



# Jeffery Gessner

AUG 13, 1956 - NOV 16, 2011



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Jeffery W. Gessner, age 55, of Grafton, passed away, Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at University Hospitals in Cleveland, following a short illness. He was born in Elyria and grew up in North Ridgeville. He had resided in Grafton for the past 11 years, having moved from Eaton Twp.

Jeff retired in 2008 after 25 years of service with Laborer Local 310 in Cleveland, working for Panzica Construction Company in Mayfield Village.

He was a member of Fields United Methodist Church in North Ridgeville.

Jeff's passion, besides doting over his family, was deer and turkey hunting in southern Ohio. Being "Papa" to grandsons, Noah and Rowan was the favorite part of his retirement. Jeff loved to travel, was an excellent chef and a lover of food.

Jeff was the beloved husband and best friend to Sue (nee Shoemaker) for 37 years; loving father to Jennifer Shankleton (Jason) of Massillon and Jessica Gessner (Jack Albakour) of Grafton; loving Papa to Noah and Rowan Shankleton; son to Sally Gessner of North Ridgeville; brother to Ken of North Ridgeville, Rick (Mary) of North Olmsted; father-in-law, Harold Shoemaker of Elyria; hunting buddy to Todd Shoemaker and his 4 legged companion, Ruby, uncle to many nieces and nephews. Jeff will be sadly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Gessner in 1989 and mother-in-law, Joan Shoemaker in 1999.

Friends may call Sunday, from 2-5 PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville. Services will be held on Monday at 11 AM in the funeral home. Rev. Dr. Tom Joyce, will officiate.

Burial will be in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Brain Tumor Assoc. through the website,

[www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org) in memory of Jeff Gessner.



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Local donations can be made to the Research Center at University Hospital

Checks made to: Brain Tumor and Neuro-Oncology Center

Mail to Brain Tumor and Neuro-Oncology Center

11100 Euclid Ave.

Mail Stop, HAN524

Cleveland, OH. 44106




# Events

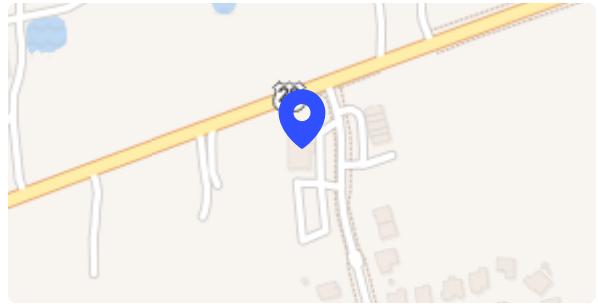
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## Visitation

 **Sunday**, November 20, 2011


 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Bogner Family Funeral Home**  
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH  
44039

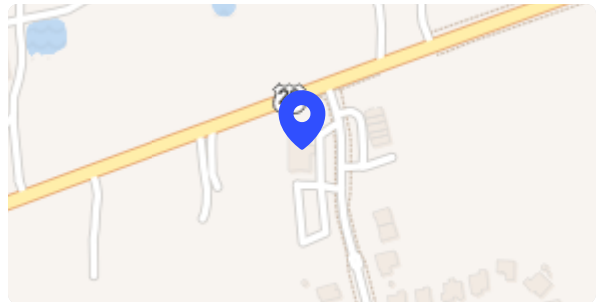


## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, November 21, 2011

 11:00 AM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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RN

**Ruth (Sampsell) Kovacs - North Ridgeville, Oh - Friend/Neighbor** posted:

We were neighbors of the Gessner family. Our backyards adjoined. We played many a game of football with Jeff and his brothers when we were growing up. God Bless and prayers.

November 22 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Robin Sampsell Kolar - Mentor, Oh** posted:

Sue, Family, and Gessner Family. We are heartbroken for all of you. Growing up in N.R., with the Gessner Family as neighbors we have nothing but good memories of Jeff from a very young age until now. Sue you were the love of his life. Please except our condolences.

November 21 at 8:00 PM

MN

**Mary (Wilson) Blaylock - North Ridgeville, Oh - Neighbor** posted:

Condolences to the Gessner family. I was a neighbor of Jeff's for many years in North Ridgeville. Remember growing up with all the Gessner boys. Prayers coming your way.

November 21 at 8:00 PM

JF

**Jerry Toich - North Olmsted, Oh - Friend** posted:

Sue, Jennifer & Jessica, I just heard of Jeff's passing tonight. Please contact me if just to talk anytime. All of you are in my prayers. With condolence to your fami

November 21 at 8:00 PM

CF

**Chris And Tonya Bollin - Wellington, Oh - Friends** posted:

Sue, Jenny and Jessie Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Jeff was a great guy and will be missed by many. May you carry the wonderful memories with you close to your heart and allow them to lead you through this difficult path. Much love and prayers. Chris and Tonya Bollin

November 20 at 8:00 PM



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TF

**Tracy Casper - Litchfield, Oh - Friend** posted:

Sue my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cherish all your memories and may god bless you.

November 19 at 8:00 PM

JC

**Jim & Sharon Place - Leipsic, Oh - Cousin** posted:

Dearest Sue and Family - So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all

November 19 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sharon Capasso - Grafton, Oh - Old Friend** posted:

Sue and your family and all the Gessner family, I am very sorry at the passing of Jeff. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I remember all of you from back in the late 70's and early 80's. Rest in peace Jeff.

November 18 at 8:00 PM

VW

**Valerie Wilson-Hassler - Wentzville, Mo** posted:

I wish there was something I could say to help ease your pain, there is nothing. May you find comfort in the hugs God is giving each of you in this time of sorrow.

November 18 at 8:00 PM

PF

**Paul & Diane Lewin - Madison, Oh - Friend** posted:

We are saddened by your loss ... you are in our prayers.

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YC

**Yalonda Metzler Kaufman - Casper, Wy** posted:

Sue, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I can remember back years ago how you guys and Terry would run around together and how kind you and Jeff were to me! One of my favorite memories is when all of you took me to the Metro park for a picnic and pitched in to get me a horseback ride. Sending gentle thoughts during these difficult days. Yalonda Metzler Kaufman

November 18 at 8:00 PM

GF

**Ginnie Thorburn - Elyria, Oh - Friend** posted:

Dear Sue and family, I am so deeply saddened at the passing of Jeff. Knowing him as I did, it was so refreshing to hear of his love for his family, and the joy he found in his grandsons. We will certainly miss him, and will pray for strength for your family. I am so sorry.

November 17 at 8:00 PM

TF

**Terri Cortes - Akron, Oh - Friend** posted:

Jennifer and Family, Dave and I are heartbroken at your loss. You have been, and will be, in our prayers.

November 17 at 8:00 PM

MF

**Mike & Terri Sparks - Homerville, Oh - Friend** posted:

Sue, Your family has and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

November 17 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeffery by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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