



Jeffrey N. Greabell

July 12, 1939 - January 27, 2018

Jeffrey N. Greabell, age 78, of Williamsville, NY, formerly of Westfield, NY and South Onondaga, NY, beloved husband of the former Judith A. Fellows, passed away peacefully at his home on January 27, 2018.

Jeff was born on July 12, 1939 in Syracuse, New York, the son of the late Leon and Evelyn (Bigelow) Greabell. He married the former Judith Fellows on March 8, 1990 in Westfield, New York.

He was a 1960 Graduate of SUNY Oswego with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. He then attended Syracuse University where he received his degree in Educational Administration.

A Westfield resident since 1988, he became Principal of the Middle School/High School of the Westfield Academy and Central School. During his tenure, he was an avid supporter of all school programs, students and staff. He was especially proud to have one of his teachers become the recipient of the First Music Education Grammy. He retired in 1995; however, returned numerous times as Interim Principal.

He was a life member of the NYS Technical Ed. Association, a Chairman of the Middle States Visiting Committees, President of the Westfield Chapter of Kiwanis International, Member of the Board of Directions of The Cross Roads

Farm and Craft Market, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and President/Vice President of the Board of Directors. He was a proud member of the New York National Guard.

He was an avid fan of Syracuse University Basketball, the Buffalo Bills and the New York Yankees. He enjoyed woodworking and creating custom made furniture. He also enjoyed camping, reading for information and pleasure, traveling, bowling, and golfing.

Besides his wife he is survived by his sister Deborah (Jerry) Dougan of Minneapolis, MN, sister-in-law Judith T. Greabell of Tampa, FL, his daughter Lynne (Michael) Lucas of Voorheesville, NY, Noelle (Marc) Fournier of Lunenburg, MA, Jeffrey (Karen) Greabell, Jr. of Kings Park, NY, step-daughters Kimberly (Michael) Shane of Syracuse, NY, Lori Solitto of Liverpool, NY and Jill (Dan) Davis of Middletown, RI and step-son Eric (Amanda) Salisbury of Cheektowaga, NY. Jeff was the grandfather to 7 grandchildren, 15 step grandchildren and 16 step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Though he had a blended family, family was the most important part of his life. In addition to his parents, Jeff was predeceased by his brother Leon Greabell who passed away on February 21, 1990.

Jeff was always dedicated to education and chose to donate his body to the University of Buffalo hoping medical students would benefit from his many illnesses.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 10, 2018 in the cafeteria at Westfield Academy and Central School in Westfield, NY at 1:00p.m. to celebrate Jeff's life and share our favorite memories.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Syracuse, New York and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice of Buffalo and to the Music Department of WACS.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a freshman in an Oswego anthropology class. As the professor was going through the roll call, he paused and asked if I was any relation to Jeff Greabell. While our families did not get together much, I did know that I was related. Apparently, Jeff had dated the professor's daughter at one time. Luckily, I still passed the course.

Do you have any idea how many people whose last name is Greabell (or was) are teachers? There are 4 in our family alone and more could be on their way.

So sorry to hear of your loss. My grandfather, Harry Greabell, was a brother to Jeff's grandfather-I think that's the connection.

Dianne Greabell Tarantelli (teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District)

Dianne Tarantelli - February 14, 2018 at 09:47 PM

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“ RIP Mr. Greabell. I am remembering you fondly. You were a fair and kind man. Deepest sympathy to your family.

An old graduate of OCS (1981)

Teresa (Stacy) White

Teresa White - February 06, 2018 at 03:02 PM

BK

“ Dear Judy, Lynne, Noelle, Jeff and family. I share in your loss of Jeff. I'm saddened but grateful for Jeff's positive influence on my children while at OCS and want you to know that. I watched, listened and observed him, many times, sharing a message with a student that was sincerely aimed at helping them become the best they can be. There is one particular former 91 lb wrestler that Jeff guided; I'm appreciative to this day. He was an excellent teacher, administrator, and good friend. My prayers are with your family today.

Bob Kneale, Wilmington, NC

Bob Kneale - February 04, 2018 at 02:46 PM



Thanks so much, Bob. So appreciate it! Lynne

Lynne Greabell - February 05, 2018 at 05:38 PM

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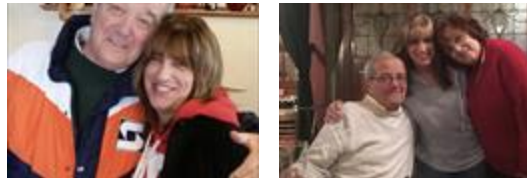
“ Judy so sorry to hear about Jeff. I will send a gift to WACS music department in Jeff's memory. I have many memories of Jeff & the kids still have the hand crafted furniture that Jeff made.

Frank Benamati, Litchfield Park, AZ (the family of the late Mary Ellen Benamati)

Frank Benamati - February 03, 2018 at 10:56 AM

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“ Best Stepdad a girl could ask for ❤️



Kim Shane - February 02, 2018 at 08:22 PM