



Jeffrey S. Creamer

December 6, 1951 - March 9, 2014

Jeffrey S. Creamer, age 62, passed away after a brief illness on March 9, 2014. He was born on December 6, 1951 to Robert Creamer and Margaret Stahl in Mansfield, Ohio. Jeff attended St. Peter's Elementary School and Vermilion High School and graduated in 1969. After having some great adventures with his friends (including his much-recounted trip of hitch-hiking across America to end up in Mexico), he attended the University of Dayton and received his law degree from Case Western, where he earned the Order of the Coif and was an editor of the law review. He began his legal career at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister in Cincinnati, where he met his wife, Aleta Bonini. They moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he continued his legal career as a partner at Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick until 2008. Jeff felt fortunate to have congenial colleagues and to be able to work on many interesting cases, including the unmasking of Marty Frankel's early frauds. Jeff used his legal skills as a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused or neglected children in the Lucas County CASA program. His interests also led him into academia, where he taught environmental law at the University of Toledo as an adjunct professor for several years.

He cultivated an extensive interest in history throughout his life. Every year he would try to attend the Civil War Show in Mansfield only missing it when it conflicted with the Anthony Wayne Art Show when his daughters' work was on display. He found time to collect Civil War artifacts and to help others to trace their heritage back to Civil War veterans, specifically those of the Ohio 20th

and 102nd infantry units in which his ancestors served. He was also a trustee of the Monclova Historical Foundation in its early years.

Jeff enjoyed many pastimes, but will be most fondly remembered by his girls as a loving father who taught them how to shoot, cook, and camp, and by his nieces and nephews for his Fourth of July celebrations. He loved the yearly autumn camping trips with his daughters. Travel with his wife and kids made up some of his fondest memories and was the subject of thousands of photos he took over his lifetime.

Jeff had friends from all walks of life, and tried not to let distance or circumstances get in his way of maintaining old friendships. He was a generous man to everyone he met and had a way of making you feel interesting and important, no matter what your age or status. Jeff had a knack of not judging anyone.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Aleta, his daughters, Petra and Aurora, his mother, Margaret Doner, and his sister and brother, Chris and Bob Creamer, as well as nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday, March 13, 2014, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 beginning at 9:45 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Maumee at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service will take place in Mansfield, Ohio, on Saturday, March 15, at St. Peter's Church, followed by interment at the family plot in Mansfield Cemetery. The family suggests that memorial contributions in Jeff's name be made to the Monclova Historical Foundation, the American Civil War Museum of Ohio, or the CASA /CRB Volunteer Association. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Mansfield Cemetery

389 Alamont Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44902

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

MAR 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Maumee
w. Wayne St.
Maumee, OH

Memorial Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Church

104 W. First St.

Mansfield, OH 44902

<http://mansfieldstpeters.org>

Tribute Wall

CO

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Coyle - March 14, 2014 at 03:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S. Creamer.



March 13, 2014 at 04:46 PM

TC

“ *Aleta,*
I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Jeff well, but by reputation he was a brilliant lawyer and a good man. I know no words can compensate, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Cotter - March 13, 2014 at 04:40 PM

BP

“ *Aleta,*
We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and Jeff were great to work with.
Bill Potter, and the staff at Yark BMW.

B Potter - March 13, 2014 at 02:00 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 12, 2014 at 03:45 PM

DS

*Aleta, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our prayers.
Dan Sullivan*

dan sullivan - March 12, 2014 at 08:57 PM

GF

I was so sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Gladys Fischer

Gladys Fischer - March 13, 2014 at 11:04 AM

DL

*Aleta, I am sorry to hear the sad news. I don't know Jeffrey, but his having a sweet wife, daughters and family must have been a joy for him. I hope many good memories and friends help through the sorrow.
Don Leufven*

Don Leufven - March 15, 2014 at 09:49 AM

VF

“ *Aleta, time with Jeff was always a fun adventure! I remember fondly Jeff hanging out among the guys at the grill when we were barbecuing on the back porch during a 104-degree summer evening, and a bull whip contest on that same back porch.*

My thoughts are with you.

Vivian Folk

vivian folk - March 12, 2014 at 03:17 PM

JM

“ *Aleta,*

I am deeply saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. The early years at Taft, quite simply, would not have been the same without him. Through the strains of incredible hard work and tremendous professional achievement, he always remained true to himself and his defining character. I feel blessed to have shared so many challenges and great times with him, both as a colleague and as a friend, during those "formative years." I think of him often, and can easily visualize him at work, and "at play." I know he will be deeply missed by those closest to him. You have my deepest condolences.

- John McCoy

John McCoy - March 12, 2014 at 01:39 PM

MS

“ Aleta:

While the number of us at Taft that remember Jeff and you are dwindling, your family is remembered fondly by our generation. You pioneered the breach in the "fraternization barrier" and were heroes to us as young associates. I have thought of you folks often over the years, and had a few occasions to send work to Jeff at SLK. We grieve for your loss and wish for you strength and peace.

*Mark Stepaniak
Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, LLP*

Mark Stepaniak - March 12, 2014 at 12:10 PM

TT

“ Aleta--I was sorry to learn today of Jeff's passing. All of us here at Taft remember him as an exceptional lawyer and a great guy. My condolences to you and your family.

Tom Terp - March 12, 2014 at 12:03 PM

DH

“ I send my warm wishes and sympathy to Aleta and Jeff's entire family. He was a delight to have as a colleague here at Taft Stettinius & Hollister in Cincinnati. He was a first-class lawyer and a trusted colleague and friend. --Daniel Hoffheimer

Daniel J. Hoffheimer - March 12, 2014 at 12:03 PM

LB

“ Jeff was a remarkable, interesting and complicated man to have as a brother-in-law. I greatly enjoyed all the adventures we had together and the many animated conversations over the past 30 years. He will be missed.

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Linda Bonini - March 11, 2014 at 09:53 PM

DH

“ Aleta, I only met you the one time when I had to bring some files down to your home one evening for the case Jeff was leading for us against fleet of insurance companies for the Consolidated Industry furnaces we purchased. He was a quick study on the issues and was a tough and crafty litigator and we shared many laughs along the way. Sorry for your loss.

Dick Hanna, Bard Mfg. Co. Bryan, OH

Dick Hanna - March 11, 2014 at 04:02 PM

SD

“ Aleta, I really enjoyed working with Jeff at Shumaker. He was a no nonsense kind of guy, and he made me laugh and was very pleasant to work with. I have told many people over the years that I really missed the talks him and I used to have. He was a man of great knowledge. He will be missed.

Sue Davenport

Sue Davenport - March 11, 2014 at 03:16 PM

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