



Jeffrey C. Mathieu

January 17, 2020

Jeffrey C. Mathieu, 74, of Edgewater, died Friday, January 17, with his beloved wife of nearly 40 years, Margaret (Peggy Parke) Mathieu, at his side.

Born to the late Joseph W. and Elizabeth Carver Mathieu on October 13, 1945, in Trenton, Jeff grew up in Newtown, PA, where he graduated from Council Rock High School in 1964.

Jeff was a man of boundless energy, enthusiasm, and talent. A devoted husband, brother, uncle and friend, he loved life and all it had to offer. A graduate of Penn State University (1968), his degree in Communications served him well. Jeff pursued a multifaceted career in broadcasting as well as enjoying interests in music; playing the guitar and singing professionally with several groups including “Satan and the Angels,” and entertaining listeners as a radio disc jockey and on-air personality in several major markets. Jeff was a nationwide consultant to radio stations and broadcast syndication companies including Bonneville, ABC Radio Networks, and Sony World Wide.

Jeff also stayed busy as a licensed realtor and property management entrepreneur. In later years, he took on ever-increasing projects with Daibes Enterprises.

Real estate and development opened the door to a long relationship with the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) where he served as a Life Director and was inducted into the “Builder Hall of Fame” in 2006. Jeff was a four-term Chairman of the Board, two-term President, and Life Director for the Builders Association of Northern New Jersey (BANNJ), where he was named Builder of the Year in 2003.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoyed supporting the community and served as President of the Corporation for Edgewater Presbyterian Church, was a member of the session for the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly, and served as Trustee, New Jersey Builders Association Foundation for Housing. He served on the Edgewater Planning Board and, most recently, held a position on the Zoning Board.

In addition to Peggy, Jeff is survived by his brother John Mathieu (Karen) of Stockton, and sisters Susan Madar (the late George) of Devon, PA and Barbara Crawford (Robert) of Chester, VT.

He also is survived by sisters-in-law Susan Norton (Charles) of Wanaque, and Sally Busam (partner Greg) of Oak Ridge.

Jeff was a devoted son-in-law of the late John and Irma Parke of Westwood.

Jeff was a proud uncle to Laura Hume (Robert), Richard Parke (partner Laura), Jack Parke (Anna), Jennifer Varelas (Jon), Douglas Busam (Janice), Jill Robinson (Jack), Zachary Crawford (Katie), Kate McCallister (Greg), Meg Crawford, Jordan Crawford, Sasha Mathieu, and 14 wonderful great nieces and nephews.

The family will welcome visitors to the Barrett Funeral Home on Tuesday, from 4-8 pm. A memorial service will take place in early March.

In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage those who wish to honor and recognize Jeffrey's life by making a memorial gift to the Salvation Army Greater New York, 120 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011 or at salvationarmyny.org/Jeffrey, The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly, 55 Magnolia Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr

Tenafly, NJ 07670

(201) 568-8043

<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Jeff was one of the nicest, friendliest people I know, and I so enjoyed trading emails with him with a "Do you remember this one?" oldy but goody attached. He will be sorely missed.

My thoughts are with you Peggy.

Libby

Libby Melchiondo - January 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM

WM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



William Monach, - January 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RP

“ So many great memories of fun times spent together. We all miss you so much.
Rest In Peace Jeff.



Richard Parke - January 21, 2020 at 12:54 PM

NF

“ Noma Lou Hume and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



Noma Lou Hume and Family - January 21, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DM

“ My best friend as a boy, I regret not spending more time with him in our later lives. Memories keep rushing through my mind. My heartfelt condolences to Peggy, John, Susan, and Barbara. He was one of a kind.

don marshall - January 21, 2020 at 10:17 AM

RH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Robert S. Hume - January 20, 2020 at 10:17 PM

MG

“ Our sincerest condolences to Peggy and family. We have fond memories of Jeff during our Christmases together - he was a warm and vibrant person. May your memories and loved ones comfort you during this very difficult time.
Michelle (Graziano) and Chris Dickinson



Michelle G. - January 20, 2020 at 08:16 PM

LL

“ Peggy, our deepest condolences are extended to you during what we know is a difficult time. Please let us know if there's anything you need and that is sincere. RIP Jeff-we take comfort in knowing you're suffering is over. Your life will always have meaning and significance and you will always be fondly remembered.
Lenny Myron and Randy Learn

Lenny Myron and Randy Learn - January 20, 2020 at 06:48 PM

FW

“ From Jeffrey's friends at Andersen Windows purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



From Jeffrey's friends at Andersen Windows - January 20, 2020 at 05:47 PM

WS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



William Monach, Sr. - January 20, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JZ

I only met Jeff on 2 occasions but we had common interest in music. We stayed in touch by email sending each other very rare songs and see if the other knew it. I know you'll be in the lords angelic choir. Rest in peace.

Jimmy Zazzarino

James Zazzarino - January 20, 2020 at 08:48 PM

SS

Wonderful. I grew up listening to my big brother singing with his friends and always lived the harmonies and how good they were! Still have my Satan and the Angels a cappella album!

