



## Jeffrey "Jeff" Johnston

December 10, 1960 - April 7, 2020

Jeffrey "Jeff" Johnston, of Sterling Heights, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at the age of 59. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 10, 1960.

Beloved husband of Marilynn. Dearest father of Tara Marie Johnston and Breanna Marie Johnston. Cherished son of the late Maurice Johnston and Laureta "Rita" (Carl Waymaster) Johnston Waymaster. Dear brother of John Chester (Cindy) Johnston, Lisa Marie Johnston, the late Linda Marie Johnston, the late James Maurice (Cheryl) Johnston, and the late William Ronald (Amy Jo) Johnston. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Jeff was a dedicated employee at Michigan Spline Gage in Hazel Park for over 40 years. He was also a devoted and active member of Rockpointe Community Church in Sterling Heights. Jeff was known and remembered for being a man who was there for everybody and anybody if they ever needed anything, no matter what. He will be dearly missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at Rockpointe Community Church at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you. With sincere sympathy, Terri Ritchie and Lauren Ritchie*

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**Teresa A Ritchie** - April 19, 2020 at 07:08 PM

TJ

“ *I remember a garage talk we had a little over 10 years ago, where he shared that he'd really like to make some friends. Looking back it's almost comical because in those years after that he started to reach out to others and had a lot more friendships than I could ever count on both of my hands.*

*Thank you to everyone who was what he had prayed for to meet. Nice to have met a lot of those guys in that same garage. Always had projects going on.*

*Love you dad. Thank you for being here. Wish it could have been a lot longer.*

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**Tara J** - April 18, 2020 at 03:21 PM

AT

“ I don't even know where to start.... Jeff was one of the first people to give me a chance when I started in sales. I am so grateful that he did too because I gained way more than a customer that day, I gained a wonderful friend. I'am going to miss our long talks about motorcycles, mountain biking, cars, family and everything in between. I enjoyed every delivery and phone call, sometimes I even felt guilty talking for so long but with Jeff it was so easy to do. You will be deeply missed my friend. Thank you for all the years of good times, talks and memories.

*My deepest condolences,  
Austin Tilotti  
(Cadillac Oil Co.)*

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**Austin Tilotti** - April 13, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RM

“ I will miss our talks at the barbershop  
You are a friend that cannot be replaced  
I saw you many times give to those who were in need  
You didnt know how to say no to someone without  
Working in the jungle I never understood the long sleeve flannel shirt  
No pepper on this earth was ever made to hot for you  
I will think of you every mission trip when we stop for ice cream  
You were one hard worker!  
You found peace in Christ  
I will see you again one day...



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**rob markus** - April 12, 2020 at 05:46 PM

MP

“ *Marilynn, Tara, & Bree,*

*We are so deeply saddened at the loss of Jeff. He was a wonderful Brother in law. I remember girls when you were young & he'd play Barbie's with you. I always thought what a wonderful thing for a man to do, but that just speaks volumes of what type of Father he was. I hold onto his sense of humor, and my response was so slow, because I didn't get it. I can see him smiling at me & laughing, and saying "really Peggy". I remember how he rode his Harley to Iowa for Marty's wedding. I can still see him at Dad & Tess's when he gave me Marty's shoes that always hung on Mom's rear view mirror & saying I thought you'd want these. That also speaks volumes of what a caring person he was. He made sure that if Mom, Dad, & Tess needing anything he was right there wanting to help.*

*Marilynn..... my eyes are filled with tears as I'm typing this. My heart is so broken for you. Jeff loved you so much, and made sure you were always taken care of. He now is your Angel who will continue to watch over you, and make sure you're always taken care of. I love you with all my heart, and I wish I could take this pain from you. Please know we're here for you & the girls. Lean on your faith. God is right by your side walking with you.*

*He already is so deeply missed. His picture here is the same shit eaten grin he always had.*

*Love,*

*Mark, Peggy, Marty & Megan*

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**Mark & Peggy** - April 11, 2020 at 06:14 PM

BO

“ *My condolences to you and your family. I must have talked to Or seen Jeff 3 times a week for the last 15 year's. He was a wonderful man who was down to earth and he was as real as a person can be. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Bob Owen** - April 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM

JB

“ Marilyn, it has been awhile since we have seen you and your beautiful family, probably twice the time it took Jeff to grow that beard! Time goes by so fast and it's events like these that make you wish you could go back and have just a little more. There are no words that can comfort or anything we could do to take away this kind of hurt. Just know that our hearts ache for you and we are praying for you and the girls in this time of sadness.

Love,  
Jeff, Ivy, Hayden and Isaac

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Jeff Burnham - April 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

GK

“ Dear Marilyn and family, There are never enough words to describe how sorry George and I are hearing of Jeff's passing. Always a kind gentleman when we seen him. He will be truly missed by all but especially his beloved family. God Bless you in your sorrow and give you strength in the days to come. Love and prayers

George and Cindy Kurzym

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George & Cynthia Kurzym - April 11, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" Johnston.



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April 10, 2020 at 09:22 PM

KD

“ Marilyn, I'm filled with sadness for you. Although it's been over 20 years since I've seen you and Jeff, I have thoughts of him a great deal. When we were neighbors on Jane, he would always tell me, he built it, you maintained it. He wouldn't stop a project to eat, he'd always want to finish it. I do that, all because of him! I enjoyed having you as a neighbor so much, so much so that when you guys decided to move, I told myself I couldn't let myself enjoy a neighbor again because you never know when they would move. He made such a big impression on me. My thoughts are with you Marilyn.

*Keith Duchnicki*

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**Keith Duchnicki** - April 10, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LJ

“ Jeff was an amazing person and brother, he was my only brother that would play grocery store, restaurant and do videos to old time music! I loved him so much. Life wont be the same without him here..Sister Lisa Marie

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**Lisa Marie Johnston** - April 10, 2020 at 09:00 PM

MO

*With deepest sympathy to you and your family Lisa.*

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**Michelle Lacoursier Osborn** - March 15, 2021 at 01:06 PM

KJ

“ Our deepest sympathy for Marilynn and family. May God bless and hold you in these difficult times.

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**Kenny & JoAnn** - April 10, 2020 at 07:51 PM