



## Mr. Jeffrey M. "Jeff" Caraco

December 5, 1955 - October 10, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey M. "Jeff" Caraco, age 62, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Albany Medical Center with his family by his side.

Born in Utica on December 5, 1955, Jeffrey was the son of the late John A. and Helen (Palmateer) Caraco. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Class of 1973.

Jeff was employed by KeyBank as a Business Systems Analyst. Endowed with a keen mind, he was strong at problem solving, and interpreting data. He was devoted to his job responsibilities and was respected by his Management teams. He retired in March of 2018 from the KeyBank in Rensselaer.

A generous soul, Jeff had an outgoing personality. He was a great story teller and had a memory that held volumes of history. He was a loving son, a beloved brother and a memorable friend to many. He was a sports fan of all New York teams and he watched their games religiously. Jeff was also a music buff and an old time rock 'n roller who enjoyed attending concerts, especially those featuring his favorite band, Mountain, most remembered their recording of "Mississippi Queen". He also loved rock guitarist Lesley West, a founding member of the band. Jeff was always up for the challenge of Black Jack. His mathematical mind helped him remember the cards dealt, and he knew when to hit, stand, or double-down, ...but he never surrendered. His humanitarian efforts led him to be a huge donor to Blood Banks and he was honored by the American Red Cross for his unwavering commitment and determination in donation. He always reached the annual maximum donation of his platelets. Although Jeff left this life, his legacy of giving will live on, literally.

Jeffrey was blessed by his siblings who survive him, John A. "Jack" Caraco, Barb Caraco, and Jim and Betsy Caraco; his daughters, Christina Caraco, and Jill Szeliga; a large extended family of cousins; and his co-workers and many dear friends who enhanced his life.

The family is grateful to the physicians and nurses of the Cardiac Care Unit at the Albany Medical Center for their compassion and medical expertise.

In keeping with Jeff's wishes, the celebration of his life was held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Jeff's honor to the American Red Cross/Utica Chapter or Albany Chapter online at <https://www.redcross.org> or by mail

to the Utica Chapter American Red Cross, 125 Business Park Drive Suite 200, Utica, NY 13502, or the Albany Chapter American Red Cross, 33 Everett Road, Albany, NY, 12205.

# Comments

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“ My sincerest sincerest condolences. I remember the time when I helped Jeff take apart the transmission of his '59 Triumph. I dont' recall if we ever got it back together again though. RIP Jeff

Bob Zalatan

Bob Zalatan - November 23, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ May peace and comfort be with you at this time of bereavement. "The Lord said: "I am the recurrection and the life. The one exercises faith in me, even though he dies will come to life." Our deepest sympathy.

Miller Familt - October 19, 2018 at 04:07 AM

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“ Jeff worked on my team for many years. He was dedicated to his work and, more importantly, to his team. Jeff worked tirelessly, so often saving the day with his expertise and so often in the middle of the night. He was always there for everyone and for me in countless ways. So much more than just work, our small department was a family and we shared so much together. Jeff's absence from our lives is a loss we will always feel. I had an opportunity to meet Jeff's family at his father's passing and felt like I had known them for years. My most heartfelt sympathies to them.

Barb Finlan - October 18, 2018 at 07:48 AM

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“ I worked with Jeff at Key Services for many years and remember him as one of the most pleasant and sane of us all. He was always smart and helpful and patient. He will be greatly missed.

Russell Pokorny - October 16, 2018 at 06:41 PM

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“ As part of Jeff's "Key Bank family", I am truly saddened by Jeff's passing. I will keep him in my prayers. His stories always maybe laugh even on the worst days. He will be truly missed.

**A Key Bank friend** - October 15, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ I was very shocked and saddened by Jeff's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I was a co-worker from Key Bank. He will be missed.

**Kelly Mele** - October 15, 2018 at 03:28 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn about Jeff's passing. Our thoughts are with you all.

With our condolences--Deb, Nick, Dan, and Kat Bongiorno

**Deborah O Bongiorno** - October 15, 2018 at 01:33 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in family and friends (Proverbs 17:17). For additional strength, may you find it in God who cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). Please accept our deepest condolences.

**The Cole Family** - October 14, 2018 at 11:00 PM