



## Jeffrey Kevin Ranning

June 18, 1954 - September 16, 2022

Ranning, Jeffrey Kevin 68, of Mpls., MN passed away unexpectedly September 16, 2022. Preceded in death by parents, Eugene & Laura; Brothers, Steven & Bradley. Survived by son, Adam (Holly); grandchildren, Carter, Karson & Charlie; Brothers, Keith & Craig; Sister, Jeannie; Debbie Johnson and Danielle Vara, and many more. Jeff received his High School Diploma from Roosevelt High School. After graduation, Jeff worked as a Park Keeper for the Minneapolis Park Board for 33 years, up until he retired in 2006. Jeff spent 22 years at Powerhorn park. Jeff was passionate about his work, mostly because he got to work outside.

Jeff loved nature, fishing, taking a drive up to the North Shore with Adam, Holly, Boys, Danielle and Debbie. Stopping at Beaver Bay Agate shop to pick up new rocks, looking for deer with his grandkids in the woods. Of all the people he touched, both willing and unwilling, his most proud achievement in life was his son, Adam.

"Jeff had a heart of Gold" Everyone that knew him would say the same thing. Jeff was many things, but that was the top of the list. All the kids in the neighborhood would come over and Jeff treated them as if they were his kids. Even when those kids grew up and had kids, Jeff was a grandpa figure to them as well. Feeding them popsicles before dinner time, making Jacks pizza with extra cheese. When Jeff took Danielle under his guardianship when she needed a safe home or when his son Adam was expecting a child at a young age, he and his girlfriend (wife) moved in, and lived there until their child was

2 years old. Jeff was a passionate man, stubborn some would say, but that was his way of watching out for his loved ones.

Let's not forget "The Ranning Humor", He loved to tell stories to make people laugh and smile. One of his favorite things to sing to people, to get them to laugh is "Adam is a friend of mine..... We go fishing all the time..... Adam likes to bait my line.... cause Adam..... is a friend of mine.....".

As Adam had kids, Jeff's grandkids became his world. He spent many of his days at their sporting games, birthdays, school concerts and many other things. The boys spent many weekends and summers at papa's house. Jeff loved taking the boys shopping, buying them whatever they asked for. He loved buying them animals; frogs, hamsters, bearded dragons, fishes and more.

Jeff was an animal lover, taking in sick squirrels, raccoons, ducks, plus his love for his dogs; Jet, Bear Bear and Hudson. Cats; Mama Kitty, Big Kitty, Kit Kat, and Reeses.

Papa was a big part of many lives and life will never be the same without him. He spent many years taking care of everyone, now it's time for him to rest. Never forgotten, always in our hearts.

Memorial Service will be held Friday, October 14, 2022 at 11am with visitation one hour prior, Lunch at noon. Located at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway, Mpls., MN 55407 612.721.1651. Followed by Burial Service at 1:30pm, Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave, Mpls., MN 55408. (Section 10) 612.822.2171

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
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## Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Miss you so much! Still can't believe your gone. Forever in our hearts. Love you always.* ”



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**Holly Ranning** - October 05, 2022 at 12:58 AM