



## Jeffrey Ray Bowers

September 22, 1969 - July 22, 2023

Bowers, Jeff Age 53, of Edina, became our angel on July 22, 2023 after a fierce 4 year fight with stage 4 cancer. Preceded in death by his beloved father Jerry Bowers. Survived by adoring family: mother Debra Bowers; wife of 22 years Kari, children Maddie, Tommy, Joe; sister Tracey (Tom) Illies and children Hayley, Ben, Alex, Aaron; sister-in-law, Beth (Todd) Hanson and children Alex, Olivia, Abby; Kari's parents Kathleen and Scott Elfstrom. Heartbroken also include dear extended family and countless cherished friends. Jeff loved growing up in SW Minneapolis always active in sports. He treasured time at the cabin, Cathedral of the Pines camp and family skiing in Vail, Colorado. He graduated from Washburn High School and University Wisconsin Madison where he rooted genuine friendships that continued strong for life. Jeff's peeps applauded his unwavering character. He was a sports aficionado and dedicated much time to coaching & volunteering. Kids flocked to him. He was a role model. Well known for his work ethic and integrity, he was highly respected in the municipal bond industry for over 30 years. Jeff loved family. Oh how he loved his family. A loyal son. A selfless brother. Awesome FUNcle. A doting husband. THE BEST DAD. In true BOWERPOWER fashion, Jeff seized every sunrise. Every day was game day whether working or playing. For decades before diagnosis, he lived every day like his last - never wasting a moment. Orchestrator of fun, Jeff's enthusiasm was contagious. He enjoyed planning trips and activities. He was a collector of memories - not things. He taught us many lessons and had no regrets, except

being called to Heaven too early. He fought hard to explore every avenue seeking answers to cancer for the sake of all still wrestling with it. Let us always remember Jeff's huge heart. His charming signature smile. His soulful blue eyes. Services will be held on Saturday, July 29 at Mt Olivet Church in Minneapolis. Visitation 9:30AM followed by celebration of life 11AM. <https://mtolivet.org/livestream/> In honor of Jeff's bright light, feel free to wear color - extra points for Badger red! Private interment at Lakewood cemetery. Jeff preferred donations be made to Cathedral of the Pines Camp. No flowers, please.

Service to be streamed at:<https://mtolivet.org/livestream/>

Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)  
5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Church Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jeff’s presence was harmonious and always full of inspiration. I clearly remember a specific moment where I was existing the Hennepin County Government Building and Downtown Minneapolis and we both ran into each other in Punic outside his office building across the street. We were both surprised to see each other but that brief quality moment was so much to say he was not just a friend but like a brother to all of us guys in the family and he always will be. I’ll miss his pure kindness and sincereness to everyone that he knew or met. Like myself, he knew there was good in everyone and he not only aspired a family, a career, but to guide us all in the morals and values of determination, diligence, perseverance, love, and overcoming every battle and to always never give up on each other or one’s self. He’s a prominent example of what what I would say makes the perfect family member and friend to have in life and I have been so blessed to get to know my cousin Jeff and to share so many gifted memories with his family and his three kids. Kerry, Deb, and Tracy and to his children. My thoughts and prayers and heartfelt condolences. I love you all so much and please lift Jeff’s name up for me on the day of the service. I will be there virtually, but always forever here to support you all.

God Bless.



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George E Dalton - July 25, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss!!! I am a colleague of Jeff's in the muni world. I worked with Jeff for a very long time. He was a true pleasure to work with and a great person. He will be truly missed!!!! My deepest sympathy! Kristin Koziol (from UMB Bank)

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**Kristin Koziol** - July 25, 2023 at 03:40 PM

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“ Bowers ❤️ Family!

*Our hearts are broken. Sending so much love to Kari, Maddie, Tommy, Joe, Debbie and Tracey. See you Saturday.*

*Love,  
Kaaren, Joe and Ally*



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**Kaaren Grabianowski** - July 24, 2023 at 01:09 PM