



# Jeffeory Donovan Butler

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**J**effeory Donovan Butler, 67, of Frazeytsburg, died Tuesday evening, June 13, 2023 at Genesis Hospice-Morrison House.

Born December 7, 1955 in Coshocton, Ohio he was a son of the late Daniel V. and Shirley A. (Larr) Butler and a 1974 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

Jeff was a retired school teacher with 37 years combined at Tri-Valley Local Schools and most recently West Muskingum Schools. He had a huge heart and a giving soul, always helping and putting others before himself.

For many years Jeff selflessly coached baseball, football and basketball at Tri-Valley, West Muskingum and Ohio University- Zanesville Campus. He was a tinkerer and collector of all kinds; you could find him in his garage with his cars and boats when he wasn't coaching.

Jeff led the first high school fishing club in the area at West Muskingum, where he was able to encourage several students to participate and even take four boats to the state qualifying tournaments around the state of Ohio. He was an animal lover and had various pets throughout the years.

Jeff leaves behind one miniature Doberman Pinscher, Copenhagen. Surviving is his wife of 35 years, Peggy Sue (Barnhard) Butler, whom he married on May 13, 1988; a son, Calib (Kayla) Butler of Frazeytsburg; three grandchildren, Peyton, Daniel and Kane Butler; five siblings, Gregory "Runt" (Karen) Butler, Danette "Dee" (Bill Watson) Prince, Ed (Cari) Butler, Mindy (Mark) Havens and Danny Vic (Sola) Butler; nineteen nieces and nephews, Carrie, Cassie, Callie, Rhett, Sara, Ali, Joby, Josh, Cam, Carlie, Taylor, Trey, Maceo, Matteo, Amber, Angela, Kyle, Claire and Dominic; many great nieces and nephews; his mother-in-law, Mary Barnhard (Rick) Hunter; and three sisters-in-law, Linda (Bob) Moran, Teresa (Kyle) Denman and Julie Barnhard.



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In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a nephew, Jordan Michael Butler, his father-in-law, Dolan "Barney" Barnhard and a brother-in-law, Danny Barnhard. Jeff was a giver, and the family would like his legacy to be carried out even if it is just helping one person.

They ask in lieu of flowers that you make a memorial contribution in Jeffeory's honor to a charity of your choice. Friends and family may call from 4:00pm-8:00pm, Friday, June 16, 2023 and from Noon till 4:00pm, Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

A celebration of life service will be held for Jeff at a later date.



## Tribute Wall

**Jeffery Donovan Butler**

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SF

**Susan Fout** posted:

Sending Prayers & our deepest sympathies to you & your family Peggy. Jeff was an amazing person, a wonderful well liked teacher & a kind giving all around remarkable man who genuinely cared about the well being of others.

June 24 at 6:52 PM

KH

**Kristie Howard** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Jeff was a great man.

June 22 at 12:56 PM

JH

**Jenn (Cohagen) Hawkins** posted:

Peggy and family- I am so very, very sorry for your loss! Mr Butler was an awesome teacher and such a fantastic coach- he really championed for his students. You all are in my heart and prayers.

June 22 at 5:21 AM

BL

**Brad Longaberger** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Peggy. My first memories of Jeff were playing basketball on the mean streets of Dresden. I quickly learned that when on Jeff's team you kept your head up or you'd soon receive a pass you weren't expecting and you'd get the ball in your face. His classes were always the most fun and are some of my fondest memories of high school. I also remember him showing me and some friends the first compact disc player I'd ever seen or heard. I'm not sure why I remember that, but I just remember it being very cool. It was always great running into Jeff (and you) over the years. We always seemed to pick up where we left off. Mostly talking about basketball, the Scotties, and old times in Dresden. I was incredibly sorry to hear about his passing. All my love to you and rest of the Butler family.

June 21 at 3:08 AM

KF

**Ken And Jana Fulks** posted:

Condolences to the family Enjoyed working with Jeff thru the Southern Ohio Bass Club With his high school fishing program

June 16 at 3:32 PM



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ER

**Elaine Ross** posted:

My prayers and deepest sympathy to Peggy, Calib and the entire Butler Family. The first year my family moved to this community in 1967, I was greeted as a first grader, from the seat of a big yellow bus, by my driver, Mr. Dan Butler. Little did I know in the next 55 years, I would have a continued connection with the Butler family. From being special friends in grade school with DeeDee Butler, having Mr. Dan Butler as a high school teacher, years later, me having the privilege of being the teacher to many Butler grandchildren and Butler family members coaching my son in sports. The Butler family has been a rock for this community. Although I was not acquainted with Jeff as with other Butler Siblings, I know he had a good heart and compassion for helping kids. He and Peggy made a great team. I know this community will embrace your family with love and support. God Bless

June 16 at 4:28 AM

NM

**Nick Madden** posted:

I loved Jeff as a player, student, coach, and teacher. I can tell all that he was always a man. Jeff could and did take charge. My sympathies to Peggy and his entire family.