Susan Madar, Jeff's sister - January 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JT

I have that album too! Just love it. (Julianne Thieleman. Jeff's cousin). 😊

Julianne Thieleman - January 27, 2020 at 10:13 AM

WS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



William Monach, Sr. - January 20, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DD

“ *My Dearest Peggy,*

I was so saddened to hear about Jeff passing the day I called to check how he was feeling. You and Jeff were always so genuine and interested in people you new and met. I always remembered your gracious invitation when you had me for dinner at your house after Dorothy passing. I truly understand and know how you are feeling. Jeff was "THE BEST". I am truly sorry I will not be able to attend the wake, since I am in Florida. Please feel free to call me if you would like.

My Heart Felt Condolences,

Don Dobres

Don Dobres - January 20, 2020 at 03:04 PM

WS

“ William & Carlotta Monach, Sr. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



William & Carlotta Monach, Sr. - January 20, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ Margaret M. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



Margaret M. - January 20, 2020 at 12:19 PM

DF

“ Doug and Eileen Flor purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



Doug and Eileen Flor - January 20, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ When I first came to work in Edgewater, Jeff helped me get to know everyone and was very kind in all that he did. I will miss him and will always keep Jeff in my kindest thoughts. May the Universe surround you with Love and Light.
Judy Knight

Judy Knight - January 20, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM

EM

“ To our wonderful neighbors: Jeff, your person will be missed on our block. We have been lucky to have your friendship for 34 years.

Peggy, our sincere condolences and please know we are here for you at anytime.

Evan and Ron

Evan Myron - January 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM

KL

“ Jeffrey will be sorely missed as a wonderful brother, brother-in-law and uncle. We are happy for his peaceful transition. Love to Peggy.



Karen Love-Mathieu - January 20, 2020 at 06:55 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JP

“ So saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. I have so many memories but July 4th at the shore and Christmas parties in edgewater stand out. Jeff was ALWAYS to gracious and welcoming. My deepest sympathy to Peggy and family. Jeanine

jeanine parke - January 19, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 19, 2020 at 12:09 PM

MH

“ Margaret Holman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



Margaret Holman - January 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 19, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 19, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey C. Mathieu.



January 19, 2020 at 09:16 AM

SS

“ Susan Madar, Jeff's Sister lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey C. Mathieu



Susan Madar, Jeff's sister - January 18, 2020 at 03:27 PM

SS

Jeff was a wonderful big brother and I will miss him so much, but happy to know he is at peace and with God. You'll live in my heart forever.

Susan Madar, Jeff's sister - January 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM

WS

Jeffery was my friend. We met actually, Jeff & John early on in life as teenagers. We were singers of songs. Had Jeff & John not been singers we probably would not have met. I remember the tiny sports car Jeff had whereby, the entire group would squeeze into and that was always a trying time. Like fitting 10 people into a phone booth. That's when McDonald's had \$0.15 cent hamburger's and \$0.10 cent fries. As I write this I am remembering my friend Jeffrey and his always positive attitude. He loved life and singing. He had forgotten more songs than I could remember. Of coarse, that was over 50 years ago. We would joke that I was not even a month older than he was. Recently, in our adult lives we rekindled our relationship and yes, Jeffery was sending me links of songs long forgotten and gave his unique and uncanny remarks of the artist and music. Always excited to share his opinion. Obvious to me, Jeffery knew a thing or two just about everything.

We had luncheon meetings (within the last 5 years) with the singers in Jeffery's life at the King George Inn, Bristol, PA and spent the good part of the day eating and drinking and mostly singing like the good o'l days.

I could reminisce all day about the Jeffery I knew. Mostly about his love for his darling wife Peggy. He also had given his heart & soul to Jesus. That was something he and I shared in common together. Our love for the Lord. He was not bashful about it at all.

I know this....absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. And that is where Jeffery is right now. Face to face with Christ his savior. Face to face to see and know. Face to face in all His glory Jesus Christ who loved him so.

Jeffery, we will meet again my brother in Christ. And we will sing again thru the eons of time. God Bless you Jeffery till we meet again in glory.

William Monach, Sr. - January 20, 2020 at 12:58 PM

DF

I first knew 'of ' Jeff Mathieu as a "Variation" from Council Rock High. Me, I was this nobody 9th grader from Pennsbury. But, all the cool guys around knew that the Variations were the best singing group in the known vocal harmony universe; "better than the Skyliners" all the kids would say. I knew all their names: Bobby Kondyra, Billy Monach, Mike Sweeny, Jeff and John Mathieu and all their nick-names too. Knew'em long before I even seen'em in person. They had quite a reputation, so much so that I almost didn't want to see them live. At least not yet. You see, the group of singers that I sang with would need a lot more practice before we could ever stand in their company without totally embarrassing ourselves (but I did say almost).

