

OBITUARY



Jeffrey was born January 26, 1971 in Monmouth, IL to his loving parents, W. Donald and the late Harriet A. Ray of Monmouth. Cherished husband of Carrie F. Ray, nee Fischer, married on December 28, 2007. Beloved father of Ben Kuefler and Emma Ray. Brother of Doug (Sue) Ray of Princeton, IL, Mark (Abbie) Ray of Carthage, IL, and the late Karen Ray. Uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Son-in-law of Rod and Mary Jacobs of the Villages, FL and brother-in-law of Lindy (Derek) Crouch of Maineville, OH.

Jeff was a 1989 graduate of Warren High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from University of Illinois, class of 1993 and a Master's Degree from Purdue University. Jeff spent his entire career in agricultural finance, first working for Prudential Insurance and currently for Compeer Financial, as a credit officer. Jeff enjoyed working on his family farm and cherished the time he spent with his family. Jeff loved and was so proud of his children Ben and Emma. They were his pride and joy. Jeff had a passion for helping people through his church and various community organizations. Jeff was especially heartbroken with what is happening in Ukraine as he spent two years living and volunteering there. Everyone who met Jeff instantly saw what a kind, loving soul he was.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to the Jeff Ray Memorial Fund for the continuing support of his legacy. Funds can be given via onecumc.net/jeff or by check payable to 'Jeff Ray Memorial Fund' deposited directly to Naperville Bank at 5 S Washington St, Naperville, IL 60540.

Piano/Organist
Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16, New Revised Standard Version



A Celebration of Life for **JEFFREY PHILIP RAY**

Friday, March 25, 2022 • 11:00 am
Community UMC
20 Center St, Naperville, IL 60540 • onecumc.net

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**.

ORDER OF SERVICE
JEFFREY PHILIP RAY

January 26, 1971 – March 17, 2022

Pastors

Rev. Hannah Hwa-Young Chong, Lead Pastor
Rev. Hong-kien Jeremiah Lee, Associate Pastor

Gathering Music

Prelude

Cavatina

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Welcome & Word of Grace

+ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

United Methodist Hymnal #384

Opening Prayer

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Scripture

James 1:19-20 (GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION)

Hallie Ray, Niece

Ephesians 4:32 (NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION)

Dean Crouch, Nephew

Romans 12:13 (NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION)

Aaron Ray, Nephew

Homily

Rev. Hannah Hwa-Young Chong

+ Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

United Methodist Hymnal #432

Witnesses

Ben Kuefler, Son

Mark Ray, Brother

Rev. Tom Babler, Former Pastor

Sharing our Memories

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Hymn

The Gift of Love

United Methodist Hymnal #408

+ Benediction

Postlude

Air

by Chris Garofalo

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