



## Jeffrey Alan Draper

March 16, 1951 - February 13, 2020

Jeffrey “Jeff” Alan Draper, age 68, of Crown Point, passed away on February 13 2020. He was born in Gary, Indiana to parents John Marshall Draper and Janet (Adank) Draper-Nutt. He was a graduate of Merrillville HS class of '69. Jeff graduated from Indiana University where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He remained a spirited Hoosier basketball fan, a passion he shared with his son. Jeff worked as a financial advisor at Prudential for 47 years. Jeff had a gift for making everyone he met a friend and turning even the most mundane gathering into a party. He was a member of the Methodist Hospital Foundation Board and Innsbrook Country Club.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife- Nancy (Dunklau) Draper, Daughter-Jennifer Draper, Son-Andrew Draper, Daughter-Molly Draper. Brothers-John Draper (Sally) and Joel Draper (Cheri). You may visit with the family on Monday, February 17, 2020 from 3-7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral service takes place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Burns., Crown Point. In lieu of flowers, donations to Methodist Hospital Foundation Board. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

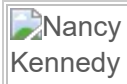
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## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Nancy- so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you during this difficult time.

*Nancy Bange Kennedy*

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**Nancy Kennedy** - February 20, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ We are so saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. We shared many wonderful times at Prudential functions. Please accept our prayers and condolences for you and your family.

*Angela and Gus Koutsis*

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**Angela Koutsis** - February 19, 2020 at 04:41 PM

A grey square profile picture containing the initials 'LB' in white.

“ My very first babysitting customers were the Draper boys. I was 12 or 13, and I my "try-me" rate of \$.25 per hour immediately went up to the going rate at the time, \$.50 per hour - those boys were a handful! My condolences to the entire family on the loss of Jeff, way too soon.

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**Lolitia Beaty Bache** - February 19, 2020 at 01:33 PM

SB

“ Mrs. Draper,

*I was quite saddened to hear of Mr. Draper's passing; I remember you speaking fondly of him when I had you for AP Calculus, a few years back. May his memory be eternal.*

*Regards,  
Sarah Bradash, MHS Class of '15*

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**Sarah Bradash** - February 18, 2020 at 05:07 AM

DS

“ Nancy,

*May the indelible memories made and shared by you and Jeff and the love of family and caring friends, give you the strength to draw upon in the days ahead.*

*Dennis Svilar*

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**dennis svilar** - February 17, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MM

“ Nancy,

*I was saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. I believe that Jeff and I started working with Prudential on the very same day in 1973, and I worked in various capacities with Jeff over the years. I really enjoyed our business relationship and our friendship. I send my condolences to the entire family.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike Miller*

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**Mike Miller** - February 17, 2020 at 03:35 PM

SC

“ Nancy, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful, Jeff. He was a true, all around ,nice guy. Chris talks of Jeff as one of the early few who loved collage basketball as much Chris did. This was a long time ago, when college hoops was simpler and truly pure love of the game.  
May the blessings of what you and Jeff have made in this life bring you comfort and peace. And joy.  
You are all in our prayers.

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**Susan and Chris Carroll** - February 17, 2020 at 10:24 AM

MR

“ Nancy and family, I am very sorry to hear about Jeff. I have lots of fun memories of him at your parents house. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Marsha Domianus Rzepczynski** - February 17, 2020 at 12:50 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry to learn of Jeff's death. It just reminds us that we are here for a short time before God calls us home. We grow attached to our friends and family, but will see them again in heaven.

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**Kristin Lynch Hoeschele** - February 16, 2020 at 01:55 PM

CW

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about Jeff's passing. I wish I could be there but won't be able to make it. Please know you and your family are in my prayers. Hugs for all of you.

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**charlene witka** - February 15, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Nancy and kids, my heart is heavy at the news of Jeff's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers - May the lord shine his light upon Jeff and grant him eternal rest; and may Christ's peace be with you all and may your memories sustain you until you join him in heaven! God Bless, Tim Trotter

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**Tim Trotter** - February 15, 2020 at 05:38 PM

PR

“ Nancy and kids, I was so sorry to hear that you have lost Jeff. I pray you will take comfort in thinking of your memories of him, in remembering how much he loved you, and in knowing you will be reunited with him. Love and hugs to you all.  
Patti

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**Patti Roy** - February 15, 2020 at 04:41 PM

LD

“ Nancy and family,

We are so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts.

Ron and Lisa Dergo

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**Lisa Dergo** - February 15, 2020 at 04:13 PM

GP

“ Nancy....we are so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Gil and Sherry Pagel

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**Gil and Sherry Pagel** - February 15, 2020 at 03:01 PM

VS

*Went to Merrillville High School with Jeff. Will always remember his smile, laughter and how much he loved Nancy. I am so sorry, Nancy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wish I could be there to give you a big hug.*

*Violet Sivak Sarachman, San Diego, CA*

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**Vi Sarachman** - February 16, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JV

“ *Nancy and family: Sorry that I will not be able to visit with you and your family as I will be in Florida on Monday. You have my condolences and prayers.*

*Sincerely yours, Jim Vermillion*

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**Jim Vermillion** - February 15, 2020 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ *Dear Nancy...my heart aches for you and your family during this difficult time. I have fond memories of both you and Jeff as kind, exceptional classmates. Sending hugs and prayers.*

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**Rebecca Bartley Brazys** - February 15, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JT

“ *Nancy and Family, Jeff was a Dunklau from the start. I will always remember his laugh. A gentle giant he was. May you always feel his presence and hear his laughter. God bless you and all the Dunklau's. What a tremendous loss for all of you.*

*Love you all!*

*Cousin Joy*

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**Joy Taulbee** - February 15, 2020 at 09:18 AM

LP

“ Nancy and Family - So very sorry for your loss. I remember you both well from MHS and so wish we had stayed in touch afterwards. I have such fond memories of great times together. With my deepest condolences, I pray that you find peace in God's loving.  
- Larry Pollitt

Larry Pollitt - February 15, 2020 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ I remember Jeff From High School. He was a kind man. So sorry for your loss. Sending love & prayers to all of you.

Barb Stolzmann



Barb Stolzmann - February 15, 2020 at 08:14 AM

DE

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you all with peace & fond memories. He was a good coach & set a good example of sportsmanship back in the day with the kids

Dave & Peggy Everett - February 15, 2020 at 07:36 AM

DL

My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Debra Rogers Livingston - February 16, 2020 at 05:21 PM

GV

“ I am very sorry to learn of your loss. Like so many others, I have many fond memories of Jeff, from the early years at Gary Country Club, to our recent years serving together on the Methodist Hospital Foundation Board. Jeff' will always be remembered as a person who was generous and kind to others. So many years of laughter and fun. I hope your family finds Strength and Peace.

*Glenn Vician*

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**Glenn Vician** - February 15, 2020 at 04:59 AM

SP

“ So very sorry to learn of the loss of your husband Nancy. God's arms surround you and your family with Strength and Blessings at this difficult time.

*Sherron and Michael Pampalone*



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**Sherron Pampalone** - February 15, 2020 at 03:04 AM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss Nancy words cannot express the heartfelt sadness I have for you. May God look out for you in the future.

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**Laura Harmon Sheridan** - February 15, 2020 at 12:52 AM

VW

“ So very sorry for your loss Nancy. Remember both of you fondly from our days at MHS. Praying that God will comfort you and your family during this difficult time.”

*Vicki (Mandernach) Warkoczeski*

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**Vicki Warkoczeski** - February 14, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JB

“ Dear Nancy, So Sorry to hear of your loss. My Love and Prayers are always with You! Love, Jann Beck-Evans

Jann Beck - February 14, 2020 at 09:50 PM

CD

Nancy and family, my sincere condolences to you and yours. Remember all the good times during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏

Cathy Dziadosz-Smith - February 15, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Dear Nancy, Jen, Andy & Molly,  
We were so very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was larger than life in every way and he will be greatly missed by us all. Leslie & I have been sharing many wonderful and fun memories of our dear friend today. He always brought a smile or laugh to every occasion. I first met Jeff in the men's locker room at the old Gary Country Club (now Innsbrook) almost 36 years ago and knew instantly I had made a life-long friend. We worked together on various events and committees over the years. Jeff always brought his all to everything he did and it was a joy to be in his presence. Our hearts are heavy and we send our love and prayers to the Draper Family.  
Gary & Leslie Bennett


Leslie Bennett - February 14, 2020 at 08:50 PM

SJ

*Dear Nancy and family,  
Words can't express the sadness and heartbreak I feel for you all. Jeff was one of the nicest guys ever. I grew up with him and the Draper family in Brookwood. All the boys, my brother Scott included, playing basketball in the Draper driveway and all the other activities in the empty lot next door. The years at the club with our families together either golfing, swimming, or our moms organizing some event for either school or one of the many organizations they worked on. The Parties at the Drapers were historic. What fun we all use to have! Jeff was always their participating or helping in some way.  
Jeff and Nancy were a couple I looked up too, and greatly admired. Jeff, as others have said, was larger than life, and loved Nancy dearly. My family was extremely close to the Draper family and my father Dick dearly loved Jeff. He will be deeply missed.  
My mother Dee, sends her love and condolences to you and your entire family as well!!! We are thinking of you at this difficult time Nancy. Know how much we loved Jeff and you!  
With love hugs and prayers,  
Shea Smith Johnson*

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**Shea Smith Johnson** - February 15, 2020 at 07:37 AM

 Mary  
Fran  
Novak

“ *Nancy and family,  
So sorry to hear about Jeff, my memories of him are very fond, always a lot of fun, kind to our parents and our families. Prayers for all,  
Mary Fran Fitzgerald Novak*

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**Mary Fran Novak** - February 14, 2020 at 08:12 PM

TS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Love and prayers to all the Drapers.*

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**Tiffany Draper Siegel** - February 14, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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*Tiffany Draper Siegel (daughter of Porter and Elsie)*

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**Tiffany Draper Siegel** - February 14, 2020 at 07:42 PM

LR

“ My heart simply goes out to Nan, Jen, Andy, and Molly. Have known Nancy and Jeff since our early softball days. Jeff has held my hand, financially speaking, since my husband passed away and I will miss his calm assurances and excellent advice.

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**Linda Ann Rooda** - February 14, 2020 at 07:16 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Jeffrey. He was a wonderful man. I remember his beautiful, quiet smile. I'm thinking of all of you with tears. Love, Dianne Draper

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**Dianne Draper** - February 14, 2020 at 06:51 PM

KD

“ To Nan, Jen, Andy and Molly,

*Words cannot describe the sorrow I feel for you loss. In the 36 years that I knew Jeffrey that was not a better friend that a person could find. Please know that there are hundreds of people sharing your grief. As close as your family is there are many of us out there who thought of you as family also. Although the hurt will never fully go away I hope with time that we can remember him with a smile over all the joyous times that he brought us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Ken and Debbie*

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**Ken & Debbie** - February 14, 2020 at 06:14 PM

SH

*Thank you Drape for the 30+ years of wonderful memories. I am so fortunate to have been one of many, many good friends that you had. I will forever miss you but will cherish the times we shared forever. In fact, I'm laughing right now about Sharkey's Pizza in Hilton Head. Thanks Buddy....it was a great run!*

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**Scott Holmen** - February 14, 2020 at 11:27 PM

KD

“*Dear Jen and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Saying prayers for you and your family.  
I hope that wonderful memories of your time together will help you through this sad time. -- Kathleen DiBenedetto*

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**Kathleen DiBenedetto** - February 14, 2020 at 05:08 PM

PN

“*Dearest Nancy, Family and extended Family of Jeff,  
My heart breaks for all of you at this sad and difficult time. Please know you will be in my prayers hoping God will give you strength during this time and the coming months. My deepest sympathies to all of you.*

*God's Love and Peace be with you.  
Pamela Dawn "Pollitt" Norfleet*

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**Pamela Dawn "Pollitt" Norfleet** - February 14, 2020 at 03:56 PM

PS

*Dear nancy, you and your family are in my heart during this difficult time. You are in my prayers and thoughts. Love you nancy. May God's grace give you peace...Pam Sheridan Sedlacek*

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**Pam Sedlacek** - February 16, 2020 at 09:39 AM



*My condolences to you and your family God Bless...*

**John Gregoline** - February 16, 2020 at 10:25 AM