



## Jeffrey Merkle

September 16, 1960 - March 24, 2024

Jeffrey F. Merkle, 63, of New Britain, passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. Jeffrey was born on September 16th, 1960 to Kirsten (Pedersen) Merkle and the late Donald L. Merkle in Norwich, Connecticut.

In addition to his loving mother, Jeffrey is survived by his brother, Erik Merkle and sister in law, Patricia Merkle of New Britain, and niece and nephews, Beth, Brian, and Kevin Merkle. He was predeceased by his father, Donald, infant sister Beverly Merkle, and aunt Beverly Austin. He also leaves beloved family members in Denmark and the United States, and a special friend, Georgia Brezinski.

Jeffrey has been a resident of New Britain since 1972. He was a member of CCARC and enjoyed working at their workshop for many years. Jeffrey was also a devoted member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain. He loved horseback riding with Manes in Motion and participated in the Special Olympics. He also enjoyed traveling to Denmark on several occasions to visit family. Jeffrey truly loved his friends and family at Oakwood Home in New Britain, which he called his home for the last 25 years.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 11 a.m. at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by burial in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Jeffrey's family wished to express their heartfelt thanks to The Oakwood Home, CCARC of New Britain, and the entire staff of N4 at the

Hospital of Central CT for their loving care and kindness to Jeffrey.

We love and miss your beautiful smile, Jeffrey!

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeffrey's memory can be made to CCARC, 950 Slater Road, New Britain, CT 06053 or to First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Mrs. Merkle, and Family,  
My condolences to you and Family. I will truly miss Jeffrey Beautiful smile each morning he woke up. I really enjoyed working with your son at Oakwood, and making him breakfast he love to eat. I Loved when you came to visit him always and brought his favorite snacks to eat. You did a Marvelous job taking care of Jeffrey. Prayers for strength and peace.*

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**Evelyn Mulero** - April 03, 2024 at 06:27 AM

KC

“ *Mrs. Merkle  
I loved Jeffrey when I managed Oakwood and think of him and you often. I'm so sorry that he has passed. He was a kind man and had a gentle spirit. I pray you find comfort in knowing that you did all you could for him to ensure his safety and happiness. He had a full life and had many friends. I will miss him.*  
- Karen Conrad

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**karen conrad** - April 02, 2024 at 06:22 PM

EM

*Mrs. Merkle, and Family,  
Jeffrey was an humble young man, very kind, and respectful. I Love working with him at Oakwood and cooking for him he love to eat good food. I will truly miss seeing his beautiful smile. You did and awesome job watching over your son always visiting him bringing him snacks to eat. Prayers for Strength and Peace.*

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**Evelyn Mulero** - April 03, 2024 at 06:12 AM

IK

“ Dear Kirsten and family,  
I will always remember Jeffrey’s beautiful smile when we shared the passing of the peace during our Sunday worship service at First Lutheran Church. Jeffrey loved going to church and always greeted you with his infectious smile.  
May he rest in eternal peace and he will be dearly missed by all.  
Love,  
Ina Knapp

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**ina knapp** - March 29, 2024 at 06:19 PM

TW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. I remember always seeing Jeff as my brothers and I walked to and from Vance Elementary School. He truly always had a smile.  
Tommy and Sharon Walsh

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**Tommy and Sharon Walsh** - March 29, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MA

“ Patty, Erik and Kirsten, I'm so sorry to learn of Jeffrey's passing. I remember he was always there to watch our kids in the First Lutheran Christmas pageants. I'm sure he felt blessed to have such a loving family as yours.- Margaret Anderson-Murphy

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**Margaret Anderson-Murphy** - March 29, 2024 at 07:14 AM

EB

“ Dear Kirsten and Family: I am so very sorry to hear of Jeffrey's passing. May he rest in peace and that your memories keep him close in your heart. Sincerely, Eileen Buys

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**Eileen Buys** - March 28, 2024 at 08:48 PM

DV

“ *Kirsten, Erik, Patty and family, I am sorry to see of Jeffrey's passing. He was always the bright spot in a room when he came into church with you Kirsten. His smile was beautiful. My prayers and good thoughts are with you all. Sincerely, Deb Volz*

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**deb volz** - March 28, 2024 at 09:47 AM