



Jeffrey Jacob Elzinga

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Jeffrey Jacob Elzinga, 55, a resident of Fort Myers, FL since 1988, formerly of Portage, MI passed away suddenly and unexpected Sunday, August 30, 2020 at his residence in Fort Myers, FL. He was born in Kalamazoo, MI on July 1, 1965.

Jeff was a big part of his family greenhouse business and also managed the farm market. Jeff later joined the Morisey- Dart Group where he worked for the last five years as a recruiter. Jeff was a passionate music lover and avid local music supporter. He was a talented drummer and shared this love for music by DJing for hundreds of weddings.

Jeffrey is survived by his loving wife of 8 years, Stephanie Elzinga of Fort Myers, FL; three step-children, Amanda Soisson (Nick) of Lehigh Acres, FL, Donovan Plummer (Stephanie) of Fort Myers, FL and Abigail Plummer of Fort Myers, FL; his father, Jake Elzinga of Portage, MI; two brothers, Mark Elzinga of Punta Gorda, FL and Dan Elzinga (Shelli) of Portage, MI; one niece, Amanda Perrin (Coty) of Portage, MI; as well as many extended family members and friends. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Elzinga.

A Memorial Service will be held privately at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907. (239) 936-0555

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Gulfcoast Humane Society at <https://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/donate.html> in loving memory of Jeffrey Jacob Elzinga.



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Tami Leffingwell posted:

My deepest condolences to the entire Elzinga Family. Jeff will always be remembered for his warm smile and kind words. Sending hugs and sympathy to you all. Tami (Fitzpatrick) Leffingwell, Portage, MI

September 22 at 7:07 AM



James Raymond posted:

So many great memories of playing music with Jeff in the band Myth. Jeff had a great sense of humor and strong character. I'll miss his hilarious rants and his passion for great music. Rest easy Jeff.

September 12 at 7:48 AM



Kathryn Smit Westman lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Thought of you often, with a warm fondness. You helped make marching band an amazing adventure, the Pukes were the place to be and being a mighty, mighty mustang was and is great. Rest in peace.

September 10 at 3:47 AM



Glenn Milligan posted:

A top dude who was so full of life who I met via my good friend Stet Howland. We used to talk loads about bands, being in Florida and had plenty of fun in the bars in and around Fort Myers and Cape Coral too partying long and hard with local groups and good friends. Gone way too soon.... Jeff was a fantastic drummer, he loved his music to say the least and we all loved Jeff!

September 5 at 8:45 AM



Tod Kramer lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

September 5 at 1:14 AM





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TK

Tod Kramer posted:

You could drop him into a room filled with nothing but strangers and he would walk out leaving behind nothing but friends. If I had to describe him in just one sentence, that would be the one.

September 5 at 1:13 AM



James Rodgers September 8 at 7:13 PM

Jeff was a great guy i knew since 7th grade a great drummer and a great friend to all who knew him a class act and a great soul you will be missed my friend

CS

Cindy Ryskamp Slumkoski posted:

I remember Jeff when he Dj for a middle school dance , I helped him we had a blast. Another time while in Choir class we went out of town for a competition and we actually drank our whole way there, we were bad all who rode in his car(dumb thing to do we know) we all had fun times in choir, he was a great singer and a wonderful friend. He will be missed dearly RIP JeffCindy Ryskamp Slumkoski

September 4 at 6:36 PM

JP

Janice Sokolowski-Perkins posted:

I knew Jeff back in Band at PCHS. His enthusiasm and spirit always lifted those around him, whether it be Band or a different class in school. He was a friend to all. I want to offer my condolences to his family and friends. May memories comfort you and may Jeff Rest In Peace. Gone too soon 😞❤️🕊️
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September 4 at 4:49 PM



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JS

James Southworth posted:

The mold was broke after the arrival of Jeffrey Jacob Elzinga. I had the pleasure of being his friend for over 40 years, and his DJ partner for many years. We started doing high school dances before either of us had a drivers license and as soon as Jeff turned 16 we were off to the races and worked almost every weekend we could get booked. Weddings/ birthday/anniversary parties followed and soon we had an agent booking us. It was an honor to be the guy standing behind Jeff spinning disks as Jeff would whip the crowd into a frenzy. To say he was the best DJ is an understatement, he was the most charismatic, energetic maniac with a mic in his hands and it was magical to watch. Jeff was also the most authentic human being on the planet. You knew exactly where you stood with him, and he didn't have a filter. He said exactly what was on his mind and didn't care if it was PC. He was passionate and unapologetic but always true to himself. Jeff was caring and kind, would give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it. He had a soft spot for animals, especially rescues, and loved his cats dearly. This is evident in his request for donations to help strays. Finally, Jeff loved his friends and family deeply. I was blessed to have been a part of a weekly video chat with him and several friends during this pandemic. Jeff and Stephanie also came to visit this summer. The things he most talked about were his beautiful wife, his amazing kids, his friends, music, and his kitties. I keep saying 'gone but not forgotten' knowing that it is true. If you ever had the pleasure of knowing Jeffrey Jacob Elzinga you will never forget him, and I know I will never, and am a better person for having the pleasure.

September 4 at 2:44 PM

SM

Steve Mortlock September 16 at 6:20 PM

That was amazing to read James.

HH

Holly Herriges posted:

That smile, that laugh, the memories will last forever my friend. PCHS Puke, drummer. You are an amazing soul. Rest well....

September 4 at 11:29 AM

TS

Tim Stamm posted:

My condolences to Jake, Mark and Dan and families. Rest in Peace Jeff.

September 4 at 11:10 AM



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JN

James Noël shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jeff is my cousin on the Stricklin side of the family. I am so saddened to hear of his passing away. Jeff was always full of life and I have many wonderful memories of him. When my sister and I were little, we used to go down into Uncle Jake and Aunt Doris's basement into Jeff's bedroom. He'd play his drums for us. He was a huge KISS fan back in the 70s and the posters were scary for us! I will be praying for him at mass and for his family. God comfort you all and bless you during this difficult time. In the photo Jeff is holding my sister Missy. In front are cousins Kathleen Johnson, me and Pam Walz. James (Jimmy) Noel



September 4 at 10:37 AM

TK

Tod Kramer posted:

What I remember most was his infectious smile. I honestly don't think his face could make a frown. He was a positive force in a weary world. Love you Jeff.

September 4 at 8:21 AM

MJ

Mary & Johnny September 12 at 8:11 AM

Jeff always was smiling and laughing when we saw him. Johnny and I both adored him so much. You will always live on in our hearts Jeff. We love you and God Bless

DB

Diana Blackburn lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



September 4 at 7:17 AM



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Christmas 1975 at Uncle Jake & Aunt Doris's house



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jeffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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