



Mr. Jeffrey David Innis

July 5, 1962 - January 30, 2022

Jeffrey David Innis of Dawsonville, GA passed away peacefully on January 30, 2022 surrounded by his family after a 5 year battle with cancer.

Jeff was born in Decatur, IL on July 5, 1962, son of Peter and June Innis. He was predeceased by his father, Peter, and he is survived by his mother, June, his two children, Keenan and Shannon Innis, his brother, Brian Innis (Lisa), and his nieces, Hannah and Emma Innis.

Jeff was a graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Decatur, IL where he was later inducted into the Decatur Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation Jeff received a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Illinois where he cultivated his skill as a sidearm pitcher and received his bachelor's degree in psychology. Jeff was drafted by the New York Mets in 1983 where he played his entire major league career and earned a reputation as a workhorse relief pitcher with a quick wit and a knack for impersonations. Even though Jeff was a professional athlete at the highest level of his sport, he always maintained a modest and humble attitude. His mental fortitude was one of his greatest qualities, and it allowed him to succeed in baseball and navigate life's obstacles with strength and acceptance. Even though he realized his childhood dream, Jeff's greatest achievement in life, and one that he was most proud of, was raising Keenan and Shannon. Jeff was a dedicated and devoted father who loved his children

dearly. Later in life, Jeff found great joy in hosting friends and family at his home on the lake where they would enjoy boat rides and barbecues together. Jeff was a generous, loving man with a passion for life and a burning desire to help anyone he could. He had a strong faith that inspired others and gave him confidence to accept his blessings with gratitude and face challenges with grace. His 'everyday man' personality and humor endeared him to others, and he had a unique ability to appreciate and enjoy the little things in life. He will be remembered by family, friends, loved ones, and fans for generations to come.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11am on Friday, February 11, at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Alpharetta, GA with a Celebration of Life to follow at Country Club of the South at 12:15pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org) or CURE Childhood Cancer (curechildhoodcancer.org).

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Brigid Catholic Church
3400 Old Alabama Rd
Alpharetta, Ga 30022
(678) 393-0060

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jeffrey David Innis*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *A very kind and true gentleman who was taken away too soon. Our sincerest condolences to his family.*

George & Frances Jung

George Jung - February 11, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Your Friends at Selective Insurance purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*

Your Friends at Selective Insurance - February 10, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Alex Grady purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*

Alex Grady - February 09, 2022 at 11:21 AM



KT

“ *Kristi Taylor purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*



Kristi Taylor - February 09, 2022 at 08:58 AM

 Bill Pittenger

“ *I only became friends with Jeff over the last few years thanks to Mets Fantasy Camp, but he left a lasting impression. His kindness and genuine interest in getting to know you made him one of the true good guys. His passing is truly heartbreaking. My sincerest condolences to his family.*

Bill Pittenger - February 08, 2022 at 08:07 AM

PC

When I was 24 I worked fir the NYMets in the front office. A kind, tall, wiry redhead came to our minor league/scouting office one day. He gave me Hos mitt- I still have it. His kindness meant so much. I never met a nice ball player. RIP to the "I-Man." Your parents raised a gentleman.

pauline Craig - March 06, 2023 at 07:14 PM

PC

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pauline Craig - March 06, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MI

“ When I was a freshman in college in Decatur, Jeff was in 8th grade, and Brian in high school. When I rode my bike over to my Uncle Pete and Aunt June's house, I was always welcomed as a member of the family. I remember wrestling in the back yard with Jeff and Brian. Brian was bigger, but Jeff was a scrapper. I did not get to spend enough time with either of them, unfortunately, as they grew up. I did spend a little time with Jeff a few years ago. He was a true gentleman and a good man. I want to go to the service, but my own medical problems prevent me from traveling. I send my love to Brian and Aunt June.

Michael Innis - February 07, 2022 at 02:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.



February 06, 2022 at 04:26 PM

CA

“ Christine Auman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis



Christine Auman - February 05, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*



February 04, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jeff's family. Our business relationship goes back to Jeff's Federated days. He was more than we could of asked for and always went above and beyond. When Jeff was diagnosed, his optimism in his battle was profound. He will be truly missed.*

Keever, Dalton, Johnson, Inc.

Keever, Dalton, Johnson, Inc. - February 04, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dear Jeff, We had so many Good Times together. I so enjoyed having someone I could compare impersonating Frank Cashen with amongst others. I will always cherish our Days together in the Clubhouse with Wally Whitehurst and all the Guys. You were always so genuine and approachable. Glad We reconnected virtually. I will deeply Miss YOU I-Man. Wishing Love And comfort to Your Family Safe Journey My Brother*



Mike Chops LaConte - February 04, 2022 at 12:55 PM

HS

“ *The world has lost a great man. I only knew Jeff for a short time, but he always had a way of making the day better, making the world brighter. He was a true gift and will be greatly missed.*



Heather Summer - February 04, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*



February 03, 2022 at 08:05 PM

DM

“ *I-Man, may God Bless you and your loving family. You were taken from us too soon and you'll be missed by anyone who came in contact with you. You were always a good friend and someone that could break any tension. I love that we broke in together and we were able to always share that memory. Rest in eternal peace my friend.*

David Magadan - February 03, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*



February 03, 2022 at 07:03 PM

 Janie Young

“ *Janie Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis*



Janie Young - February 03, 2022 at 06:29 PM

AK

“ *Angie Kaltenbach-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis*



Angie Kaltenbach-Brown - February 03, 2022 at 05:50 PM

CM

“ *Brian, Lisa....I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Deepest sympathy on the loss of Jeff.*

Carol Monds

Carol Monds - February 03, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.*



February 03, 2022 at 05:08 PM

PM

“ Penni (Baker) Matticks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis



Penni (Baker) Matticks - February 03, 2022 at 04:57 PM

DB

“ Dennis Barger & Maribeth Sanger - BSIG purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.



Dennis Barger & Maribeth Sanger - BSIG - February 03, 2022 at 04:18 PM

LA

“ Love you - Di (Bussa) Augustin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jeffrey David Innis.



Love you - Di (Bussa) Augustin - February 03, 2022 at 01:53 PM