



Jeffrey A. Blair

August 10, 1962 - July 13, 2024

Jeffrey A. Blair, age 61 of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, July 13, 2024, at his home. He was born August 10, 1962, in Chicago Heights, the son of Myron S. and Virginia (Lane) Blair. Jeffrey married Lori L. Houk on December 22, 1984, in St. Anne, IL.

Jeffrey is a retired District 21 Commander of the Illinois State Police. He was a graduate of Lincolnway High School and Illinois State University majoring in Criminal Justice. Jeffrey was a master craftsman, a potter, and loved studying and teaching the Bible.

Jeffrey was a founding member of Life Compass Church in Kankakee.

Surviving is his wife, Lori of Kankakee; two sons, Josiah Blair of Bourbonnais, Jonah Blair of Bloomington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jordan (Rilee) Steed of Eugene, Oregon, Jenna (Brian) Cramer of Bourbonnais; his mother, Virginia Blair O'Brien of Mokena; one sister, Debi Lafaire of Wilmington; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Myron (Cristy) Blair of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Greg (Andrea) Blair and Dave (April) Blair all of Mokena; two grandchildren, Desmond Cramer and Holden Cramer.

Jeffrey is preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais. Additional visitation will be held one hour prior to the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Life Compass Church, Kankakee. Pastor Ken Tueck will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Wichert, IL.

Memorials may be made to the Life Compass Arts.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

9254-9282 East 4000 South Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Life Compass Church
175 S Wall St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Life Compass Church
175 S Wall St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Mr. Blair was always kind. I will miss seeing him at church. We are praying for your family.* ”



Kristin Mathews - July 17, 2024 at 09:57 AM

RF

“ *My sincere condolences to Jeff's family. I had the privilege of graduating with Jeff as an alumni of Illinois State Police Cadet Class 77. After graduating we scattered across the state to our various assignments and lost contact with many of our fellow cadets. I was not surprised to see Jeff had risen through the ranks to Lieutenant. May the Lord comfort you in your time of need.* ”

Ronald Franck - July 16, 2024 at 10:38 PM

ST

“ *Condolences to the Blair Family. May he rest in peace. From the Stankus family* ”



Stankus - July 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM

L.

“ *Dear Lori and family. We were so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing and want you to know prayers are coming your way at this time. Please take care of yourself now, and let all the happy memories lead you through. God's blessings, Lynn Lane and family.* ”

L.Lane - July 16, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey A. Blair*



Mary Blum - July 16, 2024 at 01:26 AM

KV

“ *Kris Varboncouer lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey A. Blair*



Kris Varboncouer - July 15, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JB

*Lori I am so sorry to read this about your husband
He sounded like a great person
My condolences 🌸 to you and family 🙏*

Jeanne Benjamin - July 15, 2024 at 08:19 PM