



## Mr Jeffrey Zenisek

July 4, 1956 - April 13, 2025

It is with the deepest sadness and greatest respect that we announce the passing of Jeffrey Zenisek, better known as Jeff, on April 13, 2025. Born in Milwaukee, WI on the 4th of July, 1956, Jeff's life was always a celebration of independence. This spirit carried through his life and was a beacon to those who knew him, drawing them to his courageous spirit and loving heart. Jeff lived a life defined by resilience and spirit, never allowing his physical disabilities to hold him back from living life to its fullest. His tenacity and resilience were reflected in his favorite quote by Helen Keller, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

Jeff spent nine fulfilling years in the hospitality industry as a Hotel Steward at Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, WI, and Greenville, SC before his retirement. His years in the hospitality industry were a testament to his dedication, love for people, and an embodiment of his spirited nature. Despite his challenges, Jeff was a beacon of resilience and courage, inspiring many with his unwavering spirit and determination. He touched many lives and left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Living in Walhalla, South Carolina, Jeff was a pillar of love and strength to his family. He was the loving son of Eugene Zenisek and the late Donna Zenisek. Jeff shared a special bond with his family, contributing to an unbreakable family circle. He was an adored uncle to many nieces and nephews, never

missing a chance to be part of their lives. His love for his family was limitless and unconditional.

Jeff's life was a testament to the power of resilience, the courage to live authentically, and the capacity to love deeply. His memory will remain a beacon of hope and strength for all who knew him. Please honor Jeff's life by sharing your memories and uploading photos to the memorial page.

Remember him as the courageous, loving, resilient, and spirited man he was. His spirit lives on in the many lives he touched, and his legacy will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Jeff is survived by his brothers: Gregory Zenisek (Donna) of Seneca, SC, Randy Gene Zenisek (Kris Stephens) of Colgate, WI, Kenneth Zenisek (Marliss) of Hustisford, WI, Dennis Alan Zenisek (Marilyn) of Juneau, WI, and Timothy John Zenisek (Denise) of Six Mile, SC.

Jeff was preceded in death by his sister: Lisa Marie Zenisek.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at 2:00 PM, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Special Olympics at [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org) or the Cerebral Palsy Foundation at [www.yourcpf.org](http://www.yourcpf.org).

The family is at their respective homes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Just found out about Jeff. When I was a part of his life I always admired his zest for life considering his disability. RIP

Julie Goratowski - June 09, 2025 at 10:49 PM

GZ

“ Farewell my brother until we meet again! You were always our courageous warrior, and it was far too easy to take your day to day struggles for granted. You are truly a shining inspiration to us all on how to live a humble life with dignity and grace. 💪💖

On behalf of our entire family, thank you to EVERYONE that has honored Jeff in any way by your presence at his memorial service, sending plants/flowers, sending cards, planting trees, lighting a candle, donating to Special Olympics or the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, commenting on social media, calling or texting us, providing medical care, providing the memorial service, etc. It is all so very much appreciated!



Gregory Zenisek - May 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LO

“ Lynn O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.

Lynn O. - April 29, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LD

“ Love Deb purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.



Love Deb - April 25, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LD

“ Love Deb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.

Love Deb - April 25, 2025 at 04:21 PM

HS

“ In memory of Jeff. So sorry for your loss. He was an awesome gentleman who lived life to the fullest. A gift of \$100 was donated to both the Special Olympics and Cerebral Palsy Foundation from the Anthony and Dolores Erdmann Family - Pamela, Holly, Michael and Susan.

Holly Stauffacher - April 25, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.*



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April 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.*

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April 24, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Jeanne Loduha Morford** - April 24, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JM

“ Oh Uncle Gene, Greg, Randy, Kenny, Dennis, Timmy and families. I am so sorry for the loss of Jeff. Jeff was one of a kind. He was caring, loving, sweet, but, with a little sassy mixed in there. I loved him so much. Greg and Donna, I was so happy that you asked me to stand up in your wedding. I even asked to stand up with Jeff, no one else. I knew what his limitations were and I was there to support him. He was amazing. One memory I remember was when we were younger. My mom and I came out to help your dad with laundry and ironing quite often after your parents split up. Yes, I even did some ironing too!! I always enjoyed being around all of you guys. Another memory that I remember is, well, seeing I am a year older than Greg and Jeff, I took you to the bar when you two turned 19. I drove you both back home, safe and sound. The only thing is that Jeff had a hard time going up the stairs to his bedroom. Your mom wasn't too happy with me, sorry. We did have fun that night though. I have fun memories with all of my cousins and Uncle Gene too. Just know that he was greeted by God, his mom, sister, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents too with open arms. All of us have a very special Angel watching over us now. God Bless all of you. I love you.

