



## Jeff A. Morrin

December 7, 1958 - November 5, 2013

Jeff Morrin, 54, of Waterville, Ohio passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family and friends. After a hard and courageous fight, he lost his battle with cancer on November 5, 2013. A beloved family man, Jeff loved spending time with his “beautiful bride” and children. Jeff spent decades of his life coaching youth sports for his children. Always generous, Jeff brightened the lives of everyone he knew. The toughest guy you’ve ever met, Jeff was the greatest guy we’ve had the privilege of knowing.

Jeff will be remembered by many as successful business leader. Drawing on his love of competition and risk taking, Jeff grew a modest concrete company into a thriving business that earned him the name “Shopping Center King”. Always up for a challenge, Jeff loved playing poker with his dad, shooting hoops with the guys, and of course, dominating the craps table. As an avid collector of Lionel trains, Jeff passed on his family tradition to his sons.

Jeff will be deeply missed by the love of his life, Alissa, and his children Mary, Joshua, Nathan and Sophie. He is survived by his brothers, James Morrin Jr., Jerrold Morrin, Scott Salsbury, Corey Robertson, Peyton Robertson, step-mother, Sharon Morrin, father-in-law, Craig (Wendy) Robertson and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James “Moe” and Mary Morrin, Sr.

Friends and family can visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, November 10th from 2-8 p.m. Funeral services will begin Monday, November 11th, at 11 a.m. at Coyle, followed by burial at Riverside Cemetery.

Those wishing to view Jeff's tribute video, share a memory, or offer condolences to his family may do so at [www.CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://www.CoyleFuneralHome.com).

Special thanks to Hospice of NW Ohio, Toledo Clinic Cancer Center and the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Memorial donations may be given to Pancreatic Research or Hospice of NW Ohio.

Our hearts are heavy because we will miss him, but our lives are much better because we knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside

Maumee, OH 43537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services

1770 S. Reynolds Road

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I never knew Jeff personally, and I probably never would have. The way people explain him to me is a gentle, kind man who would carry his family with strength, determination, passion, and love. That's why I'm not here to talk about his death, I'm here to talk about his life, the one to carry on his legacy, his beautiful daughter, Sophie. She is so courageous and powerful, and so worthy of everything, every diamond and pearl, every jewel and gem, every star and galaxy, and so much more. Her father's legacy casts on to her. Her electricity and fire proves that she's a beautiful soul with so much ahead of her. I could never replace her, I could never exchange her, I could never hurt her. She truly is my rock, just like how Jeff was to her and so many others. The way Sophie views the world is truly unique, and everyday I look forward to calling her, texting her, and having her presence illuminate my day into something much more meaningful. Everyday I smile knowing I have her, she's the light at the end of the tunnel that I look towards while I'm going through it, and I'm eternally grateful. Her eloquence and elegance are something I one day hope to achieve. Sophie and Jeff share so much more than a last name or some DNA, they share the inner glow that could brighten a room in a matter of nanoseconds. I find it comical the irony of it all, Jeff and Sophie were soul tied by blood, however I found my way to this lustrous diamond of a human by a simple message from tiktok, on the exact anniversary of Jeff's passing in 2023 subsequently creating a soul tie of our our own, not by physical blood, but the everlasting bond of friendship. Ever since then I have let my woes heal, I owe this girl my life and I will never be able to repay her that. Sophie and Jeff live on forever, in our bodies, souls, and hearts. Jeff would be so proud of how far you have come darling, and he's smiling down at us right now, I love you, armadillo.

*From one Sophie to another, Happy 15th birthday*

*Love, your ride or die always, Sophia*

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Sophia Spirou - October 07, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ Jeff was a man of business that's for sure. I worked for him for 5 years. After Moe died he treated his guys like dirt. The same guys that built the company up. Then canned them because they costed him more money guy of 20 years was let go with nothing. Sure Jeff was a great guy who forgot where he came from treated employees like carp in clouding his own brothers which were never mentioned in his obituary.

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**Eric graalamn** - September 27, 2021 at 03:54 AM



really you feel that way?

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**Sophie Morrin** - September 08, 2023 at 04:52 PM

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“ Dear Morrin Family and Friends,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one, and offer you my sincere condolences. Many have found comfort and hope in knowing that the Bible assures us: “Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18) God’s holy spirit, or active force, can equip you with “power beyond what is normal” to go from one day to the next. (2 Corinthians 4:7) It is my sincere hope that this gives you a measure of solace in this most difficult time. My family wishes you and yours peace.

