



Robert Jeffery Doverspike

May 2, 1955 - February 15, 2021

Robert Jeffrey Doverspike, 65, of Lakeland graced the gates of Heaven on February 15, 2021.

Also known as Jeff or “Spike”, he was born on May 02, 1955 in Clarion, Pennsylvania.

Jeff was survived by his three daughters, Jennifer (Greg) of Auburndale, Jessica of Lakeland, and Erica of Ohio. He was also survived by his three granddaughters, Taylor, Addison, and Victoria, and one grandson, Theo. Jeff had two sisters, Vicki, and Lindy (Rick).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert, and Peggy Doverspike.

Jeff not only respected his country but served in the United States Army from 1974 – 1977.

He worked for CSX for thirty-five years maintaining their signals and building lifelong friendships.

He was a member of the Lakeland Rifle & Pistol club, American Legion, and a lifetime member and avid supporter of the NRA.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to either St. Jude Children’s Hospital or Wounded Warrior. Both charities Jeff donated to every year.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Jeffery Doverspike



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 26, 2021 at 12:02 PM

TC

Thank you for this wonderful post. Jeff was a very good friend from CSX. A hard worker and very straight shooter. A man that lived his life to serve God, his family, and his country. I was able to know him not only as a man who was ready to conquer any adverse condition that may come his way, but also as a man who was so very knowledgeable of the bible, and wise enough to ask God for all the answers when it was most important. Rest in peace my ole buddy Spike. Tom Clarke

Thomas M Clarke - March 11, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Robert Jeffery Doverspike



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 26, 2021 at 10:23 AM

LR

“ I only knew Jeff as "Doverspike". I learned of his passing late from a CSX worker. I had the opportunity to work with Jeff on several Railroad projects over the years. I spent the most time with him on the SR 64 project in Ona. He was a great person and was very funny. He kept us entertained during that project... it was hot and miserable but he made the time pass quickly. He was getting close to retirement at that time and was looking forward to it. I was saddened to hear that he had passed and my heart goes out to his family and friends...but I am happy to hear that he'd accepted the Lord. God bless and keep you all.

*Lisa Revell-Petro
FDOT Rail Department*

Lisa Revell-Petro (FDOT Rail) - March 07, 2021 at 08:21 AM

BS

“ Among the many stories Jeff shared with us is this one that says it all. He said he had accepted the Lord several years ago, and when he had heart surgery, he knew if he woke up and saw "THE LIGHT", he knew everything would be OK. When he opened his eyes, all he saw was black, and he said "Oh God, I thought we were good. He woke up a little more and realized all the nurses were wearing black...and God said, "Yea, Jeff, we ARE good. We had lost touch with Jeff for years until he reached out to us several years ago, and what a blessing that was. We all re-discovered a part of the family that had been gone way too long. His many stories, his quick wit, his contagious laugh, and his pure heart will be missed by his family in Pennsylvania, especially cousin Shanin, who almost on a daily basis, talked or texted with him and formed a very real bond. May God always bless your soul, Jeff, and may "THE LIGHT" shine into all you have touched. Our sympathy goes out to all of your family and friends.

Uncle Turney, Auntie Bev, Troy, Shanin, Toby and families

Bev Shick - February 26, 2021 at 08:56 PM

JR

“ Jeff was an outgoing person with a great gift of gab. He was never without words. He had a great personality and will be missed by his fellow workers and friends. Our sincere condolences to Jeff's family.

Jackie and Bunny Hawkins



Jackie and Bunny Hawkins (CSX RR) - February 26, 2021 at 01:57 PM

LL

“ Larry, Natalie & Lauren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Jeffery Doverspike.



Larry, Natalie & Lauren - February 26, 2021 at 08:35 AM

TC

“ Jennifer & your family (including your sister): We the friends of your dad at Trinity Christian Center in Lakeland, were deeply saddened to hear of his untimely passing this week. Our hearts go out to you all and we pray that God's comfort for you will be strong!

Trinity Christian Center - February 18, 2021 at 02:59 PM