



Jeffry Mark Chambers

September 17, 1960 - May 28, 2009

Jeffry Mark Jeff Chambers, age 48 of Bolivar, MO passed away Thursday, May 28, 2009

He was born on September 17, 1960 in Butler, MO the son of Eugene A. Chambers and Jeanne E. (Eichler) Chambers.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

Jeff began working at his hometown Sonic in Butler, MO while in high school. The first drive-in Jeff ran was a Sonic Restaurants Inc. store in Sugar Creek, MO. In 1986 Jeff became the Managing Partner of the first Excel Sonic Drive-In in Aurora, MO. Jeff then moved to Bolivar, MO in 1988 where he was the Managing Partner of the Bolivar Sonic. Jeff became a Co-Director of Operations and shareholder for the Excel Sonic Group in 1993. In 2001, Jeff became the Chief Operating Officer for Excel Sonic Group which was his position until his death.

Jeff received numerous award and recognitions throughout his Sonic career. The most notable award was the National Sonic Operational Excellence Award in 1999. Jeff served two terms on the Sonic Franchise Advisor Council Board. The Sonic world has lost one of the best in Jeff.

Jeff enjoyed golf and was a member at the Silo Ridge Golf Club in Bolivar. He also enjoyed being on his farm and working on his immaculate lawn.

He was preceded in death by his brother Jerry Chambers and his father Eugene Chambers.

Surviving is his wife of 27 years, Lesia Chambers of the home in Bolivar, One daughter, Jessica Skinner and husband Zachary of Kansas City, MO; His mother, Jeanne E. Chambers of Butler, MO; one brother Larry Chambers of Gladstone, MO; and one sister, Vicki Porter of Butler, MO.

Also nieces and nephew, Lori Chambers, Kyle Arrington, Jennifer Kash and Jonathan Porter.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar with Rev. Jerry Book officiating. Musical soloist will be Brad Wommack with Rose Roweton as the Pianist. Musical selections will be Amazing Grace and In The Garden. Casketbearers will be John Horn, Brent Johnson, Jack Follis, John Conner, Matt Bonnewitz and Jack Baker.

Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery at Foster, Missouri under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffry Mark Chambers*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Jeffry Mark Chambers*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I have just heard about the death of Jeff. I am so sorry for your loss. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Jeff through my employment at SONIC #2 in Jefferson City, Missouri where I have worked for 13 years. I know Jeff will be truly missed by everyone who knew and worked with him throughout his career.*

Helen Branch - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have just heard about Jeff's passing this morning, June 4. I have never met him face to face, but spent hundreds of hours talking to him by phone. We became business associates that way and brought different pluses to the venture. He seemed very smart and hard working and I enjoyed our long conversations ironing out situations and brainstorming.*

I am so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your entire family's blessing and comfort.

Bucky Jenkins - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Powerful: that is the first word that comes up for me when thinking of Jeff. Powerful in thought, powerful in commitment, and powerful in action. Jeff, was one of my most valued relationships during my 13 year Sonic career. I learned so much from him, our conversations, and our differences. I will always be proud to associate Jeff as my friend. I pray for comfort, blessings, and peace for all his family.*

*Peter L Williams
Phoenix, AZ 85018*

Peter Williams - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Lesia and Jessica,*

I am so very sorry to hear about Jeff. I remember him being such a great father and husband to you both. Although I haven't seen you all in so very long, I think fondly of all of you and will be praying for you during this difficult time.

*Love,
Amy (Brakebill) Sanders and family.*

Amy (Brakebill) Sanders - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My Dad was the greatest Dad, husband, son, brother, uncle, businessman, partner and friend any of us could have asked for. He honored hard work, loyalty and a sense of humor. I feel so blessed to have been able to have him guide me in my life and will walk through life with he leading and encouraging me by his example.*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during this difficult time.

Jessica Skinner - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *The world has lost a wonderful and incredible man. Words cannot describe the sorrow felt for this loss. Our prayers and love go out to Lesia, Jessie and family. Jeff will always have a place in our heart for his great sense of humor, his generosity, his loyalty, and his strong love for family and friends. He & Lesia have always been so kind to us & have been huge role models for us both. Jack loved every minute he had with Jeff, whether it be spending time on Ron & Letha's dock or being drug to Dallas for gift market. We love you guys so much & you are in our prayers & thoughts throughout the day & night.*

Jack & Jennifer Follis - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Debbie Snodgrass Colin - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ I had the opportunity to work with Jeff at Sonic. He will be missed and remembered for his tremendous leadership.

Lesia, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike Vezina - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Lesia & Jessica,

We are so sorry for your great loss. You are both in our thoughts and prayers each and every day. Please let us know if there is anything at all we can do for you.

Janelle, Amy, Michele & Brenda

Coleman Travel - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am Kristi Bohannon's daughter. I send my deepest condolences. Jeff will be missed. xoxo

Jaymee Bohannon - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with his family & Friends!

Scott & Kerrie Mooneyham & Family - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Lisa: Rita and I share your sorrow for such a devastating loss. We couldn't come to the funeral, you Jeff are in our prayers. Hang in there.

God Bless, Ken and Rita

Ken & Rita Monaco - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My prayers are with the family.

Jeff was always a good customer of ours and I was really glad I got to know him when I came to the Summer Jams.

God Bless,
Connor Evans
512-344-1722
Concept Sevices

Connor Evans - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jeffry Mark Chambers

Mark & Janelle Payne - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Lesia I have been thinking of you and Jessi everyday, I'm sorry and I wish I could give you a big hug. I love you Steph

Stephanie Rountree - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ So very sad to hear about Jeff. What a huge loss. Just know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Lesia and Jessica, I care for you both so much. If you need anything Mom and I are always there.

Much love,

Shelby

Shelby Janes - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ We can not express how sorry we are. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kelly and Teresa Holt - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I just want to send my deepest sympathy for your loss. I knew Jeff through his Sonic career with drive-ins in the Memphis, St. Louis, and Paducah area. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed. Please take care of your family and I will keep everyone in my prayers.

Shelly Fox - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. Very sincerely,
Charlotte Crockett

Charlotte Crockett - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to your family.
Sydney, Wayne, Ian, and Claire Burch

Sydney Diehl Burch - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ever since I heard of Jeff's passing on Friday, I keep thinking back to my days at Sonic with him. I can't seem to remember him once without a smile on his face. I know he will be missed. My condolences to his family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Henderkott Meyers - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are Brad Hall's parents and also go to church with DeEtta. Our thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. I will pray for you and your family.

Alice and Ray Carneal - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Very sorry about Jeff's passing. I always found him to be ready with a smile and an encouraging word. I long admired his level of accomplishment. I deeply regret not being able to make the funeral due to being out of state.

Dave Berry - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ My condolences to all. I had only met Jeff one time, but had many phone conversations with him. He was always a gentlemen and professional. My heart goes out to you all Rod Niswander GPS GOLF, INC.

Rodney Niswander - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Lisa,

*Our family is praying for you and your family for strength to endure.
May God bless and keep you.*

Marcellus Jones family

Marcellus Jones - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Leisa,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff was a great guy and will
be missed by alot of people.*

Becky

Becky Pierce - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *My condolences to Lesia and family. My thanks to Jeff who taught
me so much during my years with Excel. A great leader, mentor and
friend. Thank you for being part of my life. R.I.P JMC.*

Gary Jackson - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *It's hard to imagine my life without having the values that Jeff
Chambers instilled in me. I owe a lot of my former and current
successes to him based upon the knowledge and confidence that
he was able to pass on. He expected a lot out of those who worked
with him, but I know now that it was because he wanted us all to
successful. I will miss you.*

Scott Barr - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Lesia and Family, I am so deeply sadend by the death of Jeff. Having the opportunity to work for Jeff on his own house was always a fun and challenging experience. He never missed any small details. When he bought my building it saved me from financial ruin and I will always remember that of him. God Bless you Lesia and family and you will all be in my prayers for some time to come. Kurt Swihart

Kurt Swihart - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Dearest Aunt Jeane, Larry, Vicki, Lesia and all the rest of our family....Our hearts are deeply saddened by the news about Jeff. There are no words to express our feelings of loss. Know that our Prayers and Love are with you...Know that you are wrapped in the wings of angels, as is Jeff.

Warren, Pam Chambers - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Lesia and family,Jeff was a big part of my family.Not only myself but also my 2 sons,grandson and sister all worked under Jeff at some point.He was always very professional but fun at the same time.He will be deeply missed by so many. Our prayers are with you all. Shari,Jody,Jamie,Michael & Carol.

Shari Mauk - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Lesia and family. Jeff was way more than just a mentor, I considered him one of the best friends I ever had.

I will miss him greatly

Duey Lynch - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Jeanne, Lesia and family,
My heart goes out out to each of you. No words I have can express
my sympathies.*

*Love,
Kim*

Kim LeNeve McGrath - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Andrea Greenan - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Lesia,
You are in my thoughts. If there is anything I can do.please let me
know.
Cheri*

Cheri Ensor - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU JEFF WE HAD A GREAT 20
YEARS TOGETHER AND YOU ALWAYS LET ME DO THINGS MY
WAY.I APPRECIATE THE KIND WORDS YOU GAVE ME WHEN
WE WERE IN BUSINESS TOGETHER.*

*MY CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY, YOU WILL TRULY BE
MISSED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE.*

BOB GREENAN - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *The first time I met Jeff, he was wearing a tie with the image of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker". ...and that is how I will remember him. KB*

Kristi Bohannon - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *To the Family of Jeff
My sincere sympathies are with you and your loved ones at this time.I worked at the sonic in marshall,mo. for many years and it was always a pleasure to to jeff and John walk thru the doors.
He will be truly missed by all*

sherry l evans - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Lesia,
My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jessica, and your family.
I love you and am here for you, my dear friend.
Love, Deanna*

Deanna Scott - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to Jeane, Lesia, and family. Rest in peace, Jeff. Love, Carolyn*

Carolyn Crockett - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM