



## Jeffrey W. Soneson

June 11, 1955 - October 16, 2023

Jeffrey W. Soneson, 68, of Cromwell, passed away Monday (October 16, 2023) at his home. Born in New Britain, son of the late Warren and Elaine (Johnson) Soneson, he was a former Berlin resident, moving to Cromwell 35 years ago. A graduate of Berlin High School, Class of 1973, Jeff was a local self-employed carpenter for many years.

Jeff leaves three brothers, Kurt Soneson and his wife Peggy of Orrington, Maine; Greg Soneson and his wife Wendy of Kensington; and Mark Soneson and his wife Nancy of Higganum. He also leaves seven nieces and nephews, Lorrie Gibbs (Kevin) of Sebec, Maine; Molly Oestringer (Michael) of Westminster, North Carolina; Michael Soneson (Junior Baez) of Ellington; Andrew Soneson (Danielle) of Kensington; Emma Soneson (Erik Borger) of Oxford, England; Gunnar Soneson of Higganum and Colton Soneson of Essex Junction, Vermont as well as four grandnieces and grandnephews. Jeff's best friends were Lynn Aivaz and Sheri Gable, Kim Keller, and Laura Lund Leilich. They looked out for Jeff, and he them.

His favorite companions were his three golden retrievers, Tucker, Barney and Kelly. Jeff treated them like children in the days when people treated their pets like pets. He took them to work with him and was known to buy them ice cream cones on the ride home. Much to his delight, a friend once told him that when he died, he wanted to come back as one of Jeff's dogs.

Jeff's career in carpentry and remodeling began straight out of high school. He spent a year working in Disney World in Orlando. He returned to Berlin and

took a job with Abrahamson Builders, when the company was building houses in the Ox Yoke Village neighborhood in Kensington. He started his own remodeling business in the late seventies and ran it for over forty years. Jeff took pride in his work and maintained interest in his craft after hanging up his tool belt a few years ago.

All his life, Jeff was an active member of First Lutheran Church. He served as Council President. He was on the property committee for decades. In recent years, Jeff devoted much of his time to FLC's community outreach programs for the homeless, and for others who had lost their way. A big man with a huge heart, he was generous to a fault.

Jeff's greatest pleasures in life were the simple things. Time spent with family and friends. Conversation over a good cup of coffee. A hike with the dogs in the woods. If you told him that all he would be known for at the end of his life was being a good guy, he would have gladly accepted that.

Mission accomplished, brother. And then some.

# Cemetery Details

## Swedish Cemetery

184 William St.  
Portland, CT 06480

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Jeff. We shared many special family vacations and fun filled holidays! We shared many special foods and traditions through the years. They will stay with me forever. He was a very giving person, and would help a friend or family member all the time.he will always hold a special place in my heart and will be missed by family and friends! I love you!

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**Wendy** - October 30, 2023 at 10:25 AM

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“ Wendy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey W. Soneson.

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**Wendy A.** - October 30, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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“ I met Jeff because I work at a diner he always comes to. In the beginning, I would be so excited to see him because he had an easy order. He always wanted coffee and the specials menu, sometimes he would already know the specials because it was posted on Facebook or something. He always came in with a smile, and I loved that about him. Even if it seemed like he was having a hard day, he was always smiling. As I started to recognize more people at the diner, I noticed his friends Kim and Lynn would come in with him, I often saw Kim, who would accompany him and they would have long chats catching up. He would tell me how he loved taking care of her cats when she would go away. His friends always seemed so supportive and loving and caring, and that always seemed to be reciprocated by him to them as well- which is lovely to see. He became someone I looked forward to seeing and was happy to chat with for the short moments we did chat. He would always get his salad with honey mustard. Always wanted more coffee. Hes a sweet guy, and I'll miss seeing him every week. I hope his friends and family are healing and can know Jeff made many positive impacts, big and small, on many people including myself.

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**JulianaDiane** - October 23, 2023 at 08:32 PM

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“ I met Jeff before we went to kindergarten and went all thru school & shared many classes together. He was always such a nice person. I think his obituary captured Jeff very well. He was someone who took pride in doing things well. He always loved animals. He treated others with kindness & respect. We lost touch after high school, but I heard of him periodically and I was glad he was reportedly happy. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



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**Karen Jones Oaks** - October 22, 2023 at 10:13 PM

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“ I knew Jeff most of my life. Both as a neighbor and from church. We were both very active in our church youth group. Later in life we became very good friends. My life will not be the same without him in it. My thoughts and prayers go out to his brothers and their families as well as to friends Lynn and Kim. Rest well Big Guy. You are loved and missed.

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**Laura Leilich** - October 20, 2023 at 11:03 PM

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“ Jeff was a great guy with his special way about about him .I remember growing up in church in youth group with him and having many fond and happy memories. Jeff will be greatly missed

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**Holly Erickson** - October 19, 2023 at 01:52 PM