



Jeffrie Zellmer

October 22, 1941 - August 20, 2015

Jeffrie Charles O'Toole Zellmer, 73 of Queenstown went to heaven on Thursday, August 20th, 2015.

Jeff was born to the late Kathleen and Warren Zellmer in Cleveland, OH on October 22, 1941.

Jeff has had a long and successful career. Jeff was active in Maryland politics since 1966 running campaigns and fundraising. Jeff has been active in business and community groups having served on the Board of Director of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Board member of the United Way in Montgomery County and Queen Anne's County and active in the VFW, American Legion and the Lions Club (past President). He served as Chairman of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority under County Executive Charles Gilchrist. Most recently, Jeff served as Vice President of Government and Community affairs for the Maryland Retailers Association. He has worked for the association since 1995. Most notably in 2003, Governor Parris Glendenning appointed him to fill a vacancy on the bench of the Orphans' Court of Queen Anne's County. Jeff is survived by his wife Sharon Lipsius; daughters Elizabeth Lee and Courtney; grandchildren Bradley, Ryan and Patrick; and sister Kathleen O'Toole Zellmer; stepchildren Will Powell and Danielle Powell; step grandchildren Kirsten, Paige and Tess.

Jeff was an avid golfer who participated in numerous charity tournaments over the years. In his later years, he had a passion for international travel with his wife Sharon. They enjoyed visiting various countries across the globe including a dream vacation to Africa where they were married while on safari.

A memorial service and burial will be held at 2:00pm on September 11 at Old Wye Church, Maryland followed by a celebration of Jeff's life with his close family and vast extended family of friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Haven Ministries, PO Box 44, Chester, MD and/or University of Maryland Medical Systems Foundation, 110 S. Paca St., 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD.

Cemetery Details

Old Wye Parish Cemetery

14114 Old Wye Mills Road
Wye Mills, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Wye Parish
14114 Old Wye Mills Road
Wye Mills, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffrie Zellmer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jeffrie Zellmer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jeff was a great friend to our industry and to me personally. I worked with him for more than 20 years and was blessed to see him in early August at conference in Annapolis. I will miss working with him. Jeff was truly a great guy.*

Elizabeth Tansing - September 17, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mr. Jeff will truly be missed by Kirsten and I. I personally want to Thank You for making my mom the most happiest women in the world ! Till we meet again, we will remember the great memories we do have of you ! Love you ! Fly Angel Fly !!*



Danielle Powell - September 11, 2015 at 10:20 AM

AK

“ Our prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. Jeff was a wonderful friend, mentor and associate, whose life's good works and outstanding legacy will continue for many years. Knowing Jeff for fifteen years, at the Maryland Retailers Association, was an honor and privilege to know such a decent and honest man. We know that he leaves behind a wonderful family and know you will all be a great source of comfort and support to one another. Jeff will be greatly missed. May his memory be eternal.



Alex and Lia Krowzow, Bel Air, MD

Alex & Lia Krowzow - September 11, 2015 at 08:17 AM

RM

“ Restaurant Association of Maryland purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Jeffrie Zellmer.



Restaurant Association of Maryland - September 09, 2015 at 12:15 PM

DD

“ Dan and Fran Doherty purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jeffrie Zellmer.



Dan and Fran Doherty - September 08, 2015 at 04:53 PM

DD

“ Jeff was a dear friend for many years. When Fran and I think of the hole that has been created in our lives with his passing, I cannot begin to imagine the pain Sharon, Lee and the rest of his family are going through. Our lives are richer for having known Jeff, and his humor will continue to bring smiles to our faces for a long time yet to come. He was a bright, trustworthy and brilliant lobbyist. However, above all else he was a good man. Dan Doherty

Dan Doherty - September 08, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JD

“ Jim & Elaine Dafnis lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer



Jim & Elaine Dafnis - September 01, 2015 at 09:13 PM

CZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Courtney Zellmer - September 01, 2015 at 08:36 PM

EM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Elizabeth Morris - September 01, 2015 at 01:36 PM

DR

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Zellmer. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Delegate Deborah C. Rey

District 29B, St. Mary's County

Delegate Deborah C Rey - September 01, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SS

“ *Jeff will be missed. There will be a huge void in the Senate cafeteria.*

Steve Sakamoto-Wengel

Steve Sakamoto-Wengel - September 01, 2015 at 09:44 AM

AS

“ I only recently met Jeffrie when I started working with MRA through my company membership. He was warm, funny, knowledgeable and very thoughtful. He assisted me during a very challenging issue and even when things weren't going as planned, he still called to check on me. He had such warm things to say about his lovely wife, getting married in Africa and quite proud of being a Maasai Warrior!



