



## Jeffrey Lynn Nichols

August 19, 1949 - September 4, 2021

Jeffrey Lynn Nichols, 72, of Weatherford passed away September 4, 2021.

Jeff grew up in Ohio but was known to say "I wasn't born in Texas but I got there as quick as I could". After working for Kroger for twenty seven years he chose to leave the company to open a business of his own with his wife Lisa. Following his dream of passing on his love of the outdoors, being on the lake and fishing, Jeff and Lisa opened the Possum Kingdom State Park Store and Marina. It was truly his passion to help others to enjoy their time in the outdoors as much as he did. Eventually they opened a second location in Lake Mineral Wells State Park. After many years Jeff again chose to pursue his dreams and sold their Possum Kingdom State Park Store and purchased some land in Weatherford. His dream was to raise chickens, goats, and to start an orchard. Although he was able to start his orchard, he never got the chance to begin raising the chickens. Jeff was a man with many interests and talents besides the avid outdoorsman he was also an accomplished cook, fabulous photographer, and an avid gardener. He loved to share his interests with all who would listen. He loved to talk. The subject could be local history, fishing, birds and that weather. He was our local weatherman. Everyone knew to call Jeff for the forecast. Jeff was full of Love, Joy and kindness. He was taken from us far too soon. He will be missed.

Jeff is survived by his wife Lisa Nichols, Son Kelcey and wife Christie Nichols,

Daughter Karen and husband Terry Abernathy, their daughter Callie, his son Kevin Nichols, brother Nick and wife Patricia Nichols, his beloved dogs Bella and Baxter as well as a host of family and friends.

MY LIFE, MY LOVE, MY JEFF

I lost my love, how can it be?

Victim of a virus we cannot see

Jeff's life was precious, we all agree

I lost my love, how can it be?

This wasn't the agreement we made in the past

We promised forever, why didn't it last?

You were my best friend, so loyal and true

Oh God how could you do this?

I trusted you!

Have faith! Miracles happen! I did believe

But did all of these words really deceive?

I must now live my best life with you in my heart

Faithful and true from the very start

I cannot lose hope. I must believe

Jeff is in a better place that I cannot see

I CANNOT LOSE HOPE! I cannot believe

That God would desert me in my time of need

I must remember that there is a Great Plan

And right now God needed my fisherman

I love you Jeff with all of my heart

35 plus years since we've been apart

But I know you'll be waiting for me when it's time

I know that you'll be there

You great love of mine.

All My Love,

Lisa



# Tribute Wall

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“ We have so many great memories over the years with Jeff and Lisa. Sharon and I first met Jeff and Lisa during our time working for Kroger. After we all left Kroger, Jeff and Lisa allowed us the opportunity to come out to PK and help them with their new adventure. During all those years at PK, we had so many laughs, conversations and great meals. Jeff and Lisa were very much involved with our daughters (Sara, Emily and April) growing up. They allowed all of them to help with the customers in their store and even gave Sara and Emily their first job opportunity. ( Which is ironic because Lisa gave me my first job opportunity at Kroger)

*I will never forget every time we would show up Jeff would have a smile on his face and he would say “Hey y’all ... it’s good to see you.” Jeff was such the outdoors man. He was a smart man full of knowledge and would engage in conversation and provide advice to anyone willing to listen. He was a hardworking man and loved Lisa and his family very much.*

*We miss our dear friend very much. We know God has great plans for him. We are grateful for all the memories that will last forever.*

*John, Sharon, Sara, Emily and April Stieg*

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**Stieg Family** - October 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM

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“ I have been trying to think of the right words to say about Jeff and oh there are so many. I am thankful for all the summers I spent with you and Jeff will truly be some of the best memories every. From occasional fishing and working in the store everyday to evening dinners sitting together watching shows and just having random conversations. Jeff made a huge impact on my life. He truly loved his life showing how God and Jesus can impact others through your humor and laughter. To Jeff, I know you are reading in this in heaven, I just want to say thank ya and love ya and I hope to live my life to show God's light an love everyday just like you did! I will always cherish memories from my many stays with y'all over many years ❤️



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**emily stieg** - October 13, 2021 at 10:58 PM

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*Oh Emily, my daughter from another mother, thank you for this. Jeff loved you so much and I can't think of a better description of him.*

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**LISA NICHOLS** - November 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Many many years of memories with Jeff and Lisa. It would be impossible to talk about all of them! I first met Jeff and Lisa through work at Kroger!! I remember when they were getting married and their genuine love for each other!! Through the years there are many great memories with fishing tournaments, boating, meeting Kelcey and other family members, and camping. Always being kind and welcoming to my parents, Chad and I on trips to PKSP! So many nights of great dinners and playing games. Just plain old good times! One of the kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing! Until we meet again dear friend!*

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**Cheryl Robinson** - October 06, 2021 at 09:10 AM

“ What an adventure!

*It was 37+ years ago that my boss, Homer Lou told me about this good looking new co manager that I should check out. Well I did just that and wow! He was the adventurous one. He talked me into back packing part of the Appalachian Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains, TWICE! We went white water rafting in the New river in West Virginia, what a ride. We camped, a lot. He loved to tent camp. We covered a large portion of the U.S., camping, sightseeing, hiking, fishing and just enjoying nature. We loved Colorado and camped there at least once a year for 13 years straight.*

*Then Jeff decided we needed to follow "our" dreams and run some type of lake store.*

*We loved PK and it was serendipity (short for God's will) that the store became available.*

*We spent 23 years taking care of the park visitors and making life long friends. We also opened Trailway Trading Post in Lake Mineral Wells State Park in late 2010.*

*Then "our" next dream was to buy some land. I was actually on board with this since it was supposed to lead to retirement. It led to his retirement! But he worked harder than ever trying to get the land in shape so that we could move there.*

*I laugh about the "our" dream, but Jeff could talk anybody into anything. I loved him and had faith that we would make anything work together with God's help.*

*Jeff was a devoted husband and father. He treated my mom and dad with so much kindness. He allowed me to spend the time needed to help Mom take care of Dad and help care for her. Jeff never had an issue with any of this.*

*These are just a few highlights of our 35 years together. We never*

*missed a chance to say "I love you". I am so grateful for that. He is missed so much and I am devastated to have lost him. I have to believe he will be waiting for me.*

*Covid is real. I wish that we had taken it more seriously. We had both been vaccinated twice but he was immunocompromised and got it anyway. If only that random person had also been vaccinated or had worn a mask. This is a senseless death which makes it an even greater tragedy.*

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**LISA NICHOLS** - October 05, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ Jeff did love the outdoors and invited me to join him and Lisa on boating and fishing trips, tubing on the river, and even camping in the mountains of Colorado. He was understanding when we were hit with a foot of snow in August in Colorado and I was unprepared for the cold. He took pity on me and we went to a motel! We camped at a lower elevation until the cold spell eased and then went back to their favorite spot in the mountains. He loved driving the mountain roads and exploring new spots.

Jeff and Lisa visited me frequently in Austin and usually brought their boat so we could go to Lake Austin or Travis. We also visited State Parks and my favorite garden centers and botanical gardens.

We shared a love for reading and traded books regularly. We also loved gardening and shared plants often.

I moved to Weatherford so we would all be closer finally. My home is just 10 minutes from Jeff and Lisa. I was looking forward to more of his fabulous dinners, sharing holidays and celebrations and saluting the sunsets. He was very excited about his next phase of life - transforming "the Compound" into a piece of paradise, complete with chickens. It is sad that his dreams will not be completed because he was exposed to Covid.

Get your vaccinations people!

Trisha Shirey

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Trisha Shirey - October 05, 2021 at 12:32 PM

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“ 14 files added to the album Jeff



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**LISA NICHOLS** - October 05, 2021 at 11:34 AM

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“ Kevin Nichols lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Lynn Nichols



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**Kevin Nichols** - September 29, 2021 at 05:27 AM