



Jeffrey C. Narozny

January 12, 1965 - March 6, 2023

Jeffrey Charles Narozny was born on January 12, 1965, in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on March 6, 2023 in Troy, Michigan at the age of 58. Loving son of the late Charles and Florence. Dear brother of Nancy (Jim) Hartley, Betty (Bob) Gonko, Carolyn (Dennis) Narozny-Shaw, Patricia (Jim) Narozny-Sobczak, and the late Gary Narozny and Carol Narozny. Dear uncle of Taylor, and Christopher (Annie) and great uncle of Ziggy. Dear Godson of Colette Chadwick and loving Godfather of Samantha Alexis (Jones) Mannino.

Visitation Friday March 17, 2023, from 4-8 pm with sharing of memories and a closing prayer beginning at 7:30 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Saturday 9:30 am until a 10 am funeral mass at Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church, 3077 Gloucester Dr., Troy, Michigan 48084. The mass will be live-streamed at: <https://vimeo.com/event/1133764>

Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Jeff attended St. Brendan's and Guardian Angels grade schools and De La Salle Collegiate High School in Detroit, Michigan. He followed in his father's and Uncle Mike's footsteps and excelled as a professional portrait and wedding photographer since 1980. Photography was his life. Originally trained by his late father, Charles, as his darkroom assistant (starting at the ripe age

of 10) for his father's photography business on weekday evenings and weekends. Was Fox Portrait Studio's top photographer at age 19.

Jeffrey pursued photography in college, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts from a combined curriculum at College for Creative Studies (Detroit) and School of The Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). Following college, Jeffrey pursued a career in editorial, commercial product and automotive photography, where he most recently held a full-time staff position as a test photographer with Stellantis, a global mobility company. Throughout his diverse 40+ year professional photography career, Jeff has maintained his roots as a wedding photographer, successfully covering a total of more than 1,500 weddings, not to mention countless various company events, conferences and seminars for national and international corporate clients as well. He created lifetime memories for hundreds of families and business professionals. He is the owner of Jeffrey Charles Photography, Inc. and Metro Detroit Photo.

Jeff was an avid sports fan ... he loved watching the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Pistons, March Madness and especially watching his nephew Chris play with the Purdue basketball team. He loved spending time with his nephew Taylor especially going to the movies and sports events. He was very spiritual and would attend mass with his sister Betty and her husband Bob followed by dinner when he wasn't working on the weekends. He was a member of the Birmingham Racquet Club where he played tennis and was a very good bowler too. Jeff loved and respected all types of music.

Jeff was always willing to help if needed. He assisted his sister Patty, producer of the annual Orchard Lake Fine Art Shows in West Bloomfield, Michigan. He also participated and donated his photography services to the Kelly J. Price (KJP) Memorial Bowling Party from 2001-2022 at which \$403K was raised in support of 18 various metropolitan Detroit children's charities. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jeff loved his family and his friends. The family thanks you all for being a part of his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be sent to one of the following if you wish:

(1) The Institute of Arts & Education <https://artsandeducationinc.org/in-honor-of-jeffrey-charles-narozny/>

(2) Christ, Our Light! Catholic Church, 3077 Gloucester Dr., Troy, Michigan 48084

(3) A needy organization of your choice

Follow the link <https://vimeo.com/802429533> to view Jeff's funeral service.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate in church

MAR 18. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Parish
3077 Gloucester Dr.
Troy, MI 48084

Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Parish
3077 Gloucester Dr.
Troy, MI 48084

Tribute Wall

GM

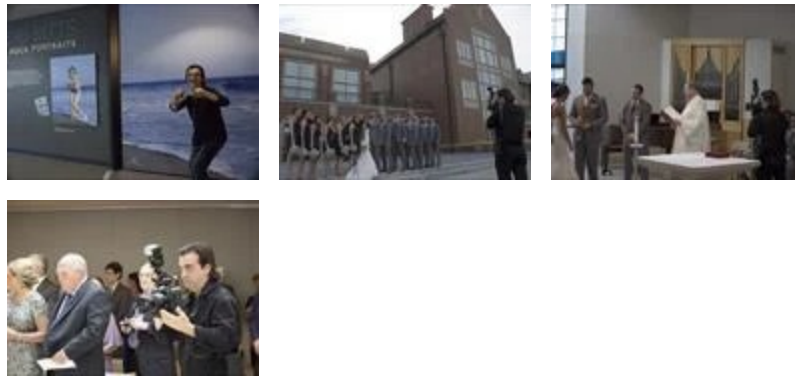
“ Giulia Melihoff lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey C. Narozny



Giulia Melihoff - August 03, 2023 at 02:56 PM

GM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Giulia Melihoff - August 03, 2023 at 02:55 PM

NH

“ I'm the first born and even though my brother and I were years apart as well as miles apart.....this is still very hard for me to believe he is not here with us today. Unfortunately, this is a something that should never have happened which it makes it even harder for one to grasp.

Jeff, I love you, and wish you did not have to leave this world as you did. I am overwhelmed with all the outpouring of love from all of your friends and family members. There won't be a day when I don't think of you. I'm sorry you never got to see little "Izzy" your niece who was born on March 19.

Sistah Nancy

Nancy Hartley Hartley - March 28, 2023 at 08:50 PM

CB

“ I worked with Jeff at Stellantis many times when he covered our events including Wild Wheels. He was always a pleasure to work with and very good at his job. To his family - I'm very sorry for your loss. I am fortunate to have met him.

Christina Biache - March 20, 2023 at 11:09 AM

GM

“ *Deepest condolences to Jeff's family. Jeff was a wonderful man who charmed with his warm heart and best intentions. I have a lot of great memories. I always felt him as close as he was my brother. He shared with me his experience as a photographer, and I shared with him my experience as a videographer. Many times he invited me to different interesting events, and sometimes even with his family. Nobody could create the same great moments as he did. I'm having a deep feeling of loss. I know that I'm going to miss Jeff. He is always going to be in my thoughts.*



Giulia Melihoff - March 18, 2023 at 08:29 PM

GM

“ *Giulia Melihoff lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey C. Narozny*



Giulia Melihoff - March 18, 2023 at 07:58 PM

TG

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. Jeff will be bitterly missed by many many people. Jeff was a dear longtime family friend and the rare type of person who was able to make fast friends with anyone and make people feel special and loved wherever he was. To know Jeff was to be his friend.*

Thank you Jeff, for all of the memories, laughs, stories, jokes, concerts, and photos. Thank you for the heartache we are currently experiencing while grappling with your loss. I have never met a kinder human in my life and I was very lucky to have known you. 'There is a light and it never goes out'



Tahra Gribbin - March 18, 2023 at 12:44 PM

KS

“ On behalf of The Sokolosky Family(John, Toni, Lynn, Kevin) very sorry for your loss.. I wanted to speak at the viewing but I couldn't find the words at the moment. Jeff was very close with our family, he was always this cool Uncle I wanted to be like. When ever he came over for family events, he always lite up the room. He was family to us, Jeff lived with my parents for I believe around a year or so.. My father loved him and as well my mother, so much so that my mom asked Jeff to watch me while she ran out for awhile. I was around 1 at the time(Jeff use to always tell me this story). So he baby sat... he fell asleep on our couch... he woke up! "Where in the hell is Kevin" he got up looked around the entire house and outside couldn't find me.. he said "Oh my God, Toni is going to kill me!!" (If you knew Toni, yes she would of killed him... Haha!) As he walked back to the couch, not knowing what he was going to say to my parents... He said " there you were fast asleep curled up in a little ball right next to couch.. right next to me not making a sound." ❤️ I loved Jeff, he actually ended up living with me in the first house I bought in Clinton Twp. Again I loved being around him, he was always present and listened to what you had to say. Always helpful never negative, even when around that time both of us weren't in the greatest circumstances with life... I wish I was more present in the that time, I wish I would of done more things with him. We had I brief falling out, I listened to a girl instead of my gut and the love I had for him. But Jeff being Jeff, I saw him after I lost the girl and got back to my roots. He embraced me with open arms and understood... I can't remember the last time I was at a viewing, when that many people stood up a talked about someone who passed. That's who he was... thats how he made you feel.. the love in his heart was amazing!! it was said during the mass that you might forget things about Jeff. But I don't believe that to be true... he touched soooo many people's hearts and lives! that we'll never stop thinking about him and never forget what he has done for us. I always have and always will think about the amazing guy he is. I'll miss Jeff.. he was one of a kind..

