



J. Meschede

June 10, 1950 - December 3, 2006

J. JEFFERY MESCHEDE age 56 of Lakes of the Four Seasons passed away peacefully at home Sunday December 3 2006. He was born in Gary IN on June 10 1950 and was a lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana living in LOFS for the last 30 years. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Betty and his brother John. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 37 years Judy (nee Drohosky) his four children: Amy (Rick) Kreczmer of Granger IN Jason (Vanessa) Meschede of Crown Point Elizabeth (Ryan) Witham of Cedar Lake and Kathryn (Matt) Zalut of Fishers IN his six grandchildren: Isabelle Maya Zoe Natalie Luke and Jeffrey siblings: Robert Meschede of Hebron Lynn (Carl) Horvath of Florida Louis (Theresa) Meschede of Schererville Kathleen Meschede of Calumet Township Richard (Jennifer) Meschede of Hobart and many nieces and nephews. Jeff spent his entire 38-year career in the steel industry. After leaving National Steel in 1987 he joined Century Steel a subsidiary of Esmark Inc where he was Vice President of Corporate Purchasing. A member of numerous organizations he served on the Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts of America International Steel Buyers Forum and Gary Sportsmen Club. He was a very generous and caring person not only to his immediate family but also to his extended family and the community. He was an enthusiastic fan of Notre Dame football and loyal member and Past President of Gary Sportsmen Club. His biggest pleasure in life were his grandchildren who dearly referred to him as Papa. Jeffs family had an unforgettable Thanksgiving weekend together and his grandchildren will

remember the last trip to the circus with their Papa. He touched the lives of those that knew him and will be deeply missed by all. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville Wednesday from 2 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday December 7 2006 at 10:15 A.M. from the Pruzin Brothers Chapel and 11:00 A.M. from Holy Spirit Catholic Church (7667 E. 109th Ave. Crown Point) with Rev. Joseph Murphy officiating. Cremation to follow services. Please click on the following link to view Jeffs Tribute Video. <http://videos.lifetributes.com/?id=6066>

Tribute Wall

CL

“ My heart goes out to each and every person in Jeffs family. I know the loss you are feeling. With much love camille lopez

Camille Lopez - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Kathy Im so sorry to learn that your brother passed away. Please let me know if theres anything I can do. When I was little I remember Jeff being so cool cute and muscular with a big smile on his face. Thats how I will remember him. By reading the obituary and all the nice things written about him it sounds like he never changed. Love Marlene

Marlene (Beres) Gladdis - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Kathy & Louie My thoughts and prayers are with both of you at this time. Love Patti Gornick McLaughlin

Patti Gornick McLaughlin - December 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ Jeff was a dear friend and I will miss him greatly. Judy and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debby (Bates)Gulley - December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ JJ was a good-hearted man and will surely be missed by all who knew him. May wonderful memories help ease the sadness of his passing. God bless and help you all get throught this difficult time.

Jeanine Menard - December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Our prayers are with the entire Meschede family and especially with Liz Witham (nee Meschede). J.J. was one of my favorite steel industry friends.

Chuck Wollitzer - December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Judy Amy Jason Katie Liz and family Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Uncle Jeff was a wonderful person. Love Amanda & Clay

Amanda Pifferitti & Clay Pandorf - December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Katie Matt Isabelle & Natalie our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and the entire Meschede family during this very sad time.

Jeff and Lori Monaghan - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am soo sorry to hear this. I am sitting here thinking of all the great times we had playing football in your side yard with Jeffhe was a great QB also the b-ball games in the freezing cold the bicycle races in your drive-way smoking cattails ice-skating trick or treating together playing kick the can and cricket in the street the Blessed Sacrament B-Ball team travels with coach Mike Whalen waiting for the Andrean Bus in the rain. I even remember Jeff helping me with my Latin to pass the Altar Boy test and then showing me all the ropes at weddings and funerals. Wow too many good times to remember but too much fun to ever forget. If there is anything I can do to help you through this difficult time please let me know. Jerry Spicer.

Jerry Spicer - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Liz my most sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss..I cannot begin to imagine what you and your family are going thru..but know that we your friends are thinking about you and keeping you in our prayers. God Bless and keep you.. Laura M.

Laura Macias - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Are thoughts are with the family from one Notre Dame fan to another.

