



Jeffrey Starkey

JUL 23, 1966 - DEC 23, 2024



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Jeffrey Starkey, 58, of Chattanooga, was called home by the Lord to rest from his labors on Monday, December 23, 2024, at his residence after a valiant fight against colon cancer. He was born on July 23, 1966, to Terry and Hilda Starkey. Jeffrey accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age and was a member of the Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church his entire life. He was an active member working with the Singles Ministry and singing with the Youth Choir, Gospel Chorus, Mass Choir, and Praise Team. He faithfully served in each capacity. Jeffrey was also a member of the singing group Praise founded by the late David Sanders. The group shared the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the south for the past 30 years. Jeffrey was a graduate of the Brainerd High School Class of 1984. Upon graduating, he began working for Provident Life and Accidental Insurance Company. While working, he attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he sang with the Littleton Mason Singers. He then began working for CIGNA Insurance Company, where he worked for 40 years until his illness began in December of 2023. Through the years, Jeff enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling. He traveled extensively and explored the United States, Israel, London, Paris, and Ghana. He was an avid tennis player and a member of the Brainerd Tennis Club where he played regularly and participated in many tournaments. In December 2017, Jeff found his greatest love, skiing. He traveled to Killington Ski Resort in Vermont to begin ski instruction. From there, he attended the National Brotherhood of Snowsports annual Ski Summit where he met and befriended black skiers from all over the world that shared his love for adventure. He became a member of the National Brotherhood of Snowsports and Southern Snowseekers and continued to ski until his illness began. Jeffrey was known by all as a loving, caring gentleman who loved serving the Lord. Whether at work, church, playing tennis, skiing, traveling or just in his day-to-day



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interactions, he was loved and respected as a man of integrity.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his mother, Hilda E. Starkey. He is survived by his father, Terry (Nancy) Starkey; brother, Terrance Starkey; sister, Valencia Starkey; nephew, LaDarrius (Jessica) Starkey; niece, Jasmine Shackelford; uncles, Frank Henderson and Elton Young; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and dear friends. DUE TO THE WEATHER, FUNERAL SERVICE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. Jeffrey will lie-in-state on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation with the family will be at 11:00 a.m. with the funeral service to follow at 12 noon at the church. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.



Events

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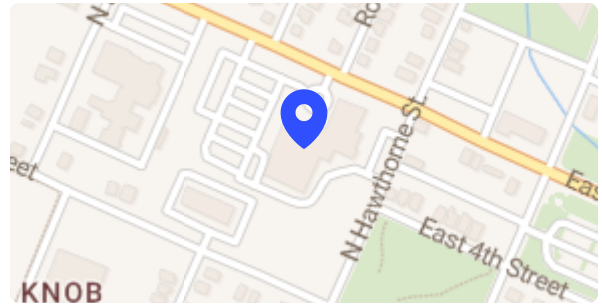
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Lie-In-State

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church
1734 E 3rd St, Chattanooga TN 37404

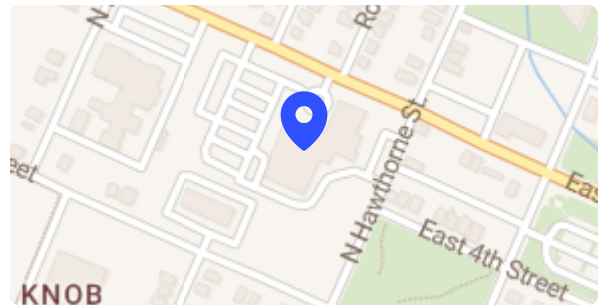


Visitation

Saturday, January 18, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church
1734 E 3rd St, Chattanooga TN 37404

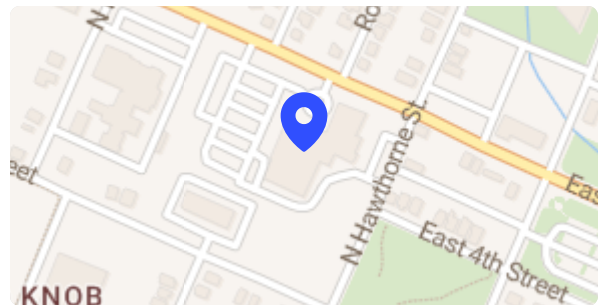


Service

Saturday, January 18, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church
1734 E 3rd St, Chattanooga TN 37404



Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





Tribute Wall

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TH

Tatia Reed-Harrison lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 18 at 8:13 AM



JG

Jennifer Greenhill lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 18 at 7:05 AM



JC

Jeanette Crawford lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Memories of your smile and laughter will forever be in my heart ❤️. Love you

January 17 at 10:15 PM



WH

Wendy Isom-Hill lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 17 at 10:46 AM



LS

Lloyd Pinheiro'S lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My sincere condolences to Marvin and Joyce and the entire family RIP

January 15 at 7:08 AM





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Donna J Morris lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 14 at 11:01 AM



Donna J Morris January 14 at 11:06 AM

I went to Eastdale Elementary with Jeffrey and we connected on facebook after years passing by. I always would encourage him and pray for and with him after he would update us on his progress from treatments. All I can say is 2 Timothy 4:7 NIV I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have keep the faith. You won Jeffrey, you got your crown.



Dwain Esdaile-Peaches lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

I will surely miss you. Love you cousin ❤️



January 12 at 9:07 AM



Pastor Walter And Lynn Owens lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 10 at 12:00 PM



Lora Dawson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 10 at 11:55 AM



John A. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Starkey family.



January 9 at 2:49 AM



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John A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jeffrey.



January 9 at 2:49 AM



Vincinrtta P. Brown lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 9 at 1:03 AM



Vincinrtta P. Brown January 9 at 1:05 AM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Starkey Family at this difficult time. May God bless and keep each of you is our prayer. The Brown Family



Tiamara M Wynn lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 8 at 7:40 PM



Christine Gumieniak posted:

My deepest condolences to the family and our Cigna employees. I worked many years with Jeff. He will be dearly missed. John 11:25-26...I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die...

January 8 at 7:16 PM



Sharon Wilson posted:

So sad to hear of Jeffrey's passing! Many years working with him at Cigna were all good memories of a warm and kind heart. Praying for comfort for his family as they store up memories that will remain in their heart. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

January 8 at 5:39 PM



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Jennifer Berkley lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 8 at 9:09 AM



Jennifer Berkley January 8 at 9:15 AM

I am praying for his family and his multitude of friends. We all miss him so very much. This world was a better place because Jeffrey was such a light in it. His faith and love for others is a beautiful reminder of how we are all supposed to live. What a kind soul we were all blessed to know.



Sherry Burney lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 8 at 6:31 AM



Sherry Burney January 8 at 6:33 AM

Jeffrey was such a sweet man. Not long after I started at CIGNA we sat beside each other in cubicles and he was such a sweet man! Then I had the honor to work with him for a number of years recently. Prayers for all of his family and friends during this timeframe.



Beth Anne posted:

Fifty weight is much too young. I was on the same team with Jeff several times at Cigna. He was always a joy to work with and most recently loved following his ski journey via Facebook. His upbeat updates during his fight with Cancer were a testament for his love of Jesus. Taken much too young; I am lifting the family in prayers. If the service will be live-streamed, please let us know. Beth Anne Pigge

January 8 at 6:10 AM



Jeanette Whitley January 8 at 5:44 PM

Jeffrey was always a light shining in the darkness. He exemplified Christ in his character everyday at work. His great attitude and laughter has and will continue to be missed



Diane Jones January 8 at 1:18 PM

Condolences to the family. Praying 🙏 for you all.may God give you all the strength and comfort during this time. 👤👤 Diane and Walter Jones ❤️ 👤👤



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PE

Petrick lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 8 at 6:08 AM



GA

Ganesh lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 8 at 5:58 AM



MR

Madan Reddy lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 8 at 5:50 AM



NT

Nelly Trapani lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 8 at 5:35 AM



RR

Rob Ribaric lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 8 at 5:26 AM



AA

Amorette Aryee shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thankful for your friendship and fellowship in Accra, Ghana.

January 7 at 2:47 PM





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JC

Jackie Johnson Copeland lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 7 at 8:23 AM



KF

Krystal (Kris) Mcwhorter And Family sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Starkey family.

January 7 at 8:16 AM



DD

Della Drake lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 6 at 12:08 PM



GH

Geraldine Hendley lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My condolences to the family. May God bless you and strengthen you during this difficult time.

January 6 at 11:18 AM



ML

Marsh Lawrence lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 6 at 7:03 AM



SY

Shatoya Young posted:

I will miss you cousin Jeff . One thing I will definitely miss about you is your smile and the genuine love you had for people for all of us. From Cousin Toya

January 6 at 3:57 AM



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AO

April Owens shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you Jeffery, and you will most definitely be missed. Thank you for always answering my calls just for advice or just to laugh. You are forever my favorite big cousin. It's never good bye but see you later❤️❤️



January 5 at 4:16 PM

PY

Pastor Elton Young posted:

So many good and lasting memories. You were and will always be remembered as a solid rock to this family. Always providing support and lending a helping hand. You were unselfish, caring, and always wanted what was best for yourself and your family. Nephew, you are truly missed and will never be forgotten. Love you Always, Uncle Elton

January 5 at 3:57 PM

CL

Camellia Lee lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 4 at 6:50 AM

VB

Vincinrtta P.Brown lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 4 at 5:03 AM

CR

Carlotta Richardson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 4 at 4:25 AM

LW

Leslie Wise lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



January 3 at 10:08 AM



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WT

Wanda Swafford Thurman lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 3 at 3:59 AM



LR

Lebron And Menia Richardson posted:

Jeffrey will be missed by all who knew him. May the Lord give the Starky family strength and peace as they mourn their loss. We are praying for the family.

January 2 at 3:31 PM

TM

Teresa Mcdaniel lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

January 1 at 3:19 PM



KG

Kimberly Guella lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 31 at 4:33 PM



AW

Allene Ward lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 31 at 3:07 PM



MS

Mary Spivey lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 31 at 11:56 AM





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MS

Mary Spivey posted:

May God keep the family during this difficult time.

December 31 at 11:54 AM

MT

Marva Taylor lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Will miss your presence in the choir with your debonair style 💜💜

December 31 at 4:25 AM



BM

Ben & Glenda Morgan lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

We send our prayers and condolences to the family. Ben & Glenda Morgan

December 30 at 1:52 PM



AT

Angela Maffett-Terry lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Rest in Heaven's Peace And Rewards Classmate

December 30 at 12:05 PM



KM

Kathryn Morgan lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 30 at 10:05 AM



KM

Kay Morgan December 31 at 1:16 AM

I am so sorry to hear about Jeffrey's passing. I send my condolences and prayers to his immediate and extended family.

TB

Tbw lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 30 at 9:05 AM





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ES

Edie Starkey lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

May GOD HOLD this FAMILY in His ARMS..JAMES STARKEY&FAMILY 🧑🧑❤️❤️

December 30 at 7:33 AM



PA

Patricia Akins lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

In memory of Jeff, you will truly be miss on the tennis courts. 🧑

December 30 at 4:27 AM



AW

Alizia Worsham lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 30 at 4:20 AM



SK

Sue Kranske posted:

My deepest sympathies to Jeffrey's family. His positive and cheerful attitude and love of God has been an inspiration to many. He will be missed.

December 29 at 4:05 AM

RS

Renee Sharp lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 29 at 2:48 AM



HC

Helen Cox lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

You will always be in my heart little brother! Rest in peace! See you soon.

December 28 at 6:16 PM





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MS

Mary Beth Smith posted:

Jeff you were a true gentleman and great tennis player. I've followed your journey this last year, kept you in my prayers and admired your faith. Rest well my friend. You are a true servant
Mary Beth Smith

December 28 at 5:49 PM

JG

Joyce Gee lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



December 28 at 5:46 PM

AT

Andrew Teague lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My tennis friend forever, Jeff rest in peace. Andrew Teague



December 28 at 11:24 AM

JJ

Jackie Johnson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



December 28 at 10:53 AM

JB

Janice Beard posted:

So saddened to hear of Jeff's passing! My prayers go out to the Starkey family. I'm praying that the peace of GOD and the comfort and Presence of the Holy Spirit will sustain you all. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

December 28 at 10:39 AM



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VS

Vanessa Sewell lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Jeff, my brother in Christ Jesus. My heart is filled with sadness, but praising God you aren't suffering anymore. You have taken us on so many journeys of your life from skiing on the slopes to Christmas in Vegas, and it has been a pleasure in knowing you. I will forever miss your warm smile, your laughter, and your hugs. You never met a stranger because you made everyone feel as if they were your friend. My condolences to your family. Be blessed and rest with the Lord.



December 28 at 8:25 AM

AL **Arlene Lizotte** December 28 at 9:01 AM

Dearest Jeffrey - as a co-worker and a friend I will miss your warm smile, positive attitude and kindness to everyone. May you rest in peace with Jesus. My sincere condolences to your family. 🧑❤️

WS

Wendy Scruggs lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Prayers of comfort and peace to Jeffery's family! You are now healed in the mighty name of Jesus. Thanks for ministering to us through your journey! Classmate, your presence will be missed! 🧑



December 28 at 7:25 AM

SD

Sharon Daniels lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

Charles and Sharon Daniels

December 28 at 7:16 AM



CB

Cora Brown posted:

I will forever miss you my friend. My heart is broken. I send my sincere condolences to the family. May God grant you strength and comfort throughout this time of sadness.

December 28 at 6:52 AM



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NC

Norma Cooper lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My condolences to the family, Jeffrey will be missed. Norma Cooper

December 27 at 8:21 PM



FA

Frankie Anderson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Trust in God for strength.

December 27 at 7:18 PM



AT

Antoinette Thompson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 4:17 PM



SW

Sharon Walton lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 3:48 PM



TL

Tony & Demetria Leak lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 2:54 PM



TL Tony & Demetria Leak December 27 at 2:57 PM
You will be missed...

DS

Debra Shaw lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 10:08 AM





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JB

Janice Beard lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 9:21 AM



KJ

Khendra Jordan lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 9:01 AM



TW

Tonya Whitten lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 8:50 AM



JJ

Jackie Johnson lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 6:34 AM



AS

Alyce Scott lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 6:32 AM



GC

Gwendolyn Creech lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 4:49 AM





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DS

Donna (Brown)Smith lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 27 at 2:24 AM



LS

Louvina Smith lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 26 at 7:20 PM



LH

Lisa Higdon posted:

Jeffrey was the most happy and pleasant person to be around. I had the pleasure to work with him at Provident -Health source and Cigna. My prayers are with the family. He will be missed.

December 26 at 3:09 PM

ET

Edna Talley lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 26 at 1:41 PM



SS

Stephanie Saxton lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

December 26 at 1:41 PM



SS **Stephanie Saxton** December 26 at 1:58 PM

Our Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences to Terry Starkey and family. Praying that God will comfort you with his peace and his love during your time of sorrow.Pastor & Mrs. Blevins B. Saxton III



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JG

Joanne Smith Godsey posted:

My deepest condolences for all he left behind. My time with CIGNA Jeffery was the true uplifting source that I and many others depended on.

December 26 at 12:56 PM

KD

Kelli Darden lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.



December 26 at 11:37 AM

DH

Darlene Houston January 8 at 6:26 AM

I remembered the good old days when you first started working with Provident/Cigna....Jeffrey was smart, witty, and an excellent cook. It's so hard to say goodbye...Jeffrey truly lived a beautiful life on this side of time.

KM

Krystal Mcwhorter December 29 at 5:42 AM

Sending heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers to the family. Jeff was a very dear and close friend who will truly missed!

MB

Marie Buffington December 26 at 3:19 PM

Jeffrey was a very kind dearest man who I often referred to him as my 'Brother'....and he called me 'Sister'. He was always an up-beat, up-lifting person, with a contagious laugh and smile. There is dancing, singing and oh yeah skiing in Heaven. You're Sister, Marie Buffington!~

KD

Kelli Darden December 26 at 11:39 AM

Prayers for the family of such a wonderful saved man!!! My friend!



Amorette Aryee shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 7 at 2:47 PM





April Owens shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 5 at 4:16 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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