



Jeffrey Curtis Flowers

October 11, 1953 - March 31, 2022

Jeffrey Curtis Flowers,

68, of Indianapolis, passed away March 31, 2022. He was born October 11, 1953 in Indianapolis to the late Charles K. and Margaret O. Shirk Flowers. Jeff was a 1972 graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University. Jeff enjoyed playing backgammon and was a member of a backgammon club in Indianapolis.

Jeff is survived by his brother, Keith R. Flowers (Catherine); nephews, Chuck E. Flowers (Leslie) and Daniel E. Biemer; nieces, Kimberly L. Flowers-Evans (Trent) and Ellen K. Biemer; sister-in-law, Pamela Eckerty Flowers; and brother-in-law, Martin E. Biemer. A brother, Charles David Flowers; and three sisters, Bonnie K. Flowers-Biemer, Margaret Jane Flowers-Krahenbuhl and Jennifer Ann Flowers, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Outside The Box, 3940 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Just heard of the passing of old friend Jeff Flowers last year.

Jeff was one of my best friends during those crazy days of the early 1970's at IU Bloomington. The IU Chess Club was hopping right after Bobby Fischer became World Champion, and then many of us chess players got caught up in the great backgammon craze of 1973, and club meetings featured both games.

I was in graduate school and a few years older than most of the students, and Jeff called me “the old Bohemian.” We used to go bicycling, and Jeff, with his ever-strategic mind, would suggest, “Let's cut through this parking lot so we can gain diagonal power.”

Jeff moved to California for a couple of years in the 1980's and I went to see him one day in Manhattan Beach while visiting other friends in the area. I remember he had a bright orange telephone and said it was well worth spending hundreds of dollars on long-distance calls so he could stay in touch with his many friends.

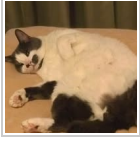
He also counseled me, “Don't go back to Indiana, man! Indiana's shutting down!” He must have been pulling my leg, because he moved back to Indiana not long after.

Jeff helped us arrange the site for the 1991 State Chess Championship, and took in guests for a major backgammon tourney in 2002. He was last shown on the U.S. Chess Federation list in 1990 with a very respectable 1785 tournament rating.

He was one of the most cheerful, witty, good-natured, and helpful people I ever knew, always with a zany sense of humor. A belated farewell!

Roger Blaine, former president, Indiana State Chess Association

Roger Blaine - February 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *I met Jeff through backgammon. He was a sweet man, who noticed the little things and found something funny and clever to say about pretty much every situation. I know he had many close friends in the backgammon community, and he will be missed. <3 Jeff*

Donna Lafferty - April 01, 2022 at 02:06 PM

CF

My Uncle Jeff was one of the best listeners and most compassionate people I have ever met. Many wonderful memories of playing family football at Thanksgiving, carrom when it was too cold to go outside, and frisbee on any occasion. He was very intelligent and well-read, but showed to discernible ego. He was only 9 years older than me and was one of my cool uncles. RIP

Chuck Flowers - April 03, 2022 at 07:45 PM



I Met Jeff back in 93 at Brookside Park. He loaned me and my friend a couple of discs for the disc golf course. Great guy. Will miss him.

James Collins - July 24, 2022 at 12:42 PM

EE

Jeff was the clerk for Books Unlimited for 30 years. He was always ready for a game of chess and good conversation. He was a very pleasant companion and a good friend.

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