Tom Burns Family - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

YV

“ Liz My prayers go out to you and your family. I understand and know the pain thats felt with the loss of a parent. Be strong keep your head up and enjoy the memories.

Yolanda Veney - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Liz - You are in my prayers every day. My dad passed away 6 years ago on December 14h (his 65th birthday) and that day always makes me remember all of the good things in his life & how much he was loved. Some day you will look back on this time and remember all of the joy created by your dad and how many happy memories you have due to his involvement in your life. Let me know if there is anything you need and know that you can call me at any time. With Deepest Simpathy Cathy Cotton

Cathy Cotton - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ JudyAmyJasonLiz and Katie We are so sorry to hear about Jeff. We are really upset that we cant be there with you all our thoughts and prayers are with you and we love you all dearly. It is a tough road to haul but all the great memories he has left behind will be with you forever!!!! Take care of each other and we will be in touch.
TammyBobJakeAlexisRuby and Pearl

Tammy Forchini - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear about Jeff. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you all. Tim and Cindy Carey

Tim and Cindy Carey - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Amy Rick Maya and Zoe We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your family during this very sad time. Jim Lisa and Family

Lisa and Jim Langfeldt - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Liz Ryan Luke and the entire Meschede family: You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest condolences go out to you we are so sorry for your loss. Bob Julie Ethan and Hannah DiFiore

Julie DiFiore - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our family has been touched by the Meschede familyour neighbors for the past 10 years. Thank you for being such gracious neighbors and friends. Jeff and his family has always been there to help or offer a hand at any time. We will miss Jeff very much. We are thankful that the Meschede family has been a part of our lives our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. Pat Leslie and Zach Hedge

Pat Leslie & Zach Hedge - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Judy I have many great memories of Jeff. He will be missed by us. Our prayers are with you and the family. Kevin and Bonnie

Kevin and Bonnie Corley - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ J. Meschede

Victoria Caldwell - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Lou and Family We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this very difficult time. Matt Mary & Luke Benson

Matt Mary & Luke Benson - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jeff was more than an uncle-like a big brother. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. We hold on to fond memories as We Are Family and we will always Celebrate him. To Judy Amy Jason Liz Katie and your families We Love You.

Carla Koleff and Family - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Aunt Judy and cousins couldnt believe it when my parents called with the news Sunday morning. Ill miss being around Uncle Jeff at all the family gatherings. Perhaps we can all get together for a toast at Christmas. My prayers are with you. Love Michael Botchie.

Michael Pifferitti - December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ It is with deep regrets that I hear Jeffs (JJs) passing. He was an admired colleague that I could trust and confide in. Jeff will be sorely missed. Jeff always spoke of his love for his family and his roots. May God bless Jeffs family and comfort them in this time of loss.

Robert Goss - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ J J was a great person to work with. I for one will miss him. But he will live on in my memories and prayers for the rest of my days. May his soul rest in peace.

Gene Kijanowski - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Liz and all of your family... I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Again my deepest condolences. Terry Magnuson and all your friends at Olympic Steel

Terry Magnuson - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Elizabeth my prayers are with you and your entire family during this period of bereavement. The Lord will always bless you even in your sorrow. Deepest Sympathy Emma

EMMA L. LANDON - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

XM

“ Judy & Family: I just want to thank you soo very much for sharing JJ with all his friends and the steel world. JJ always welcomed us with a smile and always made me feel thankful for what life had given me. More men should live their lives as JJ did and be remembered for what they gave not for what they possess.

XAVIER MANRIQUE - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I luv u Uncle Jeff and Ill miss you dearly.

Sarah Meschede - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Jeff was loved by everyone who knew him. He will be missed by many as he has touched so many lifes but he will never be forgotten by anyone. My thoughts and prayers go to his loving family.

Tina Wilkes - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ My heart is saddened by the loss of Jeff. Ive known him for approximately 20 years and he was always a joy. Will always remember his jolly and caring personality. My prayers are with the family. God Bless you and keep his arms around you for strength or whatever your needs are during this trying time for He will not forsake you.

Hattie Vaughn - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *JJ was a wonderful man and will truly be missed. Your family is in our prayers. God Bless.*

Angela May - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Meschede Family. Gabe Rdoriguez (Friend of Lous)*

Gabriel M. Rodriguez - December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM