



Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD

May 25, 1964 - December 7, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Foley, Ret. UPD, age 61, passed away in the comfort and dignity of his family homestead on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Born in Utica on May 25, 1964, Jeffrey was the son of the late Alfred L. and Ruth A. (Lerch) Foley. A proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School’s Class of 1983, he went on to attend Mohawk Valley Community College, laying the foundation for a life of service, dedication, and unwavering loyalty to his community.

Jeff began his career as an EMT with Kunkel Ambulance and the Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department, always ready to lend a hand and save lives whenever duty called. He later served as a correctional officer at Oneida County Jail before answering the call to join the Utica Police Department. A consummate professional, Jeff patrolled the city with courage, later becoming a technical and communications expert, admired for his versatility and commitment. After 20 years of service, he retired, leaving a legacy of integrity and devotion to public safety.

A man with a heart guided by generosity and faith, Jeff had an uncanny ability to bring joy wherever he went. He was known for his quick wit, entertaining antics, and love of making others laugh, all while keeping life free of unnecessary drama. Jeff enjoyed camping and was a certified scuba diver, but

he was especially passionate about Star Trek, delighting in its movies and themed games. He was an avid lover of German Shepherds, especially his Gem, and possessed a natural knack for computers, often helping others with tech issues. A dedicated lawn manicurist, Jeff took pride in keeping his property immaculate, a reflection of his meticulous and caring nature.

Jeff is survived by his siblings and their loves, Joyce M. Williams, Gail and Rick Hamilton, John Foley and his spouse Mary Deutschman, and Joseph M. Foley. He fondly remembered his brother, Francis E. Foley, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Charles G. Richards, all of whom preceded him. His memory will be cherished by his nine nieces and nephews; 18 great-nieces and nephews; and his sister-in-law, Connie Delia Epolito. Jeff considered and loved his late canine companions as his children, especially his current German Shepherd, Gem, whom he adored. He is further survived by his two neighbors, Sue Daniels, and John Trapasso.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Utica Police Department and the Utica Fire Department for their assistance and support at the time of Jeff's passing.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88556289402>. Jeffrey's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Jeff fly high friend rest in peace

Mary Jo and Dan Walker

mary jo walker - December 19, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JT

“ John Trapasso purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.



John Trapasso - December 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BC

“ Bill Campoli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD



Bill Campoli - December 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM

BC

Gail, Vonda and I are sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. It is always difficult to lose a beloved family member. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts.

Bill Campoli - December 18, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MR

“ Michelle & Chris Rafferty purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.



Michelle & Chris Rafferty - December 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM

DC

“ Gail Hamilton and Family, Death is such a sad time, but, please, rest your hearts with the thoughts of your beloved brother Jeff, is with the Lord. Always look back on the times, through life, that were the most joyful. The tears will pass with the good memories that are dear to your heart. Jody and I are saddened for your loss. We are there for you in good times as well as the sad.



David and Jody Cannistra

David Cannistra - December 15, 2025 at 06:06 PM

KH

“ I remember the Christmases we had at great grandmas and grandpas my swimming lessons were in his pool. The camping trips all these memories were the best. We love you uncle Jeff

kiara henderson - December 15, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.



December 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

TL

“ The Laurer's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.

The Laurer's - December 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.



December 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

ER

“ I remembered Jeff when I was younger he was a very nice person my condolences go out to his family especially to his brothers and sisters Joyce, Gail, and Joe he'll be missed but never forgotten



Elizabeth Russell - December 13, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JA

“ I worked with Jeff at UPD, he was a really nice guy. So sorry for your loss.

Jennifer Asker - December 12, 2025 at 10:23 PM

JW

“ Judith Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD



Judith Williams - December 12, 2025 at 03:45 PM

JW

My heartfelt condolences goes out to Gail, Joyce & Joe and, the entire Foley family and friends. God's Blessings!
🙏 May Jeff's soul Rest Peace! 🙏

Judith Williams - December 12, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Foley, Ret. UPD.



December 12, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Jeff and I have played Star Trek Fleet Command for the last 7 years and have talked almost daily. His quirky sense of humor, expertise with game mechanics and his compassion and caring have helped me tremendously. His game name was ArtWeasley to my MollyWeasley and he'd joke that he was my game hubby. He is always willing to just be there for me and others and I miss him a great deal. It isn't the same without him 😞

VICKIE - December 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM



Gail Hamilton

Vickie just letting you know the celebration of life is going to be live

Gail Hamilton - December 12, 2025 at 06:42 PM



Jeff, we had a lot of fun doing our geneology and the family tree grew to be a huge one. We were very surprised when we heard you had passed. May your family heal in your absence. Sorry we couldn't make it to the service.

Tom and Nora Foley

thomas foley - December 19, 2025 at 02:01 PM