



## Jeffrey Stephen Quinn

December 10, 1969 - February 15, 2015

Jeff grew up in Kansas City and attended St. Elizabeth grade school where he played basketball and soccer. He excelled as a pitcher in the 3&2 Baseball League during summers. It was during his grade school years that he made life-long friends, friends who were with him and supported him until the very end. He attended Rockhurst High School, where he earned good grades, the constant attention of the school disciplinarian, and made more friends. The entire Rockhurst community rejoiced with him when he graduated in 1988.

At Southwest Missouri State University, Jeff quickly found where the best parties were, but had more difficulty finding the classrooms, so he transferred to UMKC, where the campus maps were better, and graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice.

Jeff was a natural in sales. His outgoing, friendly personality, his booming voice and hearty laugh, his work ethic and competitive nature, all combined to lead to a successful career at Kraft/Nabisco for nearly 20 years.

Jeff's hobbies included making delicious BBQ. Jeff was amazing with a grill and a smoker. From salmon to turkey, and brisket to ribs, Jeff always served up the best, and always made more than anyone could eat. While the meats were smoking, Jeff tended to his well-manicured lawn, complete with a cut-in Notre Dame logo that made it clear to the world with which team his big heart

stood.

Jeff counted his family as his greatest success, and anyone who knows them can see why. Michele and daughters Morgan, Bridgette, and Rylee, were the joys of his life. He was proud of his girls and their talents as competitive dancers, and was a fixture at their competitions throughout the Midwest, rejoicing with them as they collected trophy after trophy. It is fitting, then, that Jeff was able to see his girls perform as a trio just a few hours before he died. He would not have wanted it any other way.

When the cruel disease of ALS began to attack Jeff, it was his strong faith in God and the Catholic Church that brought him the peace and strength to suffer it with poise, dignity, aplomb, and, most importantly, an ever-present sense of humor.

The Quinn family wants to acknowledge in a very public way their friends, neighbors, dance family, co-workers and all those who rallied around Jeff, Michele, Morgan, Bridgette, and Rylee during the past several years. Their generosity of time and talent and money, the parties and benefits they organized and hosted for Jeff, and their constant companionship helped make Jeff's remaining years fun and eventful.

As ALS withered away his once-athletic body, and as he lost the ability to perform even basic functions, Jeff's spirit of gratitude for all that God had given him, and his appreciation for all that so many people had done for him--some of whom he did not know--helped buoy his spirits.

Had Jeff been given one last chance to yell with that booming voice of his, he no doubt would have cried out: "I'm the luckiest man in the world!"

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Stephen Quinn

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ May God Bless the Quinn Family in this time of Loss. Please protect them & hold them close as no one knows the pain they are going through but you God...

Ross Family  
Overland Park, KS.

Rick Ross - February 21, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ My heart goes out to you Michele for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family that you be filled with only happy memories to comfort you now and in the days to come.

Denise Speicher - February 21, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ Your husband, father and son hire my father, Irv, in Sioux City, Iowa, 8 years ago. My father has loved working for Kraft Foods. We are very sorry for your loss. We wanted you to know about something special your husband, father and son did. My father appreciates having this job very much. May the memories you hold dear help you through this difficult time.

Debbie Givot Kronick - February 20, 2015 at 11:35 PM

SM

“ To the Quinn Family...

*So sorry for your loss. All our sympathy and love...*

*From the McMahon Family*

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**Sean McMahon** - February 19, 2015 at 06:48 PM

CC

“ Quinn Family,

*We are so very sorry for the loss of Jeff. We have come to think of your entire family and group of friends as our own. Jeff's heroic battle with ALS has been tremendously inspirational to us and many of our extended network of friends and family. He will certainly be an ongoing part of our lives.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Chris, Ali and Lucas Carter*

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**Chris Carter** - February 19, 2015 at 12:33 PM

BZ

“ Dear Michele, Morgan, Bridgette, and Rylee,

*My family and I would like to express our deepest sympathies during these most difficult times. Our prayers and spiritual companionship are with you.*

