



Jeffrey William Wides

April 14, 1942 - April 18, 2019

Jeffrey William Wides, 77, of North Port, Florida, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Tidewell Hospice House in Englewood, FL.

Jeff was born April 14, 1942, in Murphysboro, IL, to Louis and Marie (Pulverman) Wides. He graduated from Murphysboro High School and was always proud of his midwestern roots. He received an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and a Ph.D. in political science from UCLA.

Jeff taught briefly at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. He then spent almost 25 years as a systems analyst for the Bell System and its subsequent companies (Southwestern Bell, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies) at locations in Missouri and New Jersey. In 1987, he began a night school program in marriage and family counseling at Seton Hall University, earning a degree and a state license several years later. When he left AT&T, he became a fulltime counselor.

In his free time, Jeff enjoyed listening to classical music, getting lost in his books, and discussing all things related to politics.

In 2005, Jeff was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and moved to Florida, where he fought valiantly against the disease for 14 years.

Jeff is lovingly remembered by his wife of 33 years, Jackie, of North Port, FL; daughter Robin (Richard) Dobson of Caddo Mills, TX; son William (Alison) Wides of Arlington, VA; and grandson Theodore Berry of Dallas, Texas. He is also survived by his brother, Jack Wides, of Carbondale, IL, sister Kathy Wides (Joel Schor) of Bluefield, WV, and several nieces and nephews and their children. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Bob.

A celebration of Jeff's life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1971 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL, on Saturday, May 11 at 2pm. Interment will be private in Murphysboro, IL, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's, 722 Apex Road, Suite A, Sarasota, FL, 34240. (neurochallenge.org)

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey William Wides

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey William Wides.



May 09, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Jackie, I am so saddened by Jeff's' passing. I will remember the good times we had together on the golf course, and deep in conversation in the car and at lunch. He never would give in to his illness. Both of you will be in my thoughts. We are going back to Cape Cod tomorrow and will be unable to attend the memorial service.

Gil Brinckerhoff

Gil Brinckerhoff - May 01, 2019 at 10:12 AM

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“ To Jackie, Robin, Jack and family,

Sending condolences to you for my old hi school friend Jeff. We had many good times growing up in Murphysboro, IL. He was very smart and always challenged his friends to think big and out of the box. We spent many hours together talking about life and trying to figure it out. May your happy memories of Jeff comfort you in days ahead. Maureen joins me in sending warm thoughts and blessings.

Hugs,

Tom Tierney

Thomas Tierney - April 28, 2019 at 05:36 PM

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“ Jack And Nancy O’Neill lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey William Wides



Jack and Nancy O’Neill - April 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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“ Dear Jackie and Family,

I was so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. At every Neurochallenge event that we both attended. Jeff would engage me in some meaningful conversation about our mutual love for Neurochallenge's mission and accomplishments. It was clear to me that Jeff was a fighter, and fight he did. Jackie, you always were the epitome of a loving care giver in every sense of the title. This is certainly a loss where the phrase "Death, be not proud" applies.

My condolences to all of Jeff's family and friends.

Fondly,

Steve Oppen

Steve Oppen - April 26, 2019 at 03:25 PM