



Jeffrey Wasson

September 4, 1945 - September 5, 2015

Jeffrey L. Wasson, age 70, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Cohutta, Georgia, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2015, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He was born on September 4, 1945, in Burlington, Iowa, to Lionel and Thelma "Peg" (Liibbe) Wasson.

Jeff graduated from Sheldon High School in 1963, and the University of Nebraska in 1972. After graduating, he worked in career training and retired as a Senior Vice President of Phillips Colleges Inc., where he was responsible for 26 colleges in the Southeast. Jeff enjoyed spending his spare time golfing, reading and watching Nebraska football!

Jeff is survived by his wife, Lois "Kathy" Wasson of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Cohutta, Georgia; sister, Pam Solsma, and her husband, Virgil of Hospers, Iowa; two nieces; a nephew; and 8 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Memorials may be given in Jeffrey's name to the Humane Society of N.W. Georgia, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, Georgia, 30721.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jeff Wasson taught me how to be self assured in the business world. I left Phillips College knowing had I not been given the opportunity to study at Phillips College I would have never come in contact with this wild man with a golf club and a set of rules you never deviated from (he did not color outside of the lines). My education really started after I finished my course work and he offered me a job! I still jump if a phone rings more than twice! I wish I had found him and been able to thank him. In many professional settings, I have spoke of him and reflected on lessons he taught me and others who worked for him in Augusta. It is safe to say we have carried him with us through the years. Kathy, I am sorry for your loss.

Renee` Miller - March 02, 2016 at 11:24 AM

CK

“ Kathy, my deepest sympathy to you. It makes me smile thinking of Jeff. I always enjoyed his company and lively conversations. He made me stop and think, laugh, shake my head and hope I'd see him again very soon. He was such a caring man and demonstrated it in unique ways. I was so grateful to him when we were struggling with Brandon and he offered guidance during that time. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Kathy. Much love.

Cristi (Solsma) Kelch - September 10, 2015 at 10:28 AM

CK

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Carla May Knutson - September 10, 2015 at 08:06 AM

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Carla May Knutson - September 10, 2015 at 07:40 AM

SL

“ We send our sympathy to you and your family. We say prayers for you today. We are from the Archer/Sheldon area and we are from Spirit Lake and we wish you our condolences. Take care.

Stan and Colleen Lemkuil - September 09, 2015 at 08:48 PM

GR

“ May God Almighty of Tender Mercies Comfort the Wasson family (2 Cor.1:3,4).
When the last Enemy strikes grief maybe great And Make the Heart yearn for Comfort, God Almighty of Tender Mercies gives HOPE And PROMISE, All those In The Memorial tombs will hear His voice And COME OUT, He will wipe OUT every tear from their Eyes And Death will be NO MORE, God Almighty HOPE And PROMISE IS SOON TO BE ATTAIN.
May these Thoughts be of some Comfort.

Ginger Robinson - September 09, 2015 at 05:13 PM

AM

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Amber Mortenson - September 09, 2015 at 12:31 PM

DD

“ Jeff was a great friend and colleague. I respected him greatly and liked him even more. May God bless Kathy and the family. Our prayers are with you all.

Dennis Dollar - September 09, 2015 at 11:23 AM

GC

“ *all the lunches and rides around the lakes and your friendship I will miss. Rest in peace.*

Gary & Martha Carlson - September 09, 2015 at 09:23 AM

GP

“ *Jeff was a loyal member of our executive management team and was a key part of our growth at Phillips colleges. I have fond memories of jeff, Kathy and karl, their loveable dog, as they all welcomed me into their home for dinner in Augusta, Ga. in 1972. Thanks Kathy for your support of jeff and his work. Gerald Phillips*

gerald phillips - September 08, 2015 at 04:16 PM

SS

“ *Jeffrey Wasson*

Scott Stevenson - September 08, 2015 at 09:09 AM

TM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and the Family!!*

Terry & Camilla Moore - September 08, 2015 at 07:36 AM

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“ Jeffrey Lionel Wasson, J.L., JLW, Mr. Wasson and Jeff. A few of the names "we" called him. The others I shall not mention here. "We, the innocent, young & unexposed; the few, the brave, committed and loyal to him and each other (probably more), worked, played, joined arms and ALL pulled together to become, what I would guess, Jeff would always look back and call the best team he ever assembled. This, all at his direction, encouragement and yes his demands. He taught us all a lot. Jeff was unique! I was his red-headed step son, the all American Boy straight from the farm and he always called me Duck. He taught me that I could learn from everyone, no matter their state in life; that long sleeved shirts, preferably dress with cuff links were far superior to short sleeves and how to drink scotch whiskey. Jeff had an affinity for us all at Phillips College, Augusta and we were his protegees. With fondness, I visualize him at this moment, sitting with Ara Jeannine, they both enjoying a scotch and water, reading these tributes, both laughing and reminiscing. Rest in peace Jeff and may God accept you into His loving arms forever.
Duck

Charles Duckworth (Duck) - September 07, 2015 at 09:22 PM

DP

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Dorothy Stevenson Nobles Proctor - September 07, 2015 at 06:23 PM

CD

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Charles Duckworth - September 07, 2015 at 06:19 PM

DC

“ I worked for Jeff Wasson in the early to late 70's. He believed in me, he challenged me, he encouraged me and he cared about not only me but all the people who worked for him. He made me better than I was and taught me life lessons that have been invaluable to me. He was a hoot to watch a Nebraska game with. To this day I would always check the Nebraska score every Fall Saturday. This past Saturday was no exception. Rest in peace Mr Wasson. You just don't know how many lives you impacted. Love you.

Debbie Collins - September 07, 2015 at 06:15 PM

DC

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Debbie Collins - September 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Don and Rose Faust - September 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM

JM

“ What can I say? His man could drive a saint to do slap his own mother!!! He was that infuriating!! But I learned from him - my work ethic and how to be successful in the work place. It was like working for a Marine Drill Sargent. You learned how and what to do to please him and some how he made you want to do just that!! RIP, Mr. Wasson.

Judy Merritt - September 07, 2015 at 06:00 PM

MH

“ I've known Wasson my whole life. I was always "Little Kearns". He's the reason I am so skilled at Jeopardy and never miss a day of watching it. He made me listen intently while he watched and answered every single category correctly. He was a firey personality but he always treated us like family and shared in our successes! Christmas cocktails and card night will be quite different this year! Go find Tink and Yall have fun!

Meghan Hudson - September 07, 2015 at 05:08 PM

JK

“ What can I say about a man who had a monumental impact on my life, and the life of my family. He had a "different" way of showing it, but I always knew regardless of any given situation, he had my back, he was proud of me, and had faith in me much more than I did myself. He would push me to limits I never knew I had the capacity to reach. His tough love, and impeccable work ethic, led the path for many who remain successful in their professions today. If you made it through the wrath of Jeff Wasson's Proprietary School 101, you knew you would be a success in life. He never seemed to know my first name, it was always "KEARNS", answer the damn phone on the second ring, or "KEARNS" are you going to let those male admissions reps show you up, and even a few times he said in later years "KEARNS"....."I love ya". His presentation often lacked luster, but his love for this industry was unmatched. Love YOU too Jeff! Rest in peace, Heaven better get ready, and the bell to St. Peter's door better be answered in a timely manner!

June KEARNS - September 07, 2015 at 04:50 PM

FA

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Frank and Linda Alvey - September 07, 2015 at 01:35 PM

GL

“ Jeffrey Wasson

Gary and. Karen Lippe - September 06, 2015 at 03:25 PM

DS

“ Jeffrey Wasson

David Stephenson - September 06, 2015 at 02:44 PM