



## Rev. Jeffrey J. Nordhaus

September 11, 1946 - August 8, 2010

Father Jeffrey John Guido Nordhaus, 63, of Custer, Ohio, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on Sunday, August 08, 2010. He was born the tenth of twelve children to Guido and Delores Nordhaus on September 11, 1946.

Father Jeff was a proud graduate of Assumption Collegiate High School in Windsor, Ontario; St. Meinrad College, and St. Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was ordained a priest in the Toledo Diocese on May 27, 1972. Over the years Father Jeff lovingly served in many parishes as both an associate and full pastor. His churches included Sacred Heart Church in Fremont; St. Aloysius Church, Bowling Green; St. John the Baptist Church, Toledo; St. Patrick's Church / Nazareth Hall, Grand Rapids; St. Mary, Clyde; Mother of Sorrows, Put-in-Bay; St. Michael's, Kelly's Island; and most recently St. Louis, Custer and Immaculate Conception, Deshlar.

In order to serve his country, Father Jeff enlisted in the Navy as a chaplain in 1982. He began his service with the 1st Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, 1st Medical Battalion at Camp Pendleton. From there Father Jeff was stationed at the Naval Station in Pearl Harbor. He then completed a tour with the United States Coast Guard Support Center in Kodiak, Alaska where he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1987. Father Jeff was then posted to the United States Marine Corps Headquarters, Headquarters

Battalion at Arlington National Cemetery where he led services for fallen soldiers and veterans. While in Arlington, he was responsible for the Catholic Sea Services Burial Detail and participated as a White House Chaplain. After successfully completing the Navy Chaplains Advance Course in Newport, RI, Father Jeff was stationed at the Naval Support Facility in Diego Garcia. From there he went back to Camp Pendleton with the Marine Corps. Father Jeff retired after completing a final tour of duty with the Navy at the Naval Air Station in Barbers Point, Hawaii in 1998. He was a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Ribbon and the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon along with many other medals and ribbons.

Father Jeff enjoyed traveling because of all the wonderful people he met. He loved camping trips with his close friends and was an avid boater. Jeff was scuba certified and made numerous diving trips on the world's coral reefs. Most of all Father Jeff enjoyed and cherished his life long friendships.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Laone Trese, Gretchen Schaefer, Anita Krueger, Natalie (Frank) Hertzfeld, and his brothers Nick and Eric. He is survived by his sisters Karen (James) Martin of Martin, TN and Guyneth (Harry) Schaller and his brothers Gary (Elizabeth), Peter, all in Toledo and Kurt (Sherri) of Pepperell, MA and his brothers in law Tom Trese of Clarkston MI, Jack Schaefer of Cincinnati and William Krueger of Defiance. He will be sorely missed by his sixty - seven nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road Wednesday from 2 ?" 8p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

The reception of the Body and Vespers will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2255 Central Grove Ave. Toledo, Thursday, August 12th, 2010 at 4 p.m. with visitation continuing through 7 p.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. and the funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday August

13th, 2010 at 11 a.m by Bishop Leonard P. Blair. Interment will be private. The family would like to thank all of the physicians, nurses and staff of the Toledo Hospital Pulmonary Cardiac ICU for the exceptional care they provided Father Jeff over the past few months. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the USO PO Box 96860 Washington DC 20077-7677, Disabled American Veterans PO Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, Ohio 43614, or Catholic Charities 1933 Spielbusch Ave, Toledo, OH 43604-5360.

# Tribute Wall



“ Rest in peace, dear friend. Your retirement came a little early - and are RVing in heaven now.##imported-begin##Bonnie and Dave##imported-end##

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“ I am so glad I had you as a Uncle to look up to and admire over the years. I am also so glad I got to spend the precious time with you in the past few weeks through your stay at the hospital I enjoyed our visits and talks. The best memory I will have is have the pleasure to cut your hair that day in the dreaded hospital your and have a good laugh with you!!! You will be forever missed!!!! I now know I have some super great angels looking down on me from heaven!!! Rest in Peace!!! Love always.##imported-begin##Erica Hertzfeld Ericatiger21@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Fr. Jeff was a true inspiration to me during his years @ St. John the Baptist in the '70's. I know of his love of boating as he had taken me and several others out water skiing several times. I also had cause to have Fr. jeff teach me summer school one yr. while he was at Nazerath Hall. I t was wonderfull to know him!##imported-begin##Norm Horner normswai@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##

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“ *May God grant you eternal life, and your family love, peace, and many happy memories!##imported-begin##Ted Wolfram##imported-end##*

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“ *Father Jeff was a very friendly and warm person, offering friendship and understanding.  
I will cherish that the remainder of my time.  
He will be missed and your grief may be great, the blessing will continue with you thru it all.##imported-begin##Deacon Jim Hammer jim.hammer@stwendelin.org##imported-end##*

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“ *I am truly saddened by Jeff's death. It was so sudden. I went to school at St. Meinrad's with him for 4 years. We had just gotten back in touch with each other on face book. He was looking forward to moving to a new parish. He will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Albert Grant Sfdsaa@aol.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Father Jeff was an exceptional priest during my childhood at St. Patrick's church in Providence, Ohio. A wonderful example of someone living life to its fullest. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Joyce Scott Hay##imported-end##*

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“ Fr. Jeff, you was a great guy to talk to and have mass with. We will miss after Saturday night mass going for pizza, with you! The gang will all miss you! We all will pray for you and your family. We will miss you!!###imported-begin##Richard & Mary Ann Berg##imported-end##

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“ To the Nordhaus Family - Please accept our deepest sympathies. We are praying for you all.###imported-begin##Mark and Annetta Dunham##imported-end##

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“ Father Jeff served us well at Put-in-Bay. I know that he especially liked the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony every year. We enjoyed his sense of humor and his company.###imported-begin##Susan Duff##imported-end##

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“ My sympathies to the family of Jeff. I attended St. Meinrad with Jeff, a year behind him in class. Although not a classmate, Jeff was one of my good friends, always laughing, smiling, joking, and having fun, and that is how I remember him. I was always grateful that Jeff participated in the Christmas Concert choir I directed. He had a beautiful tenor voice. Be assured Jeff is once again eternally happy and smiling down on his family and loved ones. Jeff and his family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him; may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen. / Denny Barbeau###imported-begin###Dennis W. Barbeau tkddenny@aol.com###imported-end##

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“ Kurt, Sherri and all the Nordhaus Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of Fr. Jeff. He was well loved and had a life of sincere devotion to his country and to his faith. My our prayers help to ease the burden of this difficult time. God Bless you all.###imported-begin###Janice & Joseph Gaidanowicz###imported-end##

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“ To the Nordhaus Family: Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Steve and Diane Wensink Family###imported-end##

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“ We truly enjoyed his kind smile and our girls enjoyed serving for him at mass. We will miss him. Our condolences.##imported-begin##Scott and Julie Reigle Family##imported-end##

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“ Rest in peace, Uncle Jeff. Your life was well served. May you and your brothers and sisters continue to watch over us and guide us.##imported-begin##Karla (Krueger) Keiffer##imported-end##

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“ I was a classmate of Jeff at St Meinrad. Sorry to hear about his death. We're far too young at 63.##imported-begin##Mike McDermott##imported-end##

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“ I have fond memories of Fr. Jeff when he was at Scared Heart in Fremont, I believe his first stop on his journey. An all around good priest and friend.

RIP Fr. Jeff##imported-begin##jim reardon  
jureardon@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Nordhaus Family- You are in our thoughts and prayers in your time of loss. Father Jeff was an caring person and the passion he shared for travel was fun to be around in our recent trip to Rome. He will be missed##imported-begin##Abby and Marie Wensink##imported-end##

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“ Jeff was in the class behind us at St. Meinrad. He was always a fun, cheerful seminarian and well-liked by everyone.

