



## Jeffery Joseph Rutledge

September 20, 1963 - December 17, 2021

Jeffery “Jeff” Rutledge, 58, of Chanute passed away surrounded by family on Friday, December 17 at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO. Jeff was born to the late Marilyn and Howard Rutledge on September 20, 1963 in Chanute, KS.

Jeff was raised on their family farm in Urbana, KS with his older brother, John, and younger sister, Jill Rutledge who he is survived by. Here he learned to ride horses, tend cattle and land, and developed a knack for just about every kind of handy work. A creative talent, Jeff was a gifted welder, wood worker, artist, writer, and an avid reader of western fiction.

Jeff will be remembered as a hardworking family man, always the person you reached out to if you needed a helping hand. His boisterous laugh could fill a room with joy, he always had a joke or a story to share.

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 38 years, Traci (Ellis) Rutledge and their four children, Hannah, Jacob, Marilyn, and Haylee Rutledge; his two granddaughters, Amelia and Ramona Banerjee as well as his many nieces, nephews, and their families—all of whom he cherished greatly.

Jeff was a kind and compassionate man adored by his family and friends, his memory will continue to live on through their love for him.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 11:00 am at Grace Episcopal Church in Chanute. The family requests that masks please be worn. Memorials have been suggested to the American

Heart Association and the Chanute Public Library and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
213 S. Lincoln  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Jeff danced to his own drummer and lived life to the fullest. The Lord said  
Welcome Home Jeff. May you rest in peace . Love Susie and Gary Wilson.

Susie and Gary Wilson - January 16, 2022 at 02:30 PM

GW

“ You danced to your own drummer nephew, so many could learn from you.  
You will be missed. We Love you. And the Lord said ...Welcome Home Jeff.  
Love Aunt Susie and Uncle Gary Wilson

Gary and Susie Wilson - January 16, 2022 at 02:07 AM

GW

“ Gary And Susie Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge



Gary and Susie Wilson - January 16, 2022 at 02:00 AM

DR

“ Denise Russell lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge



Denise Russell - December 22, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge.*



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December 21, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Pam Catterson lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge*



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**Pam Catterson** - December 21, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Lots of memories of Bullhead at Ash Grove. Can hear his voice and laugh in my head. Good man. That picture is the Jeff I knew. Always smiling and happy. Lived his life to the fullest. RIP my friend.*

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**Randy Pryor** - December 21, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge.*



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December 21, 2021 at 06:47 AM

JW

“ I am so very sorry to hear of this. Jeff was a former student of mine at Thayer High School and was a classmate of my daughter. Joann White

Joann White - December 20, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge.



December 20, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DE

“ David Elder lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Joseph Rutledge



David Elder - December 20, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DE

“ Jeff and I have been friends over 50 years, we will meet again my brother.....

David Elder - December 20, 2021 at 07:13 PM

CH

“ Jeff was a classmate of mine, he always had such a laugh that was contagious. He always had me smiling in English, and yearbook class. I am praying for the family. May God hold you tight and comfort you at this time. Cindy Doty Heiart.

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**Cindy Doty Heiart** - December 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM