



## Jeffrey Alan Cummings

October 2, 1964 - August 2, 2024

Jeffrey Alan Cummings, age 59, passed away at home after a short illness, on Friday, August 2, 2024. Jeff was born in Lansing, MI in 1964, the son of Milton Edward and Shirley Mae (Spencer) Cummings. He had many fond memories of hanging out with his best buddies: Wes, Bill, Bob, Tim and Mark; and long summer camping vacations with his parents, grandmother, sister, uncle, aunt and cousins. Jeff was proud to have visited all 50 states before he finished college.

He graduated from East Lansing High School and went on to Michigan Technological University where he met his wife Susan. After moving around the country for a few years, they moved back to Michigan in 2004 with their son, Keith, and settled in Saline.

Jeff went to work for HDR in Ann Arbor. He was very proud that he was an engineer and credited all his best attributes to that. Those who worked with him remember his positive attitude, knowledge of all things power generation, and ability to mentor and break things down to an easily digestible format. He will fondly be remembered as 'The Professor.'

Jeff was a true DIY Weekend Warrior. He loved researching, planning and sourcing tools and materials for his many projects. He was also very quick to jump on board with projects his wife wanted to do too. She said she just had

to mention digging up a bush in the garden and he was out there with his shovel. A recent passion was all things tiki. He loved researching vintage cocktails, sourcing materials and ingredients, mixing and then sharing with friends at his tiki parties. His tiki shirts, unique tiki glasses and cocktail recipe book will be treasured family heirlooms.

He is survived and remembered by his wife Susan (Uhrie) Cummings, son Keith (Nikki Flynn) Cummings, granddaughter Kora Cummings, sister Kimberly (Cummings) Moore, and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents Milton and Shirley (Spencer) Cummings.

Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula was a special place for Jeff. It is where he attended college, met his wife and is the location of the family cottage on the rocky shores of Lake Superior. His ashes will be taken there by his wife and son at some future time for interment. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in memory of Jeff to: The Keweenaw Land Trust <https://keweenawlandtrust.org/donate> Any money donated in Jeff's name will be dedicated to their Land Purchase Fund. This will help purchase land in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula for permanent nature areas that can be enjoyed by all for generations.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Faith Church, 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Saline, MI 48176, on Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 A.M. There will be refreshments and an additional visitation time following the service. The service will also be offered via Zoom. Please email the church office for the link at [office@holy-faith-church.org](mailto:office@holy-faith-church.org). To leave a memory you have of Jeff, to sign his online guestbook or for directions, please visit [www.rbhfsaline.com](http://www.rbhfsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Faith Church  
6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://www.holyfaithsaline.org>

## Light Refreshments

SEP **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ It was an honor to know Jeff and been able to work with Jeff, Susan, his Mother and sister for many years. Myself and our team have had the pleasure to get to know Jeff and Susan and recently Keith. Our deepest condolences go out to Susan, Keith, Kim and his entire circle of friends, colleagues and family. We are so saddened and sorry for your loss.



*Steve Cross and the Cross Ragsdale team*

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**Steven Cross** - September 19, 2024 at 10:25 AM

RB

“ It was an honor and a privilege to work with, and to know Jeff. My deepest condolences to Susan, Keith and the entire family. 🙏



*- Bob Brown*

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**R. Brown** - September 18, 2024 at 11:10 AM

JL

“ Susan, Family, Friends, and Business Associates,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I was a relatively recent business  
colleague and friend of Jeff.

We worked together a little over 2 years (spring 2022 thru this summer) on a very large multi-unit power generation project. I had many business calls, Zoom technical meetings and Jeff came to Louisville for numerous site visits over his tenure with HDR. Jeff was always very helpful to me on the project. Jeff was my key mechanical engineer with HDR for questions on our combustion turbine design and operations. We had tough issues to get through - Jeff was so knowledgeable - we would just step through each one deciding the best course, then move to the next. Sometimes our calls would extend way past “close of business or on a weekend” so we could move forward with responses on a Zoom call the next day - but Jeff was always available and happy to help me. We did have some fun... sharing a meal and conversation after his travel for meetings in Louisville.

Jeff’s sudden illness and loss is still shocking to me. I am still grieving and very sad that I didn’t get to express to him how much he helped me on our work project. Please know that we will miss his technical expertise and friendship so much!

I will continue to keep you all: Susan, his family, friends and work associates in my prayers.

Joan Lipp, Project Manager/Electrical Engineer  
Louisville Gas and Electric Company/Kentucky Utilities Company  
Louisville, Kentucky



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Joan Lipp - September 13, 2024 at 07:43 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences~  
The Ungkuldee Family

Patrice Ungkuldee - August 29, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TE

“ We are very sorry for your loss. May his  
memory be eternal.  
-The Sotiropoulos Family



Teddy - August 29, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MS

“ Susan , thinking of all the times we enjoyed together with Jeff and  
you going to different restaurants for happy hour. We especially  
loved the special tiki celebration at your home where Jeff payed  
attention to every detail. We remember the beautiful wedding for  
Nikki and Keith and then Jeff and you eagerly awaited the birth of  
your beautiful granddaughter.  
Wishing the family peace and hope the beautiful memories bring  
comfort at this difficult time. Venkat and Martha

Martha Saripalli - August 28, 2024 at 05:03 PM

KV

“ Jeff loved his family, I've never met a man that loved his wife more  
than Jeff did. A hard worker all his life giving everything of himself to  
his family. I'm sorry for your loss and ty I was able to witness what  
an amazing human he was for a short time as a neighbor. I know  
he'll be hugging Desi for all of us especially from her Mom. RIP Jeff

Kimberly Vincent - August 25, 2024 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ Susan we will always remember the fun times we had at events with you and Jeff at our table over the years. Jeff was an incredible mentor who trained so many young engineers. He was brilliant and the “Go to Engineer” for technical questions. Jeff s presence, his dry humor, and smile will be greatly missed. Sending our love and prayers,  
Jolene & Sherman Manuel

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**Jolene Manuel** - August 08, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TS

“ Jeff was such a great co-worker and very knowledgeable. Always there to give guidance. He will be truly missed.  
Sending sincerest condolences to Susan and family.  
Jim and Terri Sell

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**Terri Sell** - August 07, 2024 at 04:47 PM

GW

“ Susan and Keith - I am truly going to miss Jeff - he was such a great friend. I will always remember our happy hours together and especially your Tiki Parties. He sure knew how to make a great cocktail! Jeff always had a smile on his face when we were all together and John and I so enjoyed his company. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you.

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**Gretchen Waters** - August 06, 2024 at 07:44 AM