*My family sends our prayers and condolences at this time. Jeff will continue to live in our hearts until that day we are all reunited with the Lord.*

*God bless you now and always.*

*Michael##imported-begin##Michael McGraw  
mcm@indy.net##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest condolences to Fr. Jeff's family. He was a special person. He lived across the street from my family while he was at Sacred Heart and I saw him quite often. He was full of life and enthusiasm and was always game for a new adventure. So I was not surprised when he joined the Navy.  
Over the years I would cross paths with Fr. Jeff from time to time. It was always fun to catch up with his adventures. I will miss the opportunity to do that again.##imported-begin##Rick Moyer Rick.Moyer@xerox.com##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Jeff's family. I first met Jeff as a college freshman at St Meinrad's and he was first year Theology. We became good friends during my two years at Meinrad's which endured a lifetime. Jeff married Vicky and I and we took several trips together including a great scuba diving trip. We moved around a number of times due to my job but always stayed in touch. He talked of coming to Chicago to visit our new location but that will now be in spirit. We loved Jeff and will truly miss him. Rest in peace Big Brother.##imported-begin##John & Vicky Risacher john.risacher@ey.com##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be with the Nordhaus Family. We will surely miss Fr. Jeff at Immaculate Conception Parish in Deshler. Our daughter, Joy, enjoyed serving Mass for him and our younger daughter, Sadie, loved greeting him and shaking his hand after Mass. We all enjoyed a special evening celebrating his birthday at LaRoe's in Grand Rapids! Rest in peace, Fr. Jeff. Well done, Faithful Servant!##imported-begin##Mike##imported-end##

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“ May the Lord be with you to comfort you. Father Jeff fought the good fight and has now finished the race.  
Our prayers are with you.  
Rev. Amy Haines  
Deshler Council of Churches  
New Beginnings UMC and Oakdale UMC##imported-begin##Rev.  
Amy Haines outreach@fairpoint.net##imported-end##

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“ *To Jeff's Family*

*You must be very proud of Jeff and all his accomplishments. I was a classmate Of Jeff's at St. Meinrad College. I remember him best for his gentle spirit and positive attitude. I'm sure his life was an example for many.##imported-begin##Bob Feller##imported-end##*

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“ *I thank God for a good shipmate and colleague in*

*ministry!##imported-begin##Chaplain Mark Jumper markjump@aol.com##imported-end##*

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“ *Fr. Jeff and I served together at Camp Pendleton, California in the early 1980s and also in Newport, RI for advanced chaplain training. He was a gracious man with a quick smile, charming wit and an earnest desire to assist anyone who needed his pastoral support. He was a friend and a Shipmate to all who crossed his path. He embodied all that it meant to be a Navy Chaplain serving Marines, Sailors and Coast Guard personnel. Praise God for his life, ministry and legacy.*

*Farewell Shipmate, enter into your eternal rest in the bosom of Jesus and in the company of all the saints who have gone before us.##imported-begin##CAPT Lorenzo C. York##imported-end##*

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“ I also was a classmate of Jeff's at St. Meinrad for four years. What a contribution Jeff made to the world in his short life span! I was glad to be his friend at St. Meinrad, and offer my deepest condolences to Jeff's family and friends.##imported-begin##Jim Paul##imported-end##

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“ Be assured of my prayers during this difficult time. Jeff and I were stationed together at Diego Garcia. What a great time! He was a trusted friend, colleague and shipmate. His optimism and humor kept many of us going while away from our families. It was a blessing to have ministered along side Fr. Jeff.##imported-begin##CAPT STEVE EPPERSON##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family of Jeff: I apologize for the lateness of this response. I had surgery on 10 August and missed e-mail for weeks. Jeff and I were stationed together at Pearl Harbor, 1984-1986, he at the Naval Station, and I am Pacific Fleet Headquarters. We spent many a good time together in prayer, in fun, and in caring for our wonderful military personnel and their families. Jeff was a great priest and a tremendous pastor. On the occasion of my 25th anniversary, he and I were able to spend a weekend together on Maui at a post hotel. It was great fun. I treasure him as a fellow priest, friend, and now advocate for me and all of us before the Lord. Thank you for his gift of life!##imported-begin##Fr. Joe O'Donnell##imported-end##

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“ Jeff was one of a kind. A great person with a gentle heart. I will always remember the time we had together at St Meinrad College. Rest In Peace my dear friend.##imported-begin##James Forwalk##imported-end##

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