June 16 at 1:47 AM

RL

**Randy And Joyce Lincicome** posted:

To the Butler and Barnhard Families, Jeff's passing is a big loss to people of all ages. He engaged all people, taught and coached many students, and had a willingness to help anybody who needed help. Fairness, Kindness, and sportsmanship, along with his leadership intelligence, strength, strong work ethic, and friendly demeanor. These are the skills he used twenty four - seven in life. Jeff will continue to use those skills in Heaven, and God will put him to work. I once told Jeff, that he was the best big game player I ever played with in basketball. The bigger the game, the better he played and contributed to the victory or championship. Jeff was a CHAMPION, husband, father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather, coach, teacher, classmate, friend, and teammate. Anybody he ever encountered on the lake, in the woods, ringing the bells at Christmas time on the sidewalks to fill the kittles, basketball court, boat docks, baseball and football fields, football film route, up on a paint ladder, weight room, under the hood of a car, fixing a boat engine, golf course, or sport camps. They would have a friend for life in Jeff Butler. My wife and I are proud to call Jeff Butler our friend and CHAMPION. And last, I would like to mention that when Jeff and I played on or against one another at the legion hall courts our basketball shorts or legs didn't have black charred ashes on the back of our legs from the railroad tie that was used as a resting bench. We had a long lasting friendship for life. From Lintz 22 to Butz 22 RIP My CHAMPION friend.

June 15 at 6:46 PM



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CN

**Cinda Nichols** posted:

Peggy I was so happy when you met Jeff because I did not have to worry about you anymore. You had finally met your soulmate. My thoughts and prayers are with you my cousin Peggy along with Calib, Kayla, your dear grandchildren and the whole Butler family. I love you all. ♥

June 15 at 12:27 PM

TB

**Toni Johnson-Barch** posted:

Mr. Butler was my biology teacher @ Tri-Valley in the 1983-84 school year. He was hands down my favorite teacher. Great guy both in and out of the classroom. RIP Mr. Butler

June 15 at 7:32 AM

SB

**Sandy Boedeker** posted:

Peggy , Mindy and Family, Know you are in my thoughts, so very sorry , Sandy Boedeker

June 15 at 6:11 AM

SD

**Sheila Dailey** posted:

Ditto what was said by Mr. Tom Denton and Herb Fitzer. Jeff was a special coach who always lifted up his players and never belittled anyone (just like his father, Mr. Dan Butler). I remember Jeff as one of the great guys from the Class of 1974. Prayers for Dan and Shirley Butler's offspring and the in-laws...what an amazing family!

June 15 at 3:56 AM

TM

**Teri (Darner) Moore** posted:

I have many happy and funny memories of Jeff. Especially when we would ride together when our parents would take us to kindergarten. My thoughts and prayers with all of his family.

June 15 at 3:35 AM



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TD

**Tom Denton** posted:

My first year of teaching and coaching at Tri- Valley I had the pleasure of having Jeff. He was an outstanding young man and even then he was a coach on the floor.. He was respected by all who knew him and a joy to be around. I am so sorry for your loss. Love and light to Peggy and all the family.

June 15 at 1:03 AM

EW

**Eric Wasson** posted:

Peggy and family, my deepest sympathies to you all. Peace and grace to you all

June 14 at 5:49 PM

CG

**Carolyn Green** posted:

Dear Peggy and entire Butler family, so sorry to hear of the death of Jeff!!! He certainly touched many lives in a very positive way! He will be sorely missed by so many! May your happy memories help ease your pain! Prayers for all! Sincerely, Carolyn Green

June 14 at 5:19 PM

PB

**Patricia Bates** posted:

Sincere condolences to the Jeff Butler family. My daughter Tasha had Jeff as a teacher. He was a very gifted, thoughtful and special person.

June 14 at 3:34 PM

KF

**Kevin Flood** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Peggy and Butler family. You all are in my prayers.

June 14 at 11:12 AM



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WB

**Wayne Blizzard** posted:

Peggy and family, I have no words other than Jeff was a Great guy!Always friendly to me from when I was a freshman and he was a senior. Loved working basketball games when he was coaching. He never gave me a hard time as a referee even when he may not have liked a call I made. Always a class act!!!He will be Greatly missed!My thoughts and prayers are with you all

June 14 at 10:22 AM

SH

**Steve Hall** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. So many good memories of playing basketball with him at the old Dresden Legion. Love and hugs to the entire Butler family

June 14 at 10:19 AM

HF

**Herbert Fitzer** posted:

Well "Ace," you've gone on to a better place where you can go fishing every day--and chat with Danny Vic again. God bless you Jeff for what you provided for nearly 38 years and the troubled kids that you taught to fish. Priceless! They will never go hungry and know where to find peace and serenity..You coached for the love of basketball and didn't waste time whining at the referees. Life lessons for your players. For the first time since junior high you will have perfect knees and zero pain. God bless Peggy and your kids and family You will be missed--you left a hole, "Ace!"

June 14 at 10:19 AM

RP

**Rick And Becky Priest** posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

June 14 at 9:41 AM

MC

**Michael Conrad** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all

June 14 at 9:37 AM



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