Love,

Kevin Sokolosky



Kevin Sokolosky - March 18, 2023 at 12:12 PM

NM

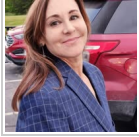
“ *That was a very kind ceremony. Jeff was a dear family friend to the entirety of us. He had a wonderfully contagious smile and laugh, and one of the kindest hearts to ever grace this earth, at least as far as I’ve experienced. He had this way of making new friends feel as if they had always been a friend. Meeting him for the first time over 30 years ago is still a fresh memory, and he was someone with whom time held no span- meaning it did not matter how much of it had passed between contact, it was as if he had just seen you yesterday. He will forever be held dear and adored in all of our hearts. We love you Jeff and will miss you terribly.*

Nicole Clair Meeks - March 18, 2023 at 11:05 AM

MA

“ *RIP Jeff had so many great memories growing up playing baseball at Wayne.*
Dan Marty and Brian Neil

Martin - March 17, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ I met Jeff through my bestie Sam Phillips. There was never a dry eye when the three of us got together;we would always laugh until we cried. Now I just feel like crying. Jeff left us much too soon! My condolences and healing thoughts go out to all of Jeff's loved ones. Please know he truly brought joy, kindness, art and laughter into my and my daughters lives. We will miss him. Love, Laura, Marielle, and Charlotte Leblanc

Laura Leblanc - March 17, 2023 at 02:50 PM

ER

“ With a heavy heart my sympathy goes to all the many lives that Jeff has touched. He would come to Camp Dearborn to spend the day with us and catch up with everyone. We have truly lost a good one. RIP cuz

Elise Richey - March 17, 2023 at 01:53 PM

AZ

“ My deepest condolences for Jeffrey's family and friends. I met him helping his sister Patti he was a very kind respectful man with a great eye for his work with the camera lens he will be greatly missed. RIP
Amy

Amy Ziegler - March 17, 2023 at 10:18 AM

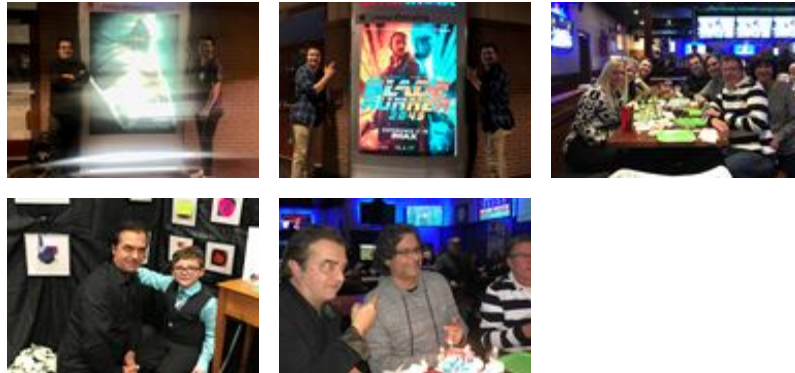
CG

“ My deepest sympathy to friends and family of Jeff. I didn't know him well, but he was a friend of my husband. Jeff took us on a wonderful tour of downtown Detroit and to a Tigers game, then also to a concert. What I mainly remember is the laughs we had at those events. When my husband talks about him, it is done with fond memories and laughs.

Claudette Gribbin - March 17, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.



March 17, 2023 at 09:41 AM



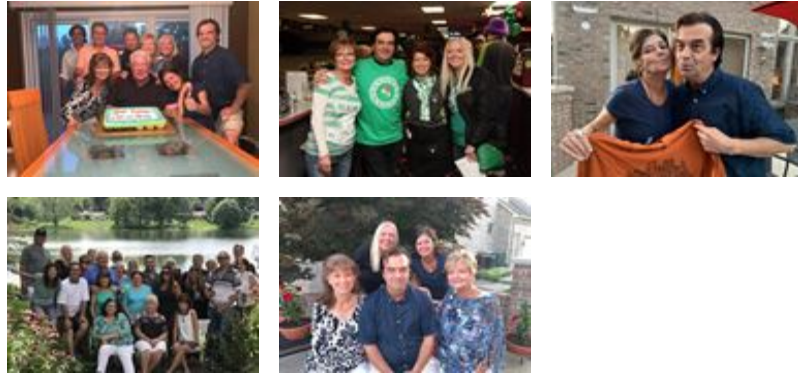
“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.



March 16, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 16, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 16, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.



March 15, 2023 at 11:11 AM

LO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Onica - March 14, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 14, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Patty Narozny - March 14, 2023 at 01:35 PM



Glad our last words were to each other "I love you" Will miss my wonderful brother.

Patty Narozny - March 14, 2023 at 01:38 PM

JP

“ I grew up two doors away from the Narozny Family on Wayburn in Detroit. Jeff’s oldest sister, Nancy and I are still friends. I have distinct memories of Jeff when he was quite young. He would “speed” up and down the sidewalks in his peddle car and make spectacular turns and quick back-ups in various driveways. I remember spinning him around on my front lawn, giving him “airplane rides”.

At Chris Hartley’s wedding in 2019, we reminisced a bit, with him remembering that my Mom always had a treat for him. I hadn’t seen Jeff for a long time and I couldn’t help but tell him how much he looked like Mr Narozny. We talked about his successful career in photography. Jeff’s passing has come too soon. My heart goes out to Nancy, the entire Narozny family, other relatives and friends. May the memories of Jeff remain with us forever.

Janet Placido - March 14, 2023 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ Jeff's comrades here at Chrysler Photography are deeply saddened with the sudden loss of our friend ~
We are very thankful he came into our lives about 7 years ago - and became a big part of our small group of photogs.
Jeff could shoot an event like no one else - a hell of a great photographer and a even greater person.
Were are missing him immensely ... and all the coffee runs ! His sense of humor and joking around at the office /studio, and of course shooting with him at the big house in Auburn Hills.
-Place wont be the same without him...

Jeff will forever be part of us and our photographic family.

Laura Long

LL - March 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM

LO

“ Ron and I are so grateful that we got to know your sweet brother Jeff. We appreciated all he did volunteering every year at our KJP event. Our participants will remember him as “Jeff the camera guy” for snapping their photo and capturing memories that will be cherished forever. Not an easy job with that crowd, but Jeff did it with patience and a smile!! We should all be a little more like Jeff❤️
You are all in our thoughts and prayers!!!

Lisa Onica - March 14, 2023 at 09:17 AM

MS

“ Jeff and I were partnered in our mixed doubles rec league often, and we had a lot of fun playing together. We encouraged each other and shared the same energy so it made it enjoyable to get out and play tennis. I always looked forward to playing when he was my partner. I'm so so sorry that he has passed from this life - I know I will think of him often when I'm playing. He will continue to encourage me.

Maureen Silvi - March 13, 2023 at 12:32 PM

GA

“ Jeffrey was the nicest guy, always willing to help out our photography team, step in last minute, stay late to get all the photos, he was apart of so many couples special days and will be greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. - Gabby, Jessica, and team at Bellagala

gabby - March 13, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.



March 12, 2023 at 06:44 PM

CT

“ I had the absolute pleasure of working with Jeff as a fellow photographer. He was always professional, a great team player, and overall a good person to be around throughout a long day of shooting. I am shocked and saddened to hear of his passing, but he will surely be missed.

Corey Turner - March 11, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.*



March 11, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *We are so saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. He did our wedding photos and he had such an eye for it, we have some tremendous photos to remember him by.*

Kevin & Michelle Smith

Michelle Smith - March 11, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Narozny family for their loss. Jeff was the photographer for our wedding a few months ago. He was kind, caring, on time, and very efficient. The final product (our album) was a work of art, with a very impressive cover, not to mention, one of a kind art. He then became our friend and worked on projects for the stamping shop. This world lost a great photographer, (more of an artist), who will be missed by many.*

Alan Klinger and Rita LoGrasso

Dr. Rita LoGrasso - March 10, 2023 at 09:03 PM

TF

“ My family has know Jeffy for many years. We are so sad to hear of his passing and send our condolences to the family and other people who loved him. He was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.

The Kraski family - March 10, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear of Jeffrey's passing. He has been a talented member of our photography team at Bellagala and dozens of couples were blessed to have him capture their special days over the last few years. Such a talented and kind man - a great loss.

Jessica - March 10, 2023 at 06:12 PM

AP

“ Dear Narozny Family,
Sending you my deepest condolences on the loss of your brother Jeff. I remember Nancy and I walking to Guardian Angels Elementary School so many years ago and Nancy telling me that her new little baby brother had been born the day before. I can't imagine the void you feel in your beautiful close knit family, but please know that you are all in my prayers as I ask God to comfort you during this very difficult time and help heal your broken hearts. Rest in Peace, Jeff. May your memory be eternal.
Love
Angela Pizzimenti-Nash

Angela Pizzimenti-Nash - March 10, 2023 at 03:03 PM

NW

“ I first met Jeff several years ago as a fellow tenant in my building. He saw what difficulty me and a male friend were having hauling a huge tv down the stairs via dolly and pitched right in. Always nice, polite and quiet, one couldn't have asked for a better neighbor. He even shoveled the front stoop when it snowed heavily and when he grilled steaks on his patio, he'd give the bones to my sister's dog when she visited.

I didn't get to know Jeff very well, but will remember his kindness always.

Nancy Windnagle (upstairs neighbor.)

Nancy Windnagle - March 10, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Narozny.*



March 10, 2023 at 12:07 PM