



## Gene Jeffers

October 25, 1953 - July 28, 2021

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. send condolences to the family of Gene Jeffers.

Gene Jeffers, 67, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, at his home near Edinburg.

Gene was born in Rome, NY, to Alma and Edward Jeffers. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Patty Poplar; his son Ira Poplar-Jeffers and wife Erica, his daughter Erin Fulmer and husband Jeremy, grandson, Vance Jeffers; and his brothers Daniel and Patrick Jeffers.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Pete Jeffers. Gene and his 3 younger brothers grew up in places throughout the U.S. as his father's career transferred the family. Gene developed a passion for the great outdoors, as he explored with brother Dan to quickly find the nearest fishing hole in each new home. Gene graduated from Severna Park High School in Maryland in 1971, attended two years of Anne Arundel Community College and attended The Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point, Md. He then joined the United States Merchant Marines in 1980, sailing around the world, and eventually working on tugboats for Sun Oil Co. in Puerto Rico. Always the life learner, Gene changed careers, training in computer networking. He then worked for Unisys Corp and the American Red Cross. In 2005, he joined the team at Shentel as a senior network engineer. Gene continued to work from his hospital bed at UVA as long as he could. Gene

found his work at Shentel very rewarding and he loved and appreciated his colleagues.

Gene was passionate about many interests and hobbies throughout his life. Always with a curious mind, he was an avid researcher and collector of Civil War and Indian artifacts, record/ vinyl collections and local pottery. He loved rock hounding, hybridizing daylilies, and following Orioles baseball. He was a talented musician, most recently playing guitar with a band called "From the Vault" (a Grateful Dead cover band). Gene loved traveling and exploring new places, reading and spending time with friends and family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at his home on August 7th at 11 a.m., 4047 Stoney Creek Rd., Edinburg, VA. For parking access follow address marked 3909 and follow signage.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Sentara Hospice, 871 MLK Junior Way, Suite 203, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Or to Rexfoundation.org, a charitable non-profit organization.

Online condolences can be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *We used to be such close friends he will always be missed*

*-Becky K*

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**Becky K** - February 12 at 04:27 PM



“ *Gene Jeffers*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Gene Jeffers*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM

MK

“ *Gene was the most interesting man I have ever known. I will miss our conversations and banter. You made an impact in my life and shall be remembered fondly.*

*Matt*

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**Matt Krueger** - August 07, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TG

“ *Gene was one of my favorite people. He was a joy to work with and always interesting to talk to about almost any subject. He seemed to be knowledgeable about everything and was just a great guy.*

*Tom Gallaway*

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**tom gallaway** - August 07, 2021 at 08:29 AM

SH

“ Gene, I will forever miss your fun loving character and wit. You were a joy to work with and to know. You will be missed!

*Steve Heltzel*

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**Steve Heltzel** - August 02, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CL

“ Gene taught me to rock hound. We used to take lunch and hunt rocks. Gene was a dear friend and will be missed. Cara Lord, Shentel Co-worker

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**Cara Lord** - August 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM