



## Jeffrey Ebsen Lortz

September 13, 1943 - August 27, 2022

Jeffrey Ebsen Lortz, age 78, passed away on August 27 th after a long and courageous battle against cancer.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, George Lortz of Raleigh, NC, his mother, Christina Lortz of Raleigh NC, and his daughter Trinity Lortz of Orlando, FL. He is survived by his former wife

Mary Ann Lortz of Sanford, FL, daughter Myriah Lortz of Orlando, FL, and his two brothers Kit

Lortz (Becky) of Lawrenceberg, IN and Eric Lortz (Linda) of Louisville, KY, nephews Pete Lortz

(Kristan) of Seattle, WA, Mark Lortz (Amy) of Mason, OH, Ryan Lortz of Wheat Ridge, CO, and

Reid Lortz of Chicago, IL. Jeff is also survived by six great nieces and nephews, Gracy Boes,

Maggie Lortz, Leandra Lortz, Alexandra Lortz, William Lortz and Sara Lortz.

Jeff was an outstanding athlete at Millbrook High School between 1957 and 1961 and was

elected to the Millbrook Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 along with his two brothers. He went on

to star as a running back and defensive linebacker at DePauw University between 1961 and

1965. While a student at DePauw, Jeff was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, Lambda Chapter. After college Jeff served in Korea with the military for two years and then started his business career in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Houston, Texas in the 70's and became Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Telerent Leasing Corporation where he was employed for over twenty years before moving to the Orlando, Florida area in the same capacity.

After retirement, he became very involved with Lake Mary High School athletics, serving as a girls' basketball coach for several years (the students called him "bubblegum man" as he kept a supply for everyone) and a key fund raiser for the athletic department. Jeff also maintained his close association with DePauw University serving six consecutive years on the University's Alumni Board of Directors, making significant contributions in that capacity. Jeff was an avid reader and sports fan. He enjoyed playing soccer, golf, horse racing and Fantasy Football. His passion in life was his love for his family and friends from his high school and college days and was the communication link in keeping them all together and in touch with one another. Jeff will be greatly missed and remembered as a wonderful friend, loving father, and endeared brother. His immediate family will hold a lakeside gathering to spread his ashes on Timberlake in

Raleigh, NC, where he grew up and his family lived for over 50 years. This will be followed by an Egg Drop Soup Club luncheon for friends and family members to honor Jeff's long association with that group.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Jeff and I became best of friends during our freshman year at DePauw and continued that way through our senior year. We did everything together. He will be missed not only by me, but by all of those who got to know him. Rest In Peace Jeff. Bob Holland

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**Robert Holland** - September 16, 2022 at 06:08 PM

BH

“ Jeff was an incredible guy. We were so lucky to attend DePauw University with Jeff. He and my husband Bob were best friends and Jeff served as best man at our wedding. Talk about a glue - he had so many friends at DePauw University and was the glue which kept us all connected.

We will miss his recollection of people, dates, places etc. Now whom are we going to ask about certain functions we may have forgotten???

He fought so hard and we were so hopeful that things would have a different outcome.

Rest in peace Jeff. You had a great life and will be missed. Betsy Holland

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**Betsy Holland** - September 16, 2022 at 05:57 PM

HH

“ There's not a day that goes by that we don't think of Jeff.

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**Henry Hile** - September 16, 2022 at 08:22 AM

SL

“ Love you, stud muffin!

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**Shauntel Lamb** - September 14, 2022 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ Jeff was the glue that held many Millbrook classes together and he will be missed. I was in Eric’s class, so Jeff was like the older brother, big football star, and big man on campus, but we became Facebook and email friends these last few years. I appreciate the man he was, and I send many prayers to the family. Becki Buffaloe

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**Becki Buffaloe** - September 14, 2022 at 03:36 PM

GM

“ I will miss my frequent e-mails with Jeff. A truly intelligent man and athlete. Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Gene Myrick** - September 14, 2022 at 02:40 PM

BM

“ Jeff was our life line in the Millbrook community. Always on top of things and informed us on our classmates. Will never forget the complement he paid me on many occasions. Thanks Jeff for your leadership and kindness. Prayers for the family and friends. Bunkey Morgan

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**Bunkey Morgan** - September 14, 2022 at 02:11 PM

EL

“ Jeff was an incredible brother. I will miss him every day. Eric Lortz

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**Eric Lortz** - September 14, 2022 at 07:04 AM