



## Jeffrey Scott Bednarz

March 4, 1965 - March 26, 2016

North Hampton – Jeffrey Scott Bednarz, 51, following a period of declining health, died suddenly at home on Saturday, March 26, 2016. He was born in Exeter, NH to Stanley and Barbara (Fil) Bednarz of North Hampton. Jeff was the youngest of two children and graduated from Winnacunnet High in 1983. Jeff went on to earn his B.A. Degree in Business Administration and Philosophy from Colby College in 1987.

Jeff was competitive, talented and passionate. During his school years, Jeff played many sports, but soccer was by far his most favorite. His love of soccer continued long after his playing days ended. He was a fervent Columbus Crew team fan and frequently spent happy days attending their games and events. Jeff spent many days on the slopes of New England ski areas with friends and family. He also enjoyed an occasional day on the golf course or out fishing trying to "catch the big one".

Jeff's talents extended beyond sports. He loved listening to and playing music. His trumpet playing entertained many people through music programs in the schools he attended and playing in local bands. Never one to shy away from a conversation, Jeff also had a talent for storytelling and debating but especially debating. Friends, family members, and the occasional stranger participated in philosophical discussions and lively exchanges with Jeff often lasting into the early morning hours.

Jeff's passion was displayed in many ways. He cared about our environment and especially the seacoast where he lived. He was happiest on the beach and volunteered with several environmental service projects dedicated to the health of New Hampshire beaches. A diabetic since age 8, Jeff followed the search for better treatment and the hope for a cure and was quick to share his experience with others. Following his cancer diagnosis, Jeff meticulously investigated his treatment options and was an active decision maker in his treatment plan. Most of all, Jeff was passionate about living his life on his own terms.

In addition to his parents, Jeff is survived by his brother John Bednarz and his wife Terri and niece, Natalie of Raleigh, NC. Many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends will miss Jeff's joyful presence.

The family will welcome guests on Monday, April 4 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Prayer Service will follow the visitation beginning at 1 pm at the funeral home. Following the service, interment will be at the Center Cemetery, North Hampton. Family flowers only please. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome in Jeff's name to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen Street- Second Floor, Framingham, MA 01701.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

186 Post Road  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
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## Prayer Service

APR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Scott Bednarz

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ My condolences to all. Although it has been Many years since I'd seen Jeff, I considered him one of my childhood friends from Busy Beaver through WHS and the summer soccer camps at Colby. I think of you all (the piano lessons, marching band) whenever I'm in town and going down South Rd. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mike Preston, Falmouth MA - April 12, 2016 at 09:16 PM



Mike Preston, Falmouth, MA

Mike Preston - April 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ I first met Jeff when I was in 5th grade and he in 6th... I had a goofy crush on him forever and he was always sweet about it! He was such a nice talented person - I am so sad he is gone. But he's with John now. I hope they are having fun together. Both left our world too soon.

Lynn Young - April 12, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ My deepest condolences, Mr. and Mrs. Bednarz and family. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Deb (Velat) Smith

deb smith - April 09, 2016 at 08:16 PM

DT

“ My sincere condolences to John (my elementary school & high school classmate) and Mr. & Mrs. Bednarz.  
My thoughts are only of good memories that I have of being a neighborhood friend for many years and the wonderful growing up process with good people which I experienced with Jeff. These memories are of meeting at the school bus stop in the mornings and playing all around the area which we lived.  
It is obvious to me that I feel the same as many others and for that the Bednarz Family can stay proud of Jeff as I believe they always have and always will.  
Only good thoughts & prayers for everyone.  
Dan Tomalonis

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**Dan Tomalonis** - April 08, 2016 at 06:56 AM

SH

“ Dear Stan, Barbara & family, We were so saddened to hear about Jeff. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Sheree & Agnes Brown, Hampton** - April 07, 2016 at 10:05 PM

KB

“ Dear Mr & Mrs Bednarz and John;  
I am so sorry for your loss, I was shocked to hear of Jeff's passing. I remember how much fun we had in middle school and into high school. Jeff was an amazing friend and everyone loved being around him. I hope knowing he is with John Marshall will bring some comfort. I wish I was closer so I could have attended his funeral.  
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, love to you all.  
With loving memories,  
Kim Johnson (now Kim Beebe from Powell Wyoming)

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**Kim Beebe** - April 04, 2016 at 08:32 PM

KA

“ *My condolences to the Bednarz family. I've been thinking of you at this difficult time.*

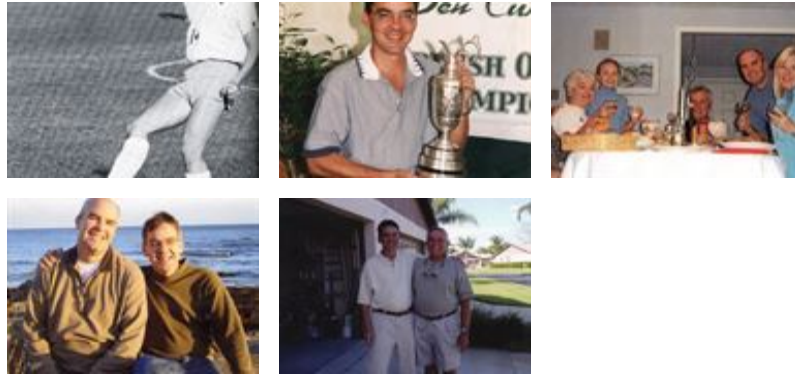
*A childhood friend from N. Hampton. Karen Asbury*

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**Karen Asbury** - April 03, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - April 03, 2016 at 12:42 PM

LA

*I'm so sorry to hear of this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Lori Arsenault** - April 03, 2016 at 10:08 PM

NM

“ *Stan and family*  
*I so enjoyed chatting with Jeff over the years as he came in for appointments. He was so knowledgeable about his cancer diagnosis and it became a learning experience for me as well as he freely shared his latest treatment with me. I will miss his upbeat attitude and caring way. Nancy, from Dr Walker's office.*

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**nancy murphy** - April 03, 2016 at 09:41 AM

FB

“ *Stan, Barbara, John, Terri,*

*Sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Frank Bosch*

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**Frank Bosch** - April 03, 2016 at 09:06 AM

PB

“ *Stan, Barbara, John and Terri,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing.*

*Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you all at this time of deep sorrow. Love, Phil & Cheryl Bosch*

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**Phil Bosch** - April 02, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BB

“ *Bill Corbett & My Mom, Bernadine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Scott Bednarz.*



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**Bill Corbett & My Mom, Bernadine** - April 02, 2016 at 04:02 PM

PB

“ *Dear Barb and Stan, you are in our thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss!*

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**phyllis Baranyk** - April 02, 2016 at 09:04 AM

DA

“ *"I am so sorry to hear of his passing, I shared many laughs with him at WHS. He always had a funny story to tell and a smile to go along with it."*

*Dawna(Kalar)Garofalo*

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**Dawna** - April 02, 2016 at 06:55 AM

BM

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of Jeff. I'm his cousin Becki. I haven't seen Jeff in years. My thoughts are with all the family.*

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**Becki Metivier** - April 02, 2016 at 01:27 AM

DC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you both on the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.*

*Doris, Nick and Kathryn Ciaravella  
Toronto, Canada*

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**Doris Ciaravella** - April 01, 2016 at 10:41 PM

MC

“ *Dear Mr. & Mrs Bednars,  
My condolences to your entire family.  
I am so very sorry for your loss.  
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers*

*Margo Baillargeon Collins  
Plaistow, NH*

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**Margo Baillargeon Collins** - April 01, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Jeff. It's a terrible tragedy to see someone leave us all too early and for parents to have to do the unthinkable. I last saw Jeff on the back field of WHS when we were in blue gowns and our futures before us. He was an energetic and affable friend who people were drawn to. He had athletic and artistic talents that were the envy of many.*

*Its clear by the postings on this wall that his infectious personality and talents continued on over the years. We reconnected through Facebook and had a host public policy and life discussions. I am glad that we were able to have the conversations we did and am sad that, for the time being, those dialogues will be on hold.*

*My prayers are with Jeff and the entire Bednarz family.*

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**Jim Courtovich** - April 01, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Scott Bednarz.*



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April 01, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Stan and Barbara, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss of your dear son.*

*Bill and Wanda Feeney, Curry Cove*

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**Wanda Feeney** - April 01, 2016 at 01:32 PM

CB

“ I was so very saddened to hear of the passing of Jeff. He brought such a positive presence to our clinic and never complained, even when things were tough for him. We will all miss that smile, sparkling personality, and many stories of his travels.

*Rest comfortably dear Jeff.*

*Cheryl Bougie, RN  
Center for Cancer Care/Exeter Hospital*

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**Cheryl Bougie** - April 01, 2016 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ I don't know why, but out of the blue I was just thinking of Jeff the other day. I have not lived in NH since high school and have had no contact with Jeff or the Bednarz family since the 80s.

*I still have some great memories of Jeff. Skiing, soccer, music, and just positive fun. I remember him as a very smart, talented, and kind person. So sad to hear this news and a reminder that life is short.*

*My best regards to the Bednarz family, all of whom were a positive influence in my life at a young age.*

*James Wright*

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**james wright** - April 01, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TR

“ We were very sad to hear about your son. Although we did not meet him. if he was like his parents he must have been a very special person  
We miss you and are thinking and praying for you  
Kindest regards  
Trudie and Adrian  
Canada

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**trudientumber** - April 01, 2016 at 11:10 AM

PM

“ To Stan, Barbara, and John,  
  
I am so sad to hear the news of Jeff's passing. I fell out of touch with Jeff after 1982 but saw him a few years back at home in North Hampton. I enjoyed my times with Jeff at WHS. He was a fun loving and energetic force of nature whom everybody liked. Called home so young but now in the presence of the Father in eternity. My thoughts and prayers are for and with you all now at this time of sadness. Rest now and forever in God's peace Jeff.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Peter Martin

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**Peter Martin** - April 01, 2016 at 09:25 AM

LW

“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire Bednarz family - I am so sad to learn of Jeff's passing. I have fond memories of Jeff's huge talent in WHS band! Hoping for comfort and peace for family and friends.

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**Liz Dodge Webster** - April 01, 2016 at 06:41 AM

PT

“ Dear Stan, Barbara and family,  
My deepest condolences to you at this grievous time. His life was exceptional and obviously joyous, in spite of obstacles. The light, happiness and love he brought to this world and to all whom he touched will last forever. May the joy he brought you bring you comfort. My prayers are with you.  
Sincerely,  
Patty (Stansfield) Tarbox

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**Patty Stansfield Tarbox** - March 31, 2016 at 11:27 PM

KN

“ Mr. And Mrs. Bednarz and John: I am so saddened by this news. I am grateful that I was able to see him and all of you back in October, although under equally sad circumstances. I think Jill truly said it best. When I think of Jeff, I always think of John Marshall as well. They were quite a pair! I will continue to remember them fondly and I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Kathy (Dow) Newcomb** - March 31, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ It's with heavy heart to learn of Jeff's passing. Memories of hanging out with Jeff and John Marshall will always light a smile to my face and heart. I'd like to think that they are reunited, playing soccer and their trumpets and goofing around. God Bless in this time of sadness. He was well loved! ~ Jill Lemire

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**Jill Lemire** - March 31, 2016 at 07:49 PM

EM

“ Mr. and Mrs Bednarz your in my thoughts and prayers. I never had the pleasure of meeting Jeffrey, however Mr. Bednarz was my music teacher at Seabrook Elementary School for years. I pray that God will comfort you during this very difficult time.



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**Elizabeth Marshall Marquis** - March 31, 2016 at 07:36 PM

MC

“ A few years Jeff's senior (and a classmate of John's), I recall many afternoons on the soccer pitch of WHS with Jeff and remember the good humor and dedicated efforts he brought to each practice, game and, most assuredly, to each teammate. Though it's been many years since I last saw Jeff, I can only imagine that those in his circle reflect the same warmth of spirit and quality of character with which I remember him.

*“Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.” - Thomas Aquinas*

*-Matthew Casey  
San Francisco*

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**Matthew Casey** - March 31, 2016 at 06:09 PM

BC

“ It was so great to grow up with Jeff, such a great, fun-loving guy! I'll always associate him with smiles, jokes, kickball, tree forts, NH beach, adventure and optimism. A great man!

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**brian Le Clair** - March 31, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *My condolences to the Bednarz Family. So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mary Lou (Dow) Ayers*

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**Mary Lou Ayers** - March 31, 2016 at 05:13 PM

BA

“ *Rest in Peace old friend. My condolences to Jeff's Family and Friends.*



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**Bill Anderson** - March 31, 2016 at 05:04 PM

NB

“ *Keeping the Bednarz family in our thoughts. Condolences sent from the Savage family.*

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**Natalie Brown** - March 31, 2016 at 04:09 PM

GD

“ *To Jeff's Family, I am so sorry to hear of his passing. We worked together at Cabletron. Sat beside each other and he was always trying to make me laugh when I was trying to be serious on the phone. What a sense of humor, a smile that would not quit, and a devilish laugh. He was such a pleasure to work with. He came to our "mini-reunion" in November of 2015 and that is unfortunately the last time I saw him. I will hold tight to that memory. God Speed Jeff, we are all better for having you in our life.*



*Gayle Spence Davis*

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**Gayle Spence Davis** - March 31, 2016 at 03:41 PM

WL

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. Our friendship started at Colby College, and continued after that, and he was our best man at my wedding in 1988. I will always remember Jeff's infectious laugh, his wise and irreverent take on the world, and his deep loyalty to his friends. He had a true gift for telling stories that were hilariously funny, and which described the situation perfectly so you felt you could have been there. He also was an incredible friend. I know that his love of music came from his family, and he was very proud of his father's role at his high school and his family's support while growing up. He himself was also a talented musician, and I hope that music continued to bring him comfort and peace during his illness. Although we lost touch over the years, I will always remember Jeff's wonderful laugh, and will cherish the memory of his friendship.

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**Wendy Lapham** - March 31, 2016 at 12:03 PM

MP

“ To John & Family...  
I know the heartache that you feel. Through what you shared of Jeff's recent hardship and life challenges, I came to know Jeff to be an intelligent man, rich with talent who was certainly his own person. Most importantly, it was clear he had a family who loved and supported him. I know he will be sadly missed but always in your thoughts with the memories he left you!  
My deepest sympathies.  
Mark Polli

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**Mark Polli** - March 31, 2016 at 11:48 AM

PM

“ I'm so sad to hear of Jeff's passing. He was a wonderful person with a big heart. Even though we didn't see each other often over the many years, I will always cherish the memories from years past. My life is richer because I knew you.

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**Penny Seamans Magee** - March 31, 2016 at 11:34 AM

ST

“ So hard to lose a dear childhood friend. Both Chad and I have heavy hearts and extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to Mrs. B, Mr. B, and John.

Ever since kindergarten, I could always count on Jeff to make me smile or laugh. I won't forget his smile or the mischievous gleam in his eye as he was about to crack a joke or make an incredible witty comment. You were never bored if you were in Jeff's company. I have many fond memories of him throughout our childhood, from hanging out after my piano lessons with Mr. B. in elementary school discussing music ( To this day, I can't hear a Chuck Mangione song without thinking of Jeff), to being in band together in high school, to each of our weddings, and his visits at Christmas when he was in town from Ohio.

While our paths may not have crossed very much over the past few years, Jeff will always have a special place in my heart. I'd like to think he and some of our other friends are together now, each of them knowing how much they were loved.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Suzanne Lyon Tomaszewski

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**Suzanne Tomaszewski** - March 31, 2016 at 06:30 AM

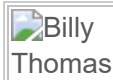
CT

“ Jeff, thanks for being my high school best friend, best man at my wedding, and for just being my friend. You were the one who drove over eight hours to see me and spend time with me when I was living in western NY. I was 20 years old, alone and confused in the world, and you helped me deal with our friend’s illness. We had a lot of fun from Secret Stream to growing into adults. You are the only person I know that made being fashionably late, fashionable. Love you Jeff, I hope you find that synergy that together we tried so hard to find.

*Chad Tomaszewski*

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**Chad Tomaszewski** - March 31, 2016 at 06:29 AM

 Billy Thomas

*Jeff, there are so many things I'd like thank you for, whether it was being a teammate and challenge me or when the world was caving in on me later in life. I had such a great time getting the grand tour of Columbus and be able to see it from another side and being able to catch up. As one of the best dressed growing up, the way you presented yourself, you were always an inspiration, non judgemental and accepting- you've been missed and will surely be missed. I look forward to the day we can say hello again. When you were around, one never had to fear awkwardness, you were the epitome of an ice breaker and I learned that technique from you. Love ya brother, Billy Thomas*

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**Billy Thomas** - March 31, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ Jeff had a great sense of humor and wealth of knowledge that always made for entertaining conversation. I always looked forward to seeing him and now miss him beyond words. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I hope they take comfort in knowing how much he was loved and respected by his friends. Rest in peace my friend.  
- Kevin Chevalier

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**Kevin Chevalier** - March 30, 2016 at 11:53 PM



“ Although I have not been in touch with Jeff for many years.... i have many great memories from High School band. May God bless you Mr. & Mrs. B. and John in this great time of loss. Sincere sympathies,  
Deb Arsenault Henderson

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**Deb Henderson** - March 30, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ I did not know Jeff until the last few years of his life, but I could tell quickly that he was a good person and I enjoyed his company. We had a chance to see some music together and I know he was a music lover. We had a great time and it was a bonding experience. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of his family and friends. Rest in Peace Jeff!

-Rob Spalding

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**Rob Spalding** - March 30, 2016 at 03:59 PM

BL

“ My heart is so saddened with this news as I am really feeling the loss. I can only imagine how John and Mr. and Mrs. Bednarz are feeling. I was privileged to know Jeff as a neighbor and friend for most of my life. He truly was a good person and a very gentle soul. If Jeff is leaving a legacy, its most certainly one of kindness!!

*Brett LeClair*

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**Brett LeClair** - March 30, 2016 at 03:23 PM

RA

“ Jeff was top of the class smart, popular, a talented musician, quick with a joke, not above some mischief, and above all a great friend. In all the time I knew him, as boys and into adulthood, I don't recall a single time he was ever unkind or let me down in even a small way. We were lucky to have him in our circle of friendship. Heavy news to hear of his passing at far too young an age.

*-- Robert Aichele*

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**Robert Aichele** - March 30, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ I always couldn't wait to see Jeff. I loved talking with him, hanging with him, doing all sorts of different things. I wish I could have been more help to him the past year. I miss him, and pray for his family. He had an amazing sense of humor, was incredibly intelligent, loved politics and social justice, and loved jazz while reluctantly accepting some rock and roll. I will always remember Jeff.

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**Shep Kroner** - March 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM

MK

“ I'll always remember looking up to the handsome trumpet player in the jazz band and feeling like a superstar when he tapped me on the head and said "hey kid." Jeff always had a way of making people feel special. He was smart and witty and kind. My heart goes out to the Bednarz family- please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I hope you find comfort in the fact that he had a few special friends waiting to greet him in heaven. Love you all- Marlo

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**Marlo Abely Kehoe** - March 30, 2016 at 08:15 AM