

On Thursday, October 14, 2021, not long after his 50th birthday, Jeffrey Paul Workman lost his battle. Born on September 17, 1971 to William and Patricia Workman, Jeffrey grew up in Spring Church, PA, graduating from Apollo-Ridge High School. Jeffrey was a handsome, extremely intelligent young man, talented and gifted in many ways. The world was before him and he could have gone anywhere, done anything. After High School he attended Baldwin Wallace University and then Penn State. He worked to find his own path in life, the path that he believed was the right path for him. Before he had finished college, he was fighting his own private battle and his own personal demons.

Life circumstances somehow overtook Jeffrey. The young man who had every option for his life, somehow lost hope. He withdrew, closed himself off, sank deeply into mental illness, and disappeared into substance abuse at the end of his life. It was a tragic end for someone who could have had anything in this world. He was constantly kind to the people around him, but he never let anyone in to help him. Jeffrey was loved and appreciated by a very long list of people. But at the end of his life, when he needed love from others the most, he was not able to let anyone know of his struggle to get the help he needed.

Jeffrey is survived by and loved by his older sister, Deborah Workman Hemingway. He is loved by many other family members. Some of these family members include the Howard Sonderman Family, the Colleen Scullin Family, the Joseph Kolash Family, the Julie McCormick Family, the Steven George Family, the Przem Spryszak family, the Frank Spryszak Family, the Michael Spryszak Family. He is fondly remembered by high school friends from Apollo-Ridge. He will be greatly missed by coworkers from Colorado. Sharpville friends hold his memory dear.

While Jeffrey had a tragic, lonely, heartbreaking end to his life, it is Deborah's earnest desire that others can be saved from the same end. Deborah's neighborhood in St. Paul, Minnesota is no stranger drug overdoses, alcoholism, and severe mental illness. There are some people who spend every day rescuing hurting people from the streets. Danny and Sally Barnes run an organization called Thy Kingdom Come World Ministry. Walking the infamous Rice Street in St. Paul, they intervene in lives before drugs, violence, alcohol, and mental illness end in prison or death. Jeffrey did not have a 'Brother's Keeper', someone to get him the help he needed. But Danny and Sally are on the streets, day and night, to be a 'Brother's Keeper' to many. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are saving lives like Jeffrey. Mental illness and addiction are thieves. Jeffrey stayed behind walls of shame and fear that kept him from getting the help he needed. If Jeffrey could say one thing to us now, it would be that we should try harder to help the next person we find who needs our help. Risk offending that person, risk stepping over a boundary. Jeffrey would tell us all now to be bold in loving other people before it is too late.

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The above mailing address and Paypal account are two ways to submit contributions directly to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes in the name of Jeffrey Workman. Additionally, contributions can be made in Jeffrey's memory through the Estate Lawyer or through the Estate Accountant. Their contact information is available upon request by contacting Deborah.