



Jeffrey Andrew Bray

August 11, 1947 - February 16, 2025

Jeffrey A. Bray passed away peacefully on February 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Jeff was born on August 11, 1947, in Norway, Michigan to Andy Bray and Marlea (Hoheisel) Bray. He would often joke that he was born in "Norway" and was proud of his Upper Peninsula heritage.

He attended Monsignor Edward Pace High School in Miami and graduated in 1965 as the class valedictorian.

Following his graduation from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1969, Jeff volunteered for service in Vietnam where he proudly served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971.

Jeff returned to the U.S. where he met and fell in love with Terry (Rice). Jeff and Terry married in 1974 and settled in Ohio.

Jeff and Terry moved to Miami in 1977. Jeff worked in radio for many years in Miami and ultimately assumed the role of News Director at WINZ News radio where he and his team were awarded the prestigious Edward R. Murrow award for their coverage of the 1989 Overtown Riot.

Jeff also served as the Southeast Regional Editor for United Press International. After earning a master's degree from Barry University, Jeff went on to a successful 21-year career in public relations as an Account Manager and Senior Editor with O'Connell & Goldberg Public Relations in Fort Lauderdale. While he had many prestigious roles during his career, his favorite job was being a Papa.

After retirement, Jeff relocated to Tallahassee to be closer to family.

Those left to honor Jeff's memory are his daughter Jennifer Fennell (Scott), son Jeff (Tom) and grandson Collin Fennell. Jeff is also survived by his brothers Mark, David (Melinda), Jonathan (Mary), Jerome (Christine) and Christopher, sisters Barbara Wolff (Bill), Mary Curry (Tom), and Patricia Baker (Greg), along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Terry.

Jeff's family would like to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the staff of Seven Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center and Big Bend Hospice for the excellent care extended to Jeff during his journey.

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the Bray family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Light refreshments and drinks will be available.

Committal Service

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
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Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear family, The news of Jeff’s passing took me back to my youth, when for the first time I became an Uncle, after which I soon saw myself, under the guidance of my big sister, in baby sitting training. The thing I recalled first was getting kicked in the head by Jeff when he disagreed with one of my directives, but we always worked things out. After Mark joined our little group things got rolling. There was the move to Vulcan and my weekends spent there. Little did I know then that the girl I would marry lived just up the hill and across the alley. All too soon my little charges moved out of this area and left a hole in my life. Those were the days my friend. May you rest in peace.

Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary.

Bob Hoheisel - February 21, 2025 at 09:32 PM

CM

“ Thinking of all of you this week. I pray your happy memories bring comfort. The first thing I remember about our oldest cousin Jeff is that smile! Of course the wonderful summers in Norway when everyone could come are priceless memories for me. We watched mom’s garden and when the tiger lilies bloomed we knew the cousins would come. All kinds of adventure and entertainment ensued! I remember being at Zadras cottage one summer, it must have been in the early 70’s as Jeff was recently back from Vietnam. Jeff, Mark, and David would carry us (younger cousins) piggy back in a race up the hill on the road. Over and over they ran and ran and ran as we screamed for more. I remember the strong arms carrying me up the hill, the evening air brushing my face, moving so fast it felt like I was flying..and I laughed and laughed. We all did! Then we ate some cashews (which I had never tasted before) because Jeff had eaten them in Vietnam and we had to try them.

“[Death is] to lose the earth you know, for greater knowing; to lose the life you have, for greater life; to leave the friends you loved, for greater loving; to find a land more kind than home, more large earth.”

Thomas Wolfe, (You Can’t Go Home Again)

Be at peace dear cousin!

Carol (Hoheisel) Mooney

Carol Mooney - February 21, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.*



February 21, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.

February 21, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Annette, Allan, Andy and Eric Hoheisel purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.*



Annette, Allan, Andy and Eric Hoheisel - February 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *Annette, Allan, Andy and Eric Hoheisel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.*

Annette, Allan, Andy and Eric Hoheisel - February 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Jeff being the oldest of the Homebra group ...I was so glad Jeff was able to make it last time. And I can't image how difficult this is for such a loving and caring family as the entire Bray clan certainly is ...and so much so for a loving daughter and son.

I remember when my Dad turned 90 years old, Jeff sent my Dad a dollar for each year to help him celebrate that milestone. And Dad mentioned it on more than one occasion. Dad did tend to repeat things on occasion, yet that was something that was meaningful to Dad, and to me too ...so I liked hearing the story more than once.

There are many memories that will come again and again to our recollection, and yes, there are so many priceless ones.

And again, my thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all of you.

God bless you!!!

with Love, Steve

Stephen Meiner - February 20, 2025 at 08:54 PM



Well, by oldest ...I meant oldest of us cousins. But, actually being only 77 years young, as his heart was always enthusiastically reaching out to each and every person in his unique loving way.

Stephen Meiner - February 20, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ Jeff was my mentor at OGPR. He was super talented and always graciously shared his expertise. I was lucky to have worked with him!

Karen Dennis - February 20, 2025 at 05:22 PM

CG

“ Cory Tilley and Josh Gabel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



Cory Tilley and Josh Gabel - February 20, 2025 at 02:01 PM

CG

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Cory Tilley and Josh Gabel - February 20, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BR

“ Bray purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



Bray - February 20, 2025 at 01:05 PM

BF

“ Barbara Goldberg and the O&G family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



Barbara Goldberg and the O&G family - February 20, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BF

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Barbara Goldberg and the O&G family - February 20, 2025 at 11:37 AM

TF

“ The Meiner Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



The Meiner Family - February 19, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ The WINZ and WIOD families purchased the Fierly Lily and Rose for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



The WINZ and WIOD families - February 19, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TF

“ The WINZ and WIOD families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.

The WINZ and WIOD families - February 19, 2025 at 12:35 PM

LS

“ Lee and Wendy Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



Lee and Wendy Smith - February 18, 2025 at 08:14 PM

LS

“ Love, your brothers & sisters purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



Love, your brothers & sisters - February 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.



February 17, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffrey Andrew Bray.

February 17, 2025 at 05:22 PM