



Jeffrey W. Leisure

November 5, 1967 - September 14, 2024

Jeff (age 56) passed peacefully on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at St. Francis Nursing Home in Worcester, MA.

Jeff was born to Larry Ray and Marianne Leisure of Guymon, Oklahoma. They moved to Purcell, OK for his middle school and then to Mesquite, Texas for high school.

After high school, Jeff began his military career, first joining the Army Reserve in 1985 and then the Navy four years later. The Navy took him to many places in Europe and the Middle East.

Jeff's ships participated in Operation Provide Promise, Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His job was a Fire Controlman; he operated and maintained the weapons systems and radar systems. Jeff served on the USS Leyte Gulf, the USS Vella Gulf and the USS McFaul. For twenty years, Jeff proudly served our country and retired as Chief Petty Officer in 2008.

In 1993 Melissa followed the wrong car to a wedding and sparks ignited. They were married in February 1995.

After his military retirement, Jeff worked with Evergreen Solar in Devens, MA. When they moved to China, Jeff accepted a job with Mevion Medical Systems

in Littleton, MA. There Jeff built what he called “the Cancer Killing Machine” (AKA Proton Beam Ray Cancer Therapy Machine.) He traveled to hospitals all over the US and helped install this machine. Jeff was proud to be working with a company doing such great and needed work.

Jeff was a member of the Central Mass Christian Men’s Group, led by Jason Kunst. He attended the breakfasts, the 1st of the month Men’s dinners at Trinity Church in Bolton, and the night time gatherings around the fire. He really enjoyed getting to know the men and participate in this group. Jeff volunteered and participated in many activities at Clear Path for Veterans. Clear Path has assisted him and his family through this horrible disease, Early Onset Alzheimer’s. Jeff was diagnosed at 52 years of age.

When Jeff retired from the Navy, he commented, “I’ve seen the other side of the world, now I’d like to see my own country.” So once diagnosed, he and Melissa hit the road for 3 to 4 months each fall for the next 3 years. While on one of their trips, they visited Mount Rushmore, where Jeff was able to participate in the evening ceremony by assisting in the nightly retiring of the US Flag. This was one of his, more recent, proudest moments.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Melissa, and two children, Jeremy (26-of Brattleboro, VT) and Sean (24-of Devens, MA), his mother Ms. Marianne Leisure of Kingwood, TX and two brothers, Lance Leisure of Kingwood, TX and Larry Leisure of Nagoya, Japan. Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Larry Ray Leisure.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Monday, September 30, 2024 at 2pm at Hope Chapel, Sterling, MA.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to be sent to Clear Path for Veterans of New England, 82 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434 or Hope Chapel, 35 Chocksett Road, Sterling, MA 01564. Condolences may be mailed

to: Melissa Leisure,42 Walnut Street, Devens, MA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hope Chapel
35 Chocksett Road
Sterling, MA

Tribute Wall

RT

“ I enjoyed many occasions with Jeff and Melissa before and after diagnosis, many of those times for meals at Bill & Judy Woods house in Shirley. I'll never forget watching a full grown black bear galloping out onto I195 into the car in front of us, the car hitting it head on sending the bear spinning off the road like a top. We both yelled simultaneously.

Ray Taylor - September 30, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SL

“ I am Jeff's cousin and have so many great memories in our youth running around Guymon, and going on family vacations. He shared his love for 70's and 80's music also his fondness for New Orleans. Then life really took off he joined the military and started a family. We met at family reunions and caught up. While traveling the county in their camper Melissa and Jeff set up camp a few miles from my house and we met up at a local winery. He was up for anything drink related and I could see the enjoyment he got from the journey. I also saw the struggle everyday life gave him. We shared a love for our favorite college team and think of the enjoyment he got supporting from afar. I will truly miss my cousin and lifelong friend.



Steven Leisure - September 30, 2024 at 03:28 AM

LE

“ *Leisure-Uehara purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jeffrey W. Leisure.*



Leisure-Uehara - September 29, 2024 at 05:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey W. Leisure.*



September 19, 2024 at 07:36 AM

DC

“ *Don and Audrey Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey W. Leisure.*

Don and Audrey Clark - September 19, 2024 at 07:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey W. Leisure.*



September 19, 2024 at 07:35 AM

TF

“ *The Grand Design Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey W. Leisure.*

The Grand Design Family - September 19, 2024 at 07:35 AM

CS

“ Jeffrey is my cousin. Not very many conversation until he was older. He was such a interesting man and easy to talk too.

Carol Savoie - September 18, 2024 at 09:19 PM

KS

“ Dear Melissa & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May all of your memories help to ease some of your pain. Please know that I am thinking of you all during this difficult time. Sincerely, Kristen Sullivan
(I saw you at the Puzzle Race, while I was working).



Kristen Sullivan - September 18, 2024 at 09:17 PM

JA

“ Fair Winds and following Seas Chief....rest easy, we have the watch.

jason - September 17, 2024 at 09:40 PM

JL

“ Jeff was always very respectful and even in his adult life never failed to address me as Uncle Jerry. He was proud to have served in the military and to have served his country..

Jerry Leisure - September 17, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey W. Leisure



Jennifer Johnson - September 17, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DL

“ 1 file added to the album Jeff



DANIEL LOUZAU - September 17, 2024 at 04:24 PM