



## Jeffery Dean Callaway

July 5, 1963 - April 3, 2026

Jeffery Dean Callaway, age 62, of Iola, Kansas, passed away on April 3, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family and the memories of a life well lived.

He was born on July 5, 1963, in Iola, Kansas, the son of James and Forcine (Gibbons) Callaway. Jeff grew up in Iola and graduated from Iola High School in 1981. He carried the values of hard work, loyalty, and kindness with him throughout his life, and those who knew him best will remember him as a loving, generous, and handy man who could be counted on in any situation. In 1987, Jeff married the love of his life, Aimee Williams at St. John's Catholic Church in Iola, Kansas.

Jeff spent much of his working life in maintenance, where his skill and dependability were deeply appreciated. He worked in the Maintenance Department at Herff Jones for 25 years and later gave 10 years of service to Tramec-Sloan. He was known as a "Jeff of all trades", a fitting description for a man who could make and create nearly anything asked of him. He had a natural ability to fix, build, and improve, and he took pride in using his hands and his mind to help others.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and valued the friendships and fellowship that came with being part of that community. Jeff enjoyed the simple pleasures in life and found joy in the things that mattered most to him.

He loved fishing, spending time with his family, and traveling, especially trips to the beach. He was an avid fan of the Kansas Jayhawks and Dale Earnhardt Jr., and he enjoyed watching both with enthusiasm. He also loved spending time in the garage, tinkering on various projects and staying busy with whatever needed attention.

Family was at the center of Jeff's life. He is survived by his wife, Aimee (Williams) Callaway; his daughter, Caitlyn Holzrichter and her husband Justin of Burrton, Kansas; his brother, Joe Callaway; his sisters, Missie Scott, Teresa Murphey, and Carol Settlermyer; his grandchildren, Abram and Dalli Holzrichter; and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many extended family members and friends who will cherish his memory and the many ways he touched their lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Forcine (Gibbons) Callaway; and his brothers, James Jr. and Steve Callaway. Their memory remained an important part of his life, and he carried his family heritage with pride.

Jeffery Dean Callaway will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his generous spirit, and the quiet, steady way he cared for those around him. He lived a life marked by love, usefulness, and devotion to family and community. His presence will be deeply missed, but the impact of his life will continue to be felt in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Following Jeff's wishes, cremation has taken place under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home and a Celebration of Jeff's Life will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Rookie's On the Square, in Iola, KS 66749. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Jeff's name to the Jeff Callaway Memorial Scholarship.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rookies On The Square  
105 E. Jackson Ave  
Iola, KS 66749

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Payers & Star Foundation Repair purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffery Dean Callaway.*



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**The Payers & Star Foundation Repair** - April 16 at 10:26 PM

SM

“ Sharon M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Dean Callaway.

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**Sharon M.** - April 15 at 06:23 PM

SF

“ *Sincerely- Your Tramec Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffery Dean Callaway.*



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**Sincerely- Your Tramec Family** - April 15 at 01:58 PM

SF

“ *Sincerely- Your Tramec Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Dean Callaway.*

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**Sincerely- Your Tramec Family** - April 15 at 01:58 PM

M(

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was such a kind and welcoming person, and I have very fond memories of time spent with your family. Keeping all of you in my thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Melissa Kent (Miller)** - April 15 at 09:40 AM

BL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with Aimee & Family. May The Good Lord wrap his arms around you to comfort you & feel His strength & Love



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**Becky Linthicum** - April 11 at 02:18 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jeffery Dean Callaway.



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April 09 at 05:07 PM

KW

“ Aimee, I am heartbroken for you and Caitlyn! This world lost a wonderful man and he will forever be missed.

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**Kay Walker** - April 06 at 06:47 PM

CA

“ Callaway’s purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jeffery Dean Callaway.



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Callaway’s - April 06 at 06:00 PM

CA

“ Callaway’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffery Dean Callaway.

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Callaway’s - April 06 at 06:00 PM

SO

“ My heart is saddened to hear this about Jeff-- hugs and prayers for Aimee, Caitlyn and all his family. He was just a nice and sincere person, very funny and could fix anything!! Loved watching sports with him over at Donna B. unless KU was losing. He will be missed by many, RIP Jeff

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Sheila Onnen - April 06 at 02:04 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeffery Dean Callaway.



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April 06 at 02:00 PM

YJ

“ *Through the journey of life we've been brothers from another mother...until we met again our dear friend.  
Love and blessings to all, Doug and YoLonda*



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**YoLonda Johnson** - April 06 at 12:55 PM