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**Jeanne Loduha Morford** - April 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM

CJ

“ Caitlynn and Finley Jahr purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.



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**Caitlynn and Finley Jahr** - April 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LM

“ So sorry for Jeff's passing. He will be missed by many! I loved his bubbly personality! Rest in peace my friend!



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**Lisa Mills** - April 23, 2025 at 02:28 PM

MH

“ Sorry for the Loss of your son and brother, Jeff , from the whole Hensler, LaVine families. It always brings back the Days of Lake Five and Hillside and the Good Old Days, Until we meet Again Jeff 🙏

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**Mark Hensler** - April 23, 2025 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ Thank you Jeffrey for being my friend for the last 20 plus years. I cherish all our time together. Your memory will be everlasting with me. ❤️ Forever

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**Shirley Sellers** - April 21, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CH

“ One of my fondest memories of Jeff was being his dance partner at our cousin Jeanne's wedding in 1978. Jeff was an inspiration for living life to the fullest, and he did it well. Rest in peace now Jeff, for you have earned it.



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**Carol Hearn** - April 21, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.*



April 21, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek.

April 21, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



**Donna Zenisek** - April 19, 2025 at 12:19 AM

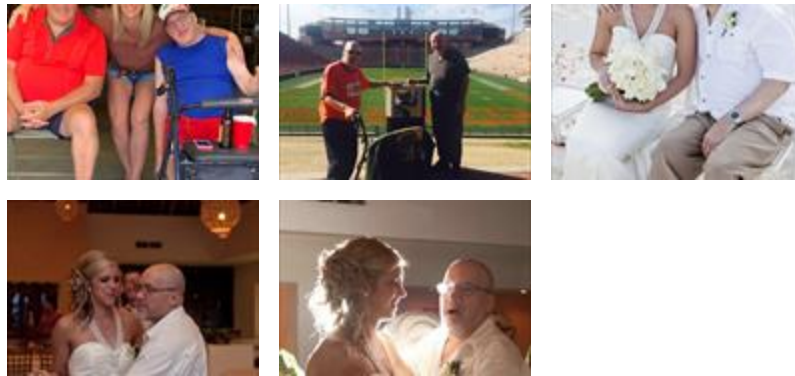
HS

“ Many years ago Roy and I decided to sell our timeshare in Daytona Beach. Jeff said he wanted to take one week of it. I had my doubts because with Jeff's disabilities, how was he going to get down there every year? But Jeff had so many friends and never had a problem getting there. I am so glad he was able to spend so many happy times there.

Helen Sanders - April 18, 2025 at 11:44 AM

AZ

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Andrea Zenisek - April 16, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MS

“ I've known Jeff for 60 years. He was always a great friend to me and also became close friends with my wife Cara and our son and his wife, Mikey and Shannon. He never forgot a birthday, anniversary, and always a Christmas card. Jeff you were always a great friend to us. We will miss your kind hearted nature. Love you always dear friend.

Mike Siebert - April 16, 2025 at 06:42 PM

KO

“ *Kathy And Randy Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek*



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**Kathy and Randy Owens** - April 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM

AV

“ *Back in the mid seventies Jeff, Mike and I would carpool to WTCI . All of us were in multiple classes together and hung out after school. Jeff was so much fun especially in bars. Another memory and not sure how this happened but Jeff drove my car home after school one time. And although we came close to a few mailboxes we made it to Jeff's house. He was so happy and thankful. I was blessed to know Jeff. He never gave up and did not allow his disability to stop him from living. I will miss you my friend. I will always remember the last words you used the last time we talked. I Love You!*

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**Alan Vieau** - April 15, 2025 at 10:05 PM

KL

“ *Kim Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr Jeffrey Zenisek*



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**Kim Lusk** - April 15, 2025 at 08:26 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry for y'all's loss. Jeff was a wonderful and kind person. Full of fun and mischief. I know he will be missed immensely by all who knew him. I thought a whole of Jeff. Had some fun working with him way back. May God hold yuns tight and comfort you all ❤️

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**Kim Lusk** - April 15, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BC

Sorry for your loss, I'm praying for the best. I have so many great memories of Jeff. Bill Corbett.

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**Bill Corbett** - April 16, 2025 at 08:18 AM

JH

My best memories of Mr Jeff was when Timmy Jeff and I went to Brooklyn raceway in Michigan and Jeff and I had to belly bump all weekend long getting him in and out of the camper had such a great time going to miss the old guy

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**Jeffery L Hoppens** - April 16, 2025 at 12:20 PM