



Jeffrey B. Quillen

November 13, 1954 - September 25, 2020

Jeffrey Blair Quillen passed away Friday, September 25th after a long battle with M.S. and dementia. He was 65 years old.

Jeff was born November 13th, 1954 to Charles F. Quillen and Margaret O. Quillen (VanWinkle). He had two sisters: Jayne Jackson (Quillen) and Jennifer Shoup (Quillen). He grew up in Mooresville, IN. He attended IU Bloomington and saved his commemorative dorm room trash can from their '76 National Championship. He went on to attend IU Med School.

After graduating medical school, he moved to Richmond, IN to work at Reid Hospital. He had a storied career as an emergency medicine doctor. He never ceased learning and exploring the world around him. He was integral in inventing a mattress to prevent pressure ulcers. After his health began to fail, he switched from emergency medicine to providing medical care to those in jail. He enjoyed spending time learning about his patients and helping them get better.

He spent many fun-filled weekends with his family and friends on his houseboat, the "Panacea," a cure-all for any stress. He loved water skiing, golfing, tinkering, and delivering sarcasm in such a deadpan manner you sometimes questioned yourself of what you had just heard him say.

After he could no longer drive every weekend to Dale Hollow, he decided to purchase the old girl scout camp in Hagerstown, IN. He spent much time maintaining the property, enjoying the lake, and mushroom hunting.

He was married to Jacolin Quillen (Witten) and they had just celebrated 33 years of marriage. He had two children: John (J.C.) Quillen and Jillian Renschler (Quillen). He had one grandson, Kaden B. Quillen. Jeff is survived by his wife, daughter, sisters, and grandson.

A memorial service will be held at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 P.M. The family will be there to welcome friends and family. If attending, please wear a mask for your safety and the safety of others.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the National M.S. Society or the BrightFocus Foundation.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Culberson Funeral Home - October 03, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ I attended Indiana University with with Jeff 1973-1976 and i was friends with him (he was a very special friend).I lost track of him in late 1990's after he became a doctor in Richmond .the last time i saw him was at his home in Richmond,Indiana
Michael W.Hall

Michael W.Hall - November 06, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ I was Jeff's babysitter back when we all lived in Hadley Woodland. He was the most fun and smartest kid I ever knew. He was so sharp and it took a lit to out think that little guy. I have lots of happy memories of those times with Jeff and his little sister, Jenny. It was a pleasure to have known him as a child. I am very proud of the man he turned out to be. Amy Hadley

Amy Hadley Nance - October 06, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Dr Quillen was a brilliant ER Dr that gave me skin treatments on my shin when I fell down a flight of steps His treatments of cow skin sheets and collagen gel saved the appearance of my legs and aided in the healing process I appreciated all of his help because he told me that he would do all he could to keep me from having stitches because I was a young girl that didn't want scarring He was a very professional and caring Dr All of my condolences to his family and I Thank you Dr Quillen

Karen Jackson - October 05, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ I give thanks for Jeff’s life and am mindful of the many lives he touched. He was a skilled and compassionate physician... Reid was blessed to have him. He was also a wonderful human being. It was a privilege to work with him.
Barry MacDowell

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“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



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“ Dr Jeff was a braddah. He helped my art career get off the ground when I first started out hanging my paintings on a chain link fence at the Honolulu Zoo. He had the biggest heart, never making me feel like a charity case when he would buy my paintings to gift to his family. His generosity, humanity, and authenticity made him stand out amongst his peers. Of course, his humility will never allow him to accept that characterization. I love you and will miss you forever.
My deepest condolences to his family and friends whose lives were touched by his gentle soul. I hope you can find comfort and peace during this difficult time in God’s loving embrace.

Roy Tabora - October 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ We give thanks for those who experienced Jeff’s healing heart and skills. Because we lived at distance from him, we did not see him often; but, when we met it seemed our spirits were always close. None of will never know the full extent of the difference he made in the lives of so many; but: nonetheless, we do celebrate where we saw his life make a difference for good. Our condolences to his family: peace be with you.
Rev. David and Betty Stout, West Des Moines, Iowa

David Stout - October 01, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Jeff was a fascinating person to know and work with. He was always creating, questioning, and thinking out of the box.. His ability to rapidly assess a situation and act on that made him an incredibly talented ER physician. Jeff saved many lives during his career. He often spoke very proudly of his family, the houseboat he designed and built and the Waffle mattress he invented. He was a multi-talented person and it was an honor to know and work with Jeff.

Nancy Seal - October 01, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ I have great memories of him and his family. I used to babysit JC and Jilly from time to time. That was years ago. Jeff and Jackie were always so welcoming and fun. I will never forget one night after they returned after I had kept for the evening their children it was snowing pretty good and cold. He went out cleaned my car off and started it up and got it warm for me and even made sure I got in without sleeping piping bc it was so late and dark. Genuine and true. Jeff would even be my ER doctor a couple times. He took the best care of me medically and was compassionate always with his care he gave to not only to me but all his patients. God bless you all as you grieve his passing. May God grant you His peace and comfort. Praying for you all. I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Dad and Grandfather. Julie Brumley Frame

Julie Brumley Frame - September 30, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ I was honored to work along side Jeff at Reid when we worked in the emergency room together. Praying for the family and thier loss.

Jeanette Thomas - September 28, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ I will never forget Jeff's great sarcasm! My thoughts and prayers to family. Vikki Graham Foster

Vikki Foster - September 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to Jeff's loved ones. I worked with him at the Wayne County Health Dept. We had fun matching wits.

Pam Davis - September 30, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Jeff in the ER. He had a kind heart and would do anything for you.

Rex Lanning - October 01, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ My condolences to all who loved jeff. I worked with him sometimes at the Wayne County Clinic, but also experienced his compassion on one occasion when i visited the ER. he was a great physician and a good man.

Mary Ansel

mary ansel - October 01, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ My condolences go out to the Quillen family. I fondly remember my weekly conversations with Jeff at the jail during time as sheriff. He was a great physician. I never worried about the medical care at the jail during his time there. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Matt Strittmatter

Matt Strittmatter - October 03, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ So sorry for your loss

Mary Owens - September 27, 2020 at 04:10 PM