*Mr Zavaletta*

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**Bart Zavaletta** - February 19, 2015 at 11:12 AM

BB

“ *It is our prayer that you and your daughters know that your husband and father is now without pain and without blemish, dancing and rejoicing in Heaven. He is preparing a place in Heaven for all of you and while that will be many, many more years to come, in Heaven it will be a blink of an eye for Jeff.*

*Please accept our deepest condolences.*

*Brad and Julie Boyle*

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**Brad Boyle** - February 19, 2015 at 11:01 AM

TM

“ *Bill & Anne and family. At times like this words are inadequate. Please know that the entire Quinn Family will be in my prayers.*

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**Tom McGuire** - February 19, 2015 at 10:43 AM

MW

“ *Michele I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, Jeff. Words cannot express how heart broken I am for you and your girls. You are a true inspiration and Jeff surely knows how blessed he was to have you as his wife, friend and soul mate. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mary Wiese-Goldsworth** - February 19, 2015 at 10:16 AM

BF

“ *Thinking of you all during this time of sorrow and wishing you peace and love as you recall all the great memories shared together.*

*All our love,*

*Brian and Michele Fry*

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**Brian and Michele Fry** - February 18, 2015 at 06:07 PM

PR

“ *my condolence on your loss my prayers are with the quinn family*

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**patrick I ryan** - February 18, 2015 at 05:10 PM

JE

“ *Michelle, Morgan, Bridgette, and Rylee - We will keep you in our prayers. May God hold you in the palm of His hand until you see him again. Wishing you peace,*

*The Dimig Family*

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**Jennifer** - February 18, 2015 at 12:15 PM

RH

“ *On behalf of the Smith - Jenkins - Hopkins Families we extend our love and sympathy to the Quinn Family. We admired you all for the support you gave to Jeffrey. Losing a loved one is never easy but for those who die in Christ have the promise of eternal life. We praise God for the life and legacy of Jeffrey Quinn.*

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**Ron and Gerri-Ann Hopkins** - February 18, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DK

“ *We were sadden when we heard the news. We both have fond memories of Jeff from his grade school years at St. Elizabeth's. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Quinn family.*

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**Dave and Mary Leigh Krull** - February 18, 2015 at 08:54 AM

PD

“ *Conor, Tara and I will miss you more than you'll ever know.  
God rest your sweet soul.  
Forever, you're in our hearts.*

*All our love,  
Patrick Devlin  
Houston, TX*

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**Patrick Devlin** - February 17, 2015 at 06:45 PM

MC

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mike Crawford** - February 17, 2015 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and  
your family during this difficult time. May the passage of time heal  
your grief.*

*Sincerely,  
The Buddenhagens*

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**The Buddenhagen Family** - February 17, 2015 at 06:01 PM

A#

“ *Please accept the sincere condolences of our entire brotherhood for  
Jeff's passing. May our Lord be with you and give you peace at this  
difficult time. Jeff's passing is being felt and receiving prayers from  
all over the United States, extending all the way back to Ireland.  
Eternal rest grant to him O Lord.*

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**Ancient Order of Hibernians, Padraig Pearse Div. #1** - February 17, 2015 at 05:44 PM

MF

“ Michelle, Morgan, Bridgette, and Rylee,

*Our deepest condolences and prayers to each of you. Jeff was a wonderful person and I will always remember his infectious smile at swim meets and the overflowing pride everyone could sense as he watched the girls race. You&#226;€™re in our prayers and know that God has big plans for him and called him home. God Bless*

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**Michalski Family** - February 17, 2015 at 03:54 PM

JL

“ To the Quinn Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss Jeff was a great guy. He was always so fun to be around. I know he will be missed by the many who loved him and knew him. I have heard ALS call the Mr. Nice Guy disease it seems that all the people that get it are great people.*

*At times like this I like to recall the Irish Blessing "My God hold him in palm of his hand until you meet again..."*

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**John Lillis** - February 17, 2015 at 03:24 PM