



Jeffrey Scott Johansen

July 21, 1962 - September 7, 2022

On Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, Jeff Johansen, at the age of 60, departed this world and is now resting in perfect joy in the presence of his Lord and Savior. Jeff was a loving husband to Jodee Johansen and father to Katie Tallman and Karin Johansen. He is also survived by his brothers: Christian (Gabriele) Johansen, Erik (Missy) Johansen, and Nick (Lisa) Johansen as well as his step-mother Joyce Johansen.

Jeff was born on July 21, 1962 to Gerald and Judith (Mitchell) Johansen in Omaha, Nebraska where he grew up. He lived most of his adult life in Iowa and Indiana, spending the most recent years residing in Florida. He placed his faith in Jesus Christ during his high school years. He received an associate's degree in Psychology from Iowa Western Community College and a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Theology from Faith Baptist Bible College.

Jeff had a passion for photography, teaching classes formally and going on picture-taking

adventures with friends. His daughters and wife can attest to his insistence to document life via photograph. He was known for his energetic antics and made everyone around him laugh, making friends wherever he went. He was actively involved in the Cornerstone Community Church men's ministry. He also loved to write. He worked passionately and tirelessly on his favorite writing project, *The Cat Who Grinned*, a continuation of the beloved series by Lillian Jackson Braun. He developed a tight-knit community of people while working on this project. He recently finished the book and was in the process of obtaining permission from Ms. Braun's estate to publish his book.

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." – John 14:1-3

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions toward efforts to publish and print his book.

We are accepting contributions through Venmo to Jodee Johansen @CatWhoGrinnedFund.

Please contact Jeff's family if you have any questions.

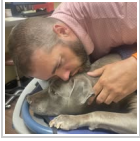
Previous Events

Service

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Community Church
6745 38th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Tribute Wall



“ JJ came up to Clearwater and took our family photos a few times. We would chat photography and he even stole one of my pics of a palm tree to share on Facebook(did some editing on it) :-) ever year I see the family pictures I'll think of him. Glad to know he knew the Lord and is Home! RIP my friend!



Jackie Keller - September 27, 2022 at 05:44 PM

NJ

“ My stepbrother was a master of computers when I was a child growing up. I remember him making me an entire computer game called "Nick's Bowl." He was also one of the few people I knew who was as much of a fan of Herbie the Love Bug as I was. Met up with him and his family for dinner in July of this year when he paid a visit to Clarinda. It was a great meal and we had a great time. I'm going to miss him terribly. Whenever Jeff was around, you could always depend on a good time.

Nick Johansen - September 14, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RD

“ I met Jeff at ARC. I'm heartbroken that he has passed. Last month I talked with him about going on a mission trip with me to a Methodist Church in Matanzas, Cuba. I was so looking forward to sharing that experience with him. I'm grateful that I knew him; his enthusiasm for life and Life enriched me!

Robert Dinwiddie - September 13, 2022 at 10:02 PM

MS

“Wow, very sorry to hear this. I knew him for many years when he was at Roberts. My condolences go out to his family and friends:-(

Mark Sheldon - September 12, 2022 at 10:23 PM


RM

“I met Jeff through the Facebook group he started, *The Cat Who Fan Club*. In the past several months, I had come to know him better after I volunteered to be one of the reviewers for the book he was writing, *The Cat Who Grinned*. Then, he asked me to give him feedback as he began to seek permission from Lilian Jackson Braun's estate to have his book published and continue the book series. We corresponded entirely through texts and emails, but I feel as though I knew him for years! He was definitely a visionary. He had imagination, creativity, and so much energy; he told me he had already completed about two-thirds of another *Cat Who* book and had an idea for a third one. His excitement and zest for living were contagious, and I will miss him more than words can express. To Jodee and their daughters and to all of his family, I offer my sincerest sympathy and condolences. I pray they find great comfort and peace knowing that Jeff is now with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

-With much love, Rita Moore, Germantown, Tennessee

Rita Moore - September 12, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JH

“ Jeff was an enormous part of my daughter Addie’s life from about age 9 when Karin and her became friends and then all through high school. She looked to Jeff as the Dad she never had around and Love him as Dad. Jeff would take out as his assistant on different photo shoots and she learned so much from Jeff about photography. I in turn thought of him as a little brother he was a wonderful friend and always there to help. All my girls thought Jeff was great but I know he will always hold a special place in Addie’s 

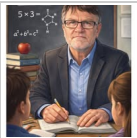


Janet Hanchett - September 12, 2022 at 06:15 PM

RB

“ Jeff was a unique and warm person who will be greatly missed. I had the privilege of being an editor for the short stories and novel he was writing. He was so creative and I will treasure the words that he wrote. Don’t

Ruby Brandes - September 12, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ SO very sorry for your loss. Jeff had quite the relaxed personality. I counted him as one of my friends.

Wayne Neva - September 12, 2022 at 01:50 PM

GM

“ I ‘met’ Jeff on an online Amazon chat group of TCW fans discussing the reasons for the delay in the release of Lilian Jackson Braun’s last book. He started the Facebook Cat Who Fan group soon after that and I joined.

I was honored to be part of his editing team.

He couldn’t get enough of photos of our snow-topped mountains!

I hope and pray that his book gets published

Gabriele Murry - September 12, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DM

“ Jeffrey (JJ as we knew him!) was a special kind of guy. Meeting him at his place of employment in Indianapolis, we both have a love of photography and we enjoyed sharing in that. My wife and I then met his wonderful wife, Jodee, and we shared a friendship together. As mentioned, JJ was a very positive force and had an enthusiasm for life and people. He helped me put together 2 books of my photography that I will always have and remember him onward. My very positive thoughts and vibes to JJ's family and Jodee. David W. Miller

Indianapolis

David Miller - September 12, 2022 at 09:58 AM