Well, one fortunate evening at the Friday night Pennsbury canteen dance who shows up? None other than ta-da... The Variations. Standing outside under the bus loading veranda they had come to sing and strut! It was a cold winter night and the echo bouncing off the surrounding brick and concrete was crisp. I remember that clearly because of the steam that shot powerfully from their mouths and into each other's faces as they blew out the purest tones of harmony I had ever witnessed in person!

Those of us who were familiar with the songs would often get caught-up singing along. Surrounded by 50 to 60 people I couldn't even get close. Being only 5' 5" I knew they couldn't see me so I sang along lost in the crowd not afraid of hitting a bad note. Between one of the songs this guy I didn't know is shows up standing right in front of me and asks me to sing with him. I said sure, sure, later. With the voice of authority, (he was this big guy) he said, "I heard you, come with me!" I said, What's your name? He said Jeff. He then grabbed me by the shoulder of my jacket and walked me right up to...The Variations! OMG! They asked me, ME, to sing with THEM! Wow! Yes we sang. That part of it is mostly a nervous blur, but I know to this very day that Jeff and his brother John made themselves a big part of my young life and greatly expanded my view and understanding of the known harmony universe! Because of that cold night, I no longer saw myself as this nobody 9th grader but now an envied friend to the "Variations." ...Doug Flor

Doug Flor - January 20, 2020 at 08:01 PM

RS

Dear Peggy. There is so much that I will miss about Jeff, the small things like that ever-twinkle in his eye, his warm smile and, dare I not forget, our sharing of those great tunes of yore! Along with Eileen, my thoughts and heart goes out to you.

Bob Serow

Robert Serow - January 21, 2020 at 12:51 PM

JM

Peggy, We are with you in spirit during this difficult time. You know how much we love you and Jeff and how we've valued our friendship these past ten years.....too many great times to count! These memories and Jeff's amazing and quick sense of humor will be with us forever. Who will now bug Lee about his parking abilities?? Much love, Julie and Lee

Julie Masoian - January 22, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SA

Dear Peggy,

We are so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. I was truly shocked when i found out today. You two were always so kind and giving. I used to admire the two of you on your long walks no matter how hot or cold it was outside. Again, our sincerest condolences to you. Jeff may you RIP and dance with the angels... Sami and Bill

sami alaimo - January 22, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DW

Jeff and I lost touch after he went to Penn State but during high school he, I know this will come as a surprise, schooled me in the art of doo wop. Several years ago while watching one of the Pittsburgh-based PBS music specials I thought about his lessons and decided to look him up. We exchanged the occasional email thereafter. It's been a while and when I received no answer I checked Google and I was directed to this memorial. Jeff and I were gearhead friends although I probably met the musician posters. He liked singing in an alcove at a supermarket someplace in Pennsbury High territory. I vividly recall the white sports car, I think it was an MG midget. I remember taking the 55 Plymouth that leaked oil like a sieve to the shore and begging gas stations for drain oil every few miles. And the red 55 Crown Vicky. We loved going to the Flemington stock car races and became big fans of Al Taznady and his Piscopo Special. Did anyone else agree to accompany Jeff on wild ventures? Did he mention how he got the scar above his lip? I was his accomplice and that's all I'll say about that episode. Sometime later he wanted a 4-barrell carb for the Vicky and browbeat me into being his wingman for the acquisition. While crossing a switching yard carrying tools, carb and heavy intake manifold we were spotted by railroaders that scared the snot out of us. "Hey, you kids, come here" they hollered. Being good and normally obedient teens we did as instructed by adults. We probably both peed ourselves in terror and once they tired of the game the railroaders broke out into peals of laughter and said, I remember this like yesterday, "Take it home boys, take it home and get the fenders." That was the end of the Jeff and Dave, Bucks County crime spree. I learned something from that episode I was able to apply professionally. I became a neuropsychologist for the VA which is a specialty in brain-behavior relationship on top of a doctorate in psychology. Pushing limits like we did is consistent with the incomplete brain development of teenage boys and not criminality. Including young servicemen that make mistakes. We both went on to become principled professional men. My life's journey took me South and Midwest. Home is in a cornfield in rural Illinois. I lament letting time pass and missing out on an opportunity to tell Jeff about the frame off resto I'm doing on a 62 VW bug. While Jeff and I were close John and I were very good friends. In fact, I came to know all the wonderful Mathieus' and loved spending time around Joe, Betty, Susan and Barbara and the Springer spaniels at the Dolington farm. Joe died young, soon after we finished college, and one of my saddest moments came about looking Jeff in the eye on the steps of the Newtown Presbyterian church of which we were all members at the close of his service. John if you read this I hope you're well. I thought of you and your wonderful gift, K, while building Habitat homes with an Americorps girl adopted from Russia. A Jersey girl of all things! Susan and Barbara, I have terrific memories of you as well. Mostly sitting around the table in Betty's kitchen. RIP Jeff and when you see Jimmy Beaumont remind him to stay in tune.

David Williams - September 18, 2020 at 11:00 PM