



Jeffrey Dean Belford

08/29/1952-06/22/2026

Jeffrey Dean Belford, 73, of Boyne City, MI, passed away peacefully at home on June 22nd, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Jeff was born on August 29th, 1952, in Boyne City, Michigan to parents Eugene and Ruby Belford. The eighth of ten kids, he spent his childhood exploring and roaming the hills above Charlevoix Street with his brothers and sisters, cousins, and friends. Jeff excelled at football and basketball during his high school days and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1970. Jeff married Nancy Sullivan on June 15th, 1979, and they had three sons, Jesse, Jarred, and Justin.

Jeff worked many jobs throughout his life, but his true calling was construction. He designed and built unique homes in Northern Michigan, including scribed log cabins around Lake Charlevoix and large homes in Bay Harbor and Harbor Springs. Jeff had a passion for quality and craftsmanship, took pride in his work, and continued building right until the end.

Jeff's hobbies included reading, sports, and travelling. He loved to golf and played in local leagues, as well as international courses in Ireland, Scotland, and Germany. He played weekly trivia and would never hesitate to tell you historical facts. Jeff also loved teaching sports to his granddaughter Ava and supporting her at her games.

Jeff is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Nancy; his sons Jesse and Justin, and granddaughter Ava. Jeff's surviving siblings include brothers Gerald and Terry and sisters Charlotte, Colleen, Claudette, Cindy and Bridget.

Jeff is preceded in death by his son Jarred, parents Ruby and Eugene, brothers Robert and Collins, and nephew Shane.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Jeff's birthday, Saturday August 29th, 2026, at the Pavilion in Veteran's Park in Boyne City, MI, beginning at 3 p.m.