



Jeffrey Allen Hovan

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Jeffrey Allen Hovan, age 44, passed away on March 21, 2021 due to complications from a brain tumor.

He is survived by his parents Steve and Ruth (Meyer) Hovan, and older brothers Chris (Victoria) and Scot (Gretchen). He was a loving nephew and cousin to many and beloved uncle of Pete and Leo.

For over 12 years, Jeffrey worked as a pizza delivery person, dependably delivering thousands of pizzas around the Cleveland area. In addition, for the last 13 years, Jeffrey simultaneously worked as a transfer driver for U-Haul, moving trucks from one metro location to another, so that people who were in the midst of their own life transitions could have access to a vehicle they needed.

From a young age, Jeffrey loved to observe and learn about the people and places around him. Jeffrey created a mental map of the greater Cleveland area that allowed him to give directions to his older brothers when they were learning to drive and later to even suggest better driving routes to his supervisors. Jeffrey's learnings about people helped him to sense when others were in need--to give a smile or a cheerful word or joke to them just when they needed it. Jeffrey also had the ability to sit calmly and quietly with people--a rare gift that brought comfort to his grandfather and to countless others. Jeffrey was generous with his time and his money, offering both to help people without hesitation. Dependable, trusting, and kind, Jeff's gentle soul touched the lives of countless people who interacted with him, and his abundant goodness and love will leave a hole in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

Because of COVID-19, a celebration of Jeffrey's life will be delayed until the early Fall when we can gather together more safely to celebrate him. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Lift Garage, a non-profit auto repair shop founded by a family friend in Minneapolis. Jeffrey loved to drive, and The Lift's mission is to end homelessness by keeping people driving. Donations should be marked in honor of Jeffrey Hovan. Visit www.theliftgarage.org for more information about the organization and to donate.



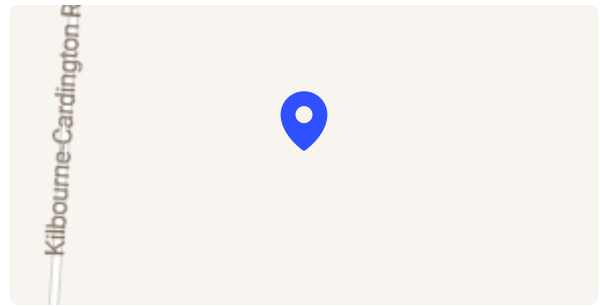
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OD

Olivia Dravid posted:

Jeff, Working with you for years at Dominos was such a fun experience. You definitely did not ever hold back with any filter but you were so caring at the same time. Also one of the funniest drivers we had. You were definitely remembered by me and many more. I was shocked to have heard you passed six months later in a casual conversation about the old times at Strongsville. I am very heartbroken and saddened. Rest easy.

October 8 at 9:44 PM

TF

The Laurence Harvey Family posted:

Jeff, I know your brother Chris and his wife Vicky Hovan plus the entire Hovan family loved you very much. REST IN PEACE.

March 26 at 5:52 PM

LS

Leigh Ann And Jim Sperk posted:

We only had the honor of meeting Jeffrey once at the 50th wedding anniversary party of his parents. So my husband Jim and I never got to know him well. Having said this, I do feel that we knew a little bit about Jeff from all the conversations we had with Ruthie and Steve. Rest in peace Jeffrey. Leigh Ann and Jim Sperk

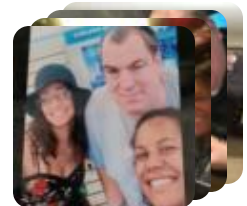
March 26 at 12:25 PM

AB

Annelis Bokman shared 3 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Miss every morning text, smile, and silliness Jeff! I will forever hold you in my heart! Love Ya. Rest In Peace.

March 25 at 6:26 AM



TS

Tom Santillo posted:

I had the pleasure of working with jeff at uhaul.jeff always had a smile for everyone and was dedicated to his job. What a wonder person to have as a friend. My condolences to your family and may jeff rest in peace

March 25 at 1:12 PM



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WB

Wilbert Brown shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Hi this is Wilbert I work with Jeff for many years at U-Haul and we occasionally have lunch after I left you have my condolences I'm praying for your family may he rest in peace

March 25 at 10:20 AM



CS

Carri Smonko lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

I very glad I got to no you again I will always love you

March 25 at 9:44 AM



DE

Dean posted:

Second only to my wife Linda, Jeff was not only my best friend, but our "best man" at our wedding. We miss you dearly Jeff! (aka Bartman)

March 25 at 6:26 AM

DK

Diane Kraad March 25 at 8:37 AM

Dianel always thought Jeff was so very kind. The world is worse off without his gentleness. Blessings to his family and friends who will miss him.



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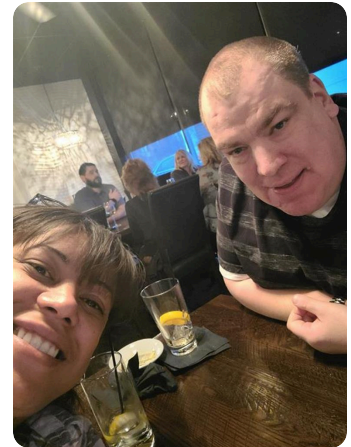
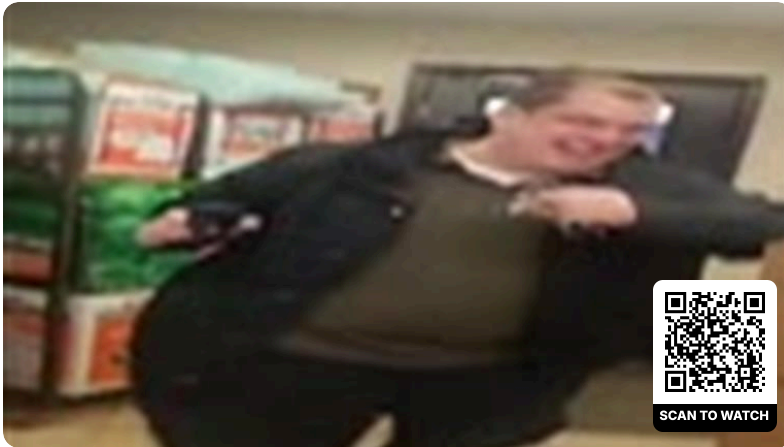
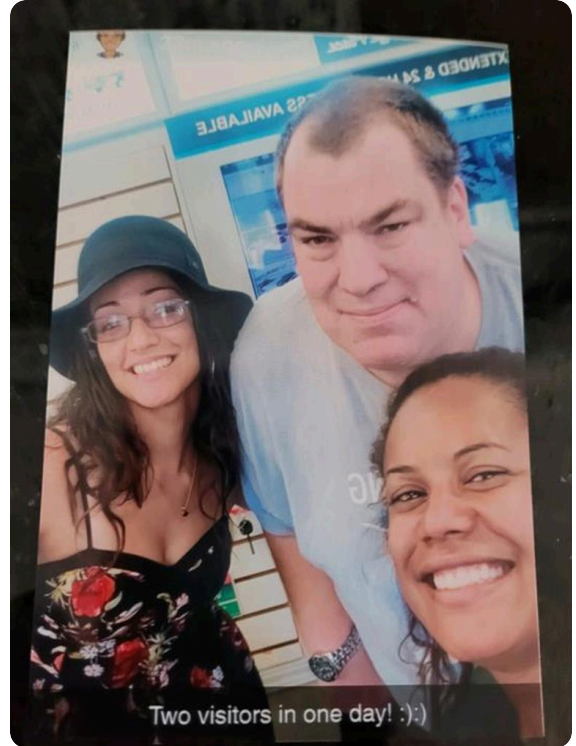
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March 25 at 1:15 PM





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