I will miss his physical presence here. Wishing you a beautiful transition in spirit.

Prayers for his family and loved ones.

*Asha Rivers
Macy's*

Asha - August 31, 2015 at 10:53 AM

LS

“ Jeff was always a good friend to the Jewelers. I was fortunate to have know Jeff for his entire tenure at MRA. Jeff will be missed at MRA and the Jewelers Association as he was a Great asset.

*Larry Sanders RJ
Sanders Diamond Jewelers
Pasadena, MD
Past President of Tristate Jewelers Association and current board member*

Larry Sanders - August 31, 2015 at 10:29 AM

NW

“ Jeffrie was simply a kind and considerate and compassionate kind of guy. When I lobbied for United Way of Central Maryland, I could always go to Jeff for advice and help and he never ever said no. He would always get me to the right place in the right time and good things would always happen. He was my friend in Annapolis and he always listened. Will miss him a lot Heaven will be a better place because you - Jeff ... you are now there ...

“You - you alone will have the stars as no one else has them... In one of the stars you shall be living. In one of them you shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing, when you look at the sky at night... You - only you - will have stars that can laugh.” You will really be missed my friend

Rest in Peace ...

nan waranch - August 31, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DS

“ No words can say how sad we are to lose Jeff. Jeff and Tom have been friends for 40 years and he has been a part of our extended family for the past 25 of those 40 years. He was a wonderful friend, but that is not unique to us. Jeff's hobby was making friends, and he did it so well. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Sharon, Lee, Courtney and Jeff's many other friends.

Tom and Diana Saquella

Diana Saquella - August 31, 2015 at 08:42 AM

LA

“ *Laurence A. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jeffrie Zellmer.*



Laurence A. - August 29, 2015 at 10:27 AM

BC

“ *Condolences to the Zellmer family. Jeff helped out a lot of people like myself when we were just starting our careers. He was always willing to take time to talk to you, share advice, and, on occasion, play a joke on you! It's sad to think of Annapolis committee rooms and hallways without him.*



Bill Castelli - August 28, 2015 at 01:05 PM

BH

“ *Betsy Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Betsy Hamilton - August 28, 2015 at 10:46 AM

CW

“ *Centreville United Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Centreville United Methodist Women - August 27, 2015 at 03:41 PM

HB

“ I was away when Wheeler called to tell me of Jeff's passing. I am truly sorry for your loss. We have known Jeff for many years and shared many stories, laughs and jokes with him. We will miss his smile and humor and of course the political conversations!
A good man with a good heart! Love you Jeff!

Holly and Wheeler Baker - August 26, 2015 at 05:33 AM

JB

“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear about Jeff. You, your family and Jeff's family are in my thoughts and prayers,

Joanne Borman

Joanne Borman - August 25, 2015 at 09:42 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Debbie Dean - August 25, 2015 at 07:13 PM

MT

“ *Jeff brought joy and laughter to every life he touched. He had a heart of gold. We will surely miss him.*

Melvin & Amy Thompson



Melvin Thompson - August 25, 2015 at 05:44 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 25, 2015 at 10:01 AM

GP

What a wonderful gentleman that has left us. It was always a pleasure chatting with him and seeing him at various functions. Our many blessings and prayers are with his family at this time. He will be greatly missed by many in the community. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 25, 2015 at 10:02 AM

PC

“ *Peg Chlada lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Peg Chlada - August 25, 2015 at 09:24 AM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



David and June Clark - August 24, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Jeffrie Zellmer*



Jim Ewing - August 24, 2015 at 06:22 PM