



## Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr.

July 23, 1965 - May 16, 2021

Jeffrey A. Wellen, Sr., age 55 of Glen Carbon, IL, died Sunday, May 16, 2021, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Friday, July 23, 1965, in Highland, IL, the son of Dennis and Kay (nee Kapp) Wellen.

He was a former member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL.

Born and reared in Highland, IL. Graduated from Highland High School in 1984. He graduate from SIUE and St. Louis University Accelerated Nursing (AMSN). He worked at First National Bank; as a registered nurse he worked for St. Mary's Hospital, E. St. Louis; Anderson Hospital, Maryville and Barnes-Jewish BJC Hospital, St. Louis. Jeff was an EMT/Firefighter with the City of Highland from 1986 until resigning from the EMS in 1997 and moving to other areas. He was a trauma and flight nurse. The last several years he worked at Gateway Regional Hospital, Granite City, in the Supervisor of Case Management Department. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed hanging out with his children, fishing and playing golf.

Survivors include:

Mother - Kay M. Wellen, nee Kapp, Glen Carbon, IL

Daughter - Suzanne K. (Significant Other - Chris Pugh) Wellen, Warner Robins, GA

Son - Jeffrey A. Wellen, Jr., Glen Carbon, IL

Brother - Matthew J. (Anita Wilson Wellen) Wellen, Carol Stream, IL

Niece - Bailey Nicole Wellen, Kenosha, WI.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Dennis H. Wellen - Died 8/8/2007.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation for immediate family only will be held Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, IL.

Memorial Service for immediate family only, will be held Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Scott Busacker, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr.*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - May 19, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DK

*What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. My sympathy to the Wellen family*

Diane Korte-Lindsey - May 20, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..*



May 28, 2021 at 02:55 PM

AS

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Wellen family. Jeff will always be remembered by many as a good person and a good friend.*

Allan Sparlin - May 24, 2021 at 06:56 AM

HB

“ My sincerest condolences to the Wellen family. I worked with Jeff at Anderson. I spent many years as the target of his many MANY pranks. He called me Maple, which I hated and it only made him do it more. So many good memories of him. He will be missed.

Heather Bloomquist - May 22, 2021 at 08:38 PM

JD

“ Our prayers for. Kay, and Jeffs family from John Dreimeyer and Donna Hess

John Dreimeyer - May 22, 2021 at 05:51 PM

BH

“ Those we love can never be more than a memory away, for as long as there is a memory, they live in our hearts forever. Bob and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and family and we pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Jeff was such a kind young man! Everyone loved his sense of humor and admired his devotion to family! Jeff touched so many lives. He was most certainly suited for medical field! He will be missed by many! Much love and hugs sent to you and family!

Bob and Kay Hordesky - May 20, 2021 at 09:40 AM

RF

“ Robin Bateman, Norma Jean Hartlieb and families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..



Robin Bateman, Norma Jean Hartlieb and families - May 20, 2021 at 01:46 AM

RB

“ I have very nice memories of Jeff not only from high school, but also from working with him at Anderson Hospital. No matter what kind of mood I was in, Jeff always had a way of making me smile. He had recently reached out to me on my birthday; he always said he was "good" and never wanted anyone to fuss over him. He will be missed greatly. I hope the memories of him will make you smile as well and bring peace to your family.

Robin Bateman - May 20, 2021 at 01:35 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..



May 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - May 19, 2021 at 03:32 PM

CF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Kay and family! May your happy memories of Jeff get you through these difficult times.

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**Connie Frankovich** - May 19, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JY

“ My sympathy to the family and loved ones. May God give you all strength at this difficult time. June Yann

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**June Yann** - May 19, 2021 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr.



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**June Barney** - May 18, 2021 at 08:54 PM

VD

“ My deepest sympathies to Jeff's family. Jeff was an beautiful human being. He was one of my main partners on the Ambulance Service in Highland and we always learned something new each time we went out...mostly that we didn't like getting up in the middle of the night! RIP Jeff. May the good lord give you peace now and wrap his arms around your family as they remember you and their memories of you.

*Vicki Deuser*

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**Vicki Deuser** - May 18, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..



May 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Jeff, Rest in Peace.

Cathy Huelsmann

Cathy Huelsmann - May 18, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Rest In Peace Jeff 🙏



Cheryl Mueller - May 18, 2021 at 11:39 AM



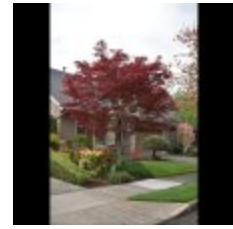
“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..



May 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Wellen Sr..*



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May 18, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Jeff was the nurse on my first orientation flight. August 2009. Back in the day of paper testing and real interviews. Before getting offered a position we had to get an orientation flight to make sure we could handle being in the air. Jeff greeted me when I got there. Davey Davis was the medic and Mike Deets the pilot. Guess ARCH wanted to make sure I REALLY wanted this job with that crew combination!! Lol! We caught a simple transfer. Nothing exciting, but I got to fly. During the down time, Deets had bought a brand new motorcycle. He had pulled it up to side of hanger to polish and clean up from ride to work. Jeff and Davey had brought in old, dirty motor oil. When Deets wasn't looking they poured the dirty oil under Deets bike to make it look like it had an oil leak. These two really planned and executed this joke perfectly. Jeff and Davey were laughing so hard they were almost in tears pouring this oil by his bike. I watched in awe of how funny these two were. Deets came back out to find the puddle. He was so mad he started calling the dealership about his new bike leaking oil, dirty oil at that. Jeff and Davey finally came clean about the prank and Deets laughed so hard, apologizing to the dealership! They got Deets really good that day. I loved every minute of it! It was a great experience all around from the moment I hit the door, to the epic pranks. I knew this was a place I wanted to work from that moment on! Jeff was that experience and I will never forget it. I tell all the new hires, “ let me tell you about my first day...” Jeff will forever be remembered.*

*Jessie Thierry, ARCH Flight Nurse*

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**Jessie Thierry** - May 18, 2021 at 08:54 AM

DM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jeff at ARCH long ago. Clinically second to none. Jeff was a caring and compassionate flight nurse. Jeff will always shine in my memory as the MOST clever and creative practical joker ever.

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**Dave Meiners** - May 17, 2021 at 11:14 PM

ML

“ My deepest condolences to Jeff’s entire family. He was always such a nice and fun guy to work with at ARCH! My thoughts and prayers are  
With you all.



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**Melissa Lease** - May 17, 2021 at 10:28 PM

PL

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Kay and family.

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**Pam Ulrich Lecerf** - May 17, 2021 at 09:09 PM

GN

“ Kay, so sorry for your loss.

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**gary and diann noll** - May 17, 2021 at 09:07 PM

KL

“ I remember our times spending a day on the golf course, even though I didn’t play well! You were very dedicated to patient care during your time with Highland EMS!

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**Kevin Limestall** - May 17, 2021 at 07:34 PM