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**Lisa** - November 21, 2013 at 12:24 PM

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“ November 08, 2013

*My heart has been heavy all week. I'm glad I had a chance to meet and work with you. You answered my most simple questions with answers I'll never forget. You were a true genius and your legacy will live forever. My prayers are with you and your family. May god bless them forever.*

*~ Mario Kiezi, Holland, Ohio*

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**coyle** - November 11, 2013 at 11:21 AM

“ November 08, 2013

*To a great mentor that taught me many things thru the 27 years i had the pleasure to work with you many thanks to the entire family, KGRAALMAN@GMAIL.COM*

*~ Kevin & Peggy Graalman, Florida*

*November 08, 2013*

*Our Thoughts, Prayers and Deepest Sympathy to Your Family. I have many childhood memories of Jeff. Our Moms' being Sisters, meant we spent alot of family time together. R.I.H Jeff.*

*~ Deb (Edens) Pobish, Whitehouse, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family RIP jeff*

*~ Lindsay Haley, maumee, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*We are very sad to learn of your passing. We will always be inspired by your professional successes and what an amazing friend, dad and husband you were. You will be greatly missed by everyone who knew you in our community. Much love, Chris and Casey Haley*

*~ Casey Haley, Holland, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache, but those who care and, share your loss wish you, comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family, and in the warm Embrace of Friends.*

*~ sherry schumann, toledo, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*our deepest condolences. he was a special guy who loved his family dearly. we will miss him.*

*~ robert gersten, toledo, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*Jeff, what a pleasure it has been to work with you over the years. You will be truly missed my friend.*

*~ Mike Nijakowski, PuroClean Services, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

*~ Dan and Jessica Novotny, Maumee, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. -*

*The Waterville Irrigation Family*

*~ Karen Owens, Toledo, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.*

*Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.*

*You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.*

*He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.*

*So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,*

*The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.*

*Let memories surround you, a word someone may say*

*Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,*

*That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,*

*And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.*

*For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart*

*And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your babies at this most difficult time. Love Danee & Sierra*

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*~ Danee McDowell-Keiser, Perrysburg, Ohio*

*November 08, 2013*

*We will miss you Jeff. It has always been a pleasure to know you. Because of you your dad took me off the street at 15 and I'll never forget that. God speed on your journey home.*

*~ Doby Fritts, Radford, Virginia*

*November 08, 2013*

*So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy, always seemed happy when you would run into him. Words cannot help, but just knowing he will always be by your sides sure does. Memories are one thing that he leaves behind for you all. RIP Jeff*

*~ Donnie & Joyce Kincaid,*

*Maumee, Ohio*

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**coyle** - November 11, 2013 at 11:21 AM

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“ November 10, 2013

*so sad to hear about this wish i could of been there with him and the family during this time my heart goes out to each and everyone of you*

*~ keith miller, keokuk, iowa*

November 10, 2013

*Our first memories of Jeff came from his visits to Shamrocks where without him, many slow nights would have been dull, but his pool skills and kind conversation were able to help fill the time. I remember meeting your "beautiful bride" and the night you captured each other's attention. Your happiness together is evident, your family being one to admire, and the memories a legacy to cherish. Jeff helped many people through fitness encouragement, monetary support, and his time. I, and my husband Brian, will never forget him. May love and hugs surround you, family and friends of the great Jeff Morrin.*

*~ Stephanie Funkhouser, Monclova, Ohio*

November 10, 2013

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*~ Bill Mankin, Fort Myers, Florida*

November 09, 2013

*To the families: my deepest sympathy. What a legacy Jeff has left with his family and our community. The world was a better place because of him. Please know we all are praying for all of you.*

*Strength and guidance. Hugs*

*~ Pamela Rose, Whitehouse, Ohio*

November 09, 2013

*So sorry to hear this news. Jeff was a great guy & will be missed by all that knew him. I still remember Jeff & Jerry teaching me to play pool at RCR & Jeff getting so embarrassed by his brother & turning bright red. To his his family I send my sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers May you find comfort in your memories*

*Rick & Joy Yore  
November 09, 2013*

*Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Rest in Peace Jeff  
~ Bobby & Ada Morrin, Toledo, Ohio  
November 09, 2013  
Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian  
angel to watch over you.  
November 09, 2013*

*My thoughts and prayers for the Morrin family.  
~ Beth Krupp, Monclova, Ohio  
November 09, 2013  
rest in peace. tiny.  
November 09, 2013*

*What a great guy glad you are my cousin. We had a lot of great  
times that will never be forgotten. Will miss you & love you forever.  
Thoughts & prayers to the family of this great guy. Love ya Dude  
~ Sue (Morrin) Brown, Toledo, Ohio  
November 09, 2013*

*RIP Jeff You will be deeply missed.  
~ Janet Teal, Council Bluffs, Iowa  
November 09, 2013  
Jeff, I'll never forget our first conversation, when I inquired about  
starting a new Dance Studio with my daughter, while you were  
building the plaza on Illinois Ave. in Maumee in 2005. You went out  
of your way to support all of our ideas, as an upstart business,  
throughout the construction and build out!! You and your staff were  
wonderful to work with, while we were tenants there! I was "a Mom  
who wanted to make her Daughter's 'Dance Dream' come true" and  
together WE DID!! Thank you Jeff, from the bottom of our hearts!! ?  
Elaine Nickoli & Brittany Patterson, DANCE EXPRESSIONS,  
Holland  
~ Elaine Nickoli, Toledo, Ohio  
November 08, 2013*

*~ Jacob Putz, Toledo, Ohio  
November 08, 2013*

*Jeff was an amazing person, and will be missed by so many.  
Thoughts and prayers to all of his family.*

*~ Jamie Adams, millbury, Ohio  
November 08, 2013*

*Dear Alissa and Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We know there is nothing that can be said to ease the pain you are feeling. One word that always comes to mind when we think of Jeff is Gentleman. Gentleman in its true sense, in everything he did and said, and, a very Gentle Man, as in the way he treated others. Our world needs more men like Jeff. He is a special person with a rare quality. Jeff will be missed by many. Our love and prayers are with you. Jeff and Shelly Putz and Family*

*November 08, 2013*

*To the Family of Jeff*

*No words can adequately describe the sorrow we feel for your loss.  
Jeff was truly a gentlemen and a friend.*

*It was a pleasure and honor to have known Jeff.*

*We are so sorry we cannot be there to express our sympathy in person.*

*Robie and Donna*

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**coyle** - November 11, 2013 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Morrin family! Love The Bostelman Family*

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**Shannon Bostelman** - November 10, 2013 at 03:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeff A. Morrin.*

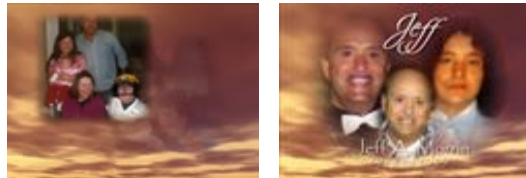


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November 10, 2013 at 01:23 PM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - November 10, 2013 at 09:50 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jeff A. Morrin.*



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November 09, 2013 at 06:55 PM

“ News Article) Jeff Morrin, a concrete worker who became a leading developer of shopping center properties in the greater Toledo area, died Tuesday in his Monclova Township home. He was 54.

*He learned he had cancer in July, 2012, and was working until two weeks ago, his wife, Alissa, said.*

*"He was a fighter," she said. "He believed in hard work."*

*He was the owner of J.A. Morrin Construction, which he started in the mid-1980s as a concrete construction company - the business his father was in. About five years later, he announced plans to build and operate a shopping strip as a real estate investment. People questioned his sanity, he told The Blade in 1999.*

*"But I just kept thinking, 'I can do this,' " Mr. Morrin said then. He built and successfully leased scores of properties.*

*Bruce Schoenberger, his attorney, said he was "a real estate genius."*

*"He understood from the ground up cost, cost to finish, what the tenant needed, how to develop location. He would think it through, and he would do it on his feet," said Mr. Schoenberger, a managing partner of the law firm, Gressley, Kaplin & Parker.*

*"He probably developed the expertise of four lawyers in my firm, and I hire people who I think can handle the sophisticated work our firm does."*

*He calculated several steps, and several years, beyond the deal at hand. Building cost is the same, wherever the building is put, Mr. Morrin told The Blade in 1999.*

*"The real true value of a building is not the location, but the income," Mr. Morrin said. "In the back of your mind, you're always thinking, 'If*

*this space went vacant, would I be able to lease it?' "*

*Mr. Schoenberger said: "This man was humble. He was sweet. He treated everybody the same way, everybody with respect. Everybody was above him. I've never met anybody like him in my life [and] I have hundreds of clients."*

*Mr. Morrin still liked to get on a bulldozer at a construction site.*

*"He enjoyed building buildings and giving people jobs," his wife said.*

*He was born Dec. 7, 1958, to Mary and James "Moe" Morrin. He was a graduate of Rogers High School.*

*He worked for his father at Superior Concrete Construction as a heavy equipment operator until he set off on his own, according to the J.A. Morrin firm's Web site.*

*"He was just that guy. He was a go-getter," his wife said.*

*Mr. Morrin was a supporter of the YMCA and a youth sports coach, first for his oldest son, Joshua, and most recently for son Nathan, 8.*

*"He coached our little boy, through chemo, in basketball and football and baseball," his wife said.*

*He was formerly married to Lesa Morrin.*

*Surviving are his wife, Alissa Morrin, whom he married Sept. 25, 2004; daughters, Mary and Sophie Morrin; sons, Joshua and Nathan Morrin; brothers, James, Jr., and Jerry Morrin, and stepmother, Sharon Morrin.*

*Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Sunday in Coyle Funeral Home, where services will be at 11 a.m. Monday.*

*The family suggests tributes to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.*

*Contact Mark Zaborney at: [mzaborney@theblade.com](mailto:mzaborney@theblade.com) or 419-724-6182.*

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**coyle** - November 09, 2013 at 09:35 AM



*I often reflect on my career in construction over the last 30 years and Jeff and Moe were key contributors to my mentorship and success as a crane and heavy equipment operator. No matter where you go in this area his influence is everywhere. You can't do construction in Toledo or Holland with anyone that didn't know him. He gave a young 20 something year old kid a chance and nurtured me until I spread my wings and took off on my own.  
Thank you Jeff and family for taking me in as one of your own*

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**Travis Grime** - November 24, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff A. Morrin.*



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November 08, 2013 at 06:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff A. Morrin.*



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November 08, 2013 at 08:35 AM