loved what he recommended golf should be called (sorry censored..lol) , makes me laugh to this day as it came out of him so naturally while we were playing at the IBM country club in an in house golf league match .. I can still picture him, his voice, his laugh. To Jeff's immediate and extended family, I offer my deepest sympathies. Jeffer , rest in peace good buddy... Turk

*Henry (Turk) Asztemborski*

December 4, 2023

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It is really sad news. my deepest condolences to his family. I worked with him in Bell He was a wonderful person.

*Muneeb Syed*

December 4, 2023

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Dear Laurie and Family and extended Families. Deepest condolences. Jeffer will be missed by me and many others. Take care of yourselves. Robert

*Robert Laporte*

December 4, 2023

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We were stunned and saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. Our condolences to Laurie , Family and your extended Families. We both worked with Jeff at IBM in the 80's & 90's . He always had a funny story and a great sense of humour. May he rest in peace.

*Rob & Paulette O'Halloran*

December 4, 2023

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We are deeply saddened by the news of Jeff's passing. We wish Laurie and family our deepest condolences. Jeff was a gem of a person and one of the most genuine people that we ever had the pleasure of working with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Alistair & Charmaine Risbert

*Alistair Risbert*

December 4, 2023

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My condolences to the family. Jeff was an amazing colleague. He was always positive and full of energy. His voice would brighten the room. Years ago, I called Jeff asking him if he lived near the Barrie Costco. It had the only two remaining special edition Optimus Prime Transformer left. It was being cleared out. An hour later, he messages me saying it's sitting in his house. That was Jeff! A great friend and colleague. During a ski trip up north, I went to pick it up. It was nice seeing him, his home, and his dog. The neighborhood was calm

and peaceful. That day brings back fond memories. Jeff, you're wonderful! Rest in peace.

*Jason Lam*

December 4, 2023

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Laurie and everyone. Cheryl, Mackenzie and I were so saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. Makes our brief time together last Summer mean even more. Jeffer was my best buddy for many years...so many stories. C'yall soon. Uncle Punk

*Dave Morrow*

December 4, 2023

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Gone way to soon so sorry for your loss

*Pamela Archer*

December 4, 2023

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My man, a great guy to know. Jeff meant alot to me being one of Josh's good friends. I'll miss you forever pal. Rest easy. My condolences

*Jake King*

December 4, 2023

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To all of Jeff's family, we send our sincere condolences on his passing way too young. We remember him fondly mostly from our growing up years in Elmvale. May he rest in peace. Sending love and prayers for your comfort. Owen, Kevin and Janice Spring

*Janice Besner*

December 4, 2023

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Our thoughts are with the Columbus Family during this difficult time. May Jeff rest in peace & suffer no more.

*Jane & Murray Lees*

December 4, 2023

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So sad to hear of Jeff's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Columbus families.

*Rob & Marg Rance*

December 5, 2023

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So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Debbie and I would like to send our condolences to Laurie and all their family members. He will be missed. Jeffer and I spent a lot of time together coming through the seventies. Playing sports, snowmobiling, cruising the back roads, etc - so many good times, so many memories. Although I haven't seen Jeff very much in the recent past I did think of him often. He was that kind of guy. Jeffer, you were a mainstay in my life back in the day! So sorry you had to leave this party so soon. See you on the flip side dude - may you RIP.

*Peter and Debbie Beardsall*

December 5, 2023



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Dear Family We are sending our sincerest condolences to you the family. Thinking of you.

*Dave & Karen Ritchie*

December 5, 2023

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Sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Our sincere condolences to Jeff's family and brothers Ike and Tim. Trish and Frank

*Trish and Frank Thiffault*

December 6, 2023

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Dear Laurie and family, We are deeply saddened to hear of Jeff's passing after his brave fight against cancer. His strength and resilience throughout this battle were truly remarkable. Jeff's love for his family shone brightly in every aspect of his life, evident in the cherished moments he shared with you all. His legacy lives on through his devoted role as a loving husband to you, Laurie, a caring father to Ryan, Joshua, and Casandra, and a proud grandpa to Adelaide. Jeff's presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May cherished memories bring comfort during this difficult time, and may the love he shared continue to be a source of strength. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. With sympathy, Dave & Judy

*Dave & Judy Lightbound*

December 6, 2023

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Jeff is one of those people that made you feel welcome even if you didn't hang in his circle. I only new Jeff through his close friends and anytime our paths crossed we always had positive up beat conversations. Our deepest condolences to Jeff's family R.I.P Jeff

*Dan Adams*

December 6, 2023

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Laurie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Cherish your special memories.

*Deborah Ferguson*

December 6, 2023

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We are so sorry for your loss. Jeff was always a very friendly guy. Jeff and my brother Dave were best friends.

*Julie Morrow and Gord MacDonald*

December 6, 2023

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Joe and I send our deepest condolences to the Columbus and Alsemgeest families. May Jeffrey rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing.

*Joe & Victoria Tucci*

December 7, 2023

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So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Remembering the many years being neighbours and hanging out. Sending all of you healing prayers and hugs. ☐

*Anita Stone Burke*

December 7, 2023

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Sending our sincerest condolences to the family...had the privilage of meeting this beautiful man...what an honor... may he forever rest in eternal peace☐☐ Thoughts are with u all Love Tina Farisco and Tom Hollingworth

*Tina farisco*

December 7, 2023

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Deepest condolences to Jeff's family and friends. Jeff, Punk and I shared an apartment on Paxtonia Blvd., Toronto. Lots of late night backgammon games and vehicle washing and later on ski trips. Great memories. You will be missed.

*pete lalonde*

December 8, 2023

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Condolences Rest In Peace!

*Del Frankcom*

December 16, 2023

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Dear Laurie and Family, Bob and I were so sad to hear of Jeff's passing. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*Ingrid and Bob Keith*

January 2, 2024

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I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jeff! He was an extremely unique individual with a great sense of humor and amazing logic and an eye for detail. I had the pleasure of working with Jeff at IBM for a number of years. His love for his Z/28 wore off on me and after I purchased MY Z/28. We travelled down to Watkins Glenn with a few other friends and coworkers. He will be missed by a large number of friends and I'm sure his family. Rob Lawn

*Rob Lawn*

June 18, 2024

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