



Mr. Jeffrey Jay Makus

October 23, 1941 - December 11, 2012

Jeffrey Jay Makus passed away December 11th, 2012 at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, California. The eldest of three siblings, he was born October 23, 1941 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin to Albert and Joyce Makus.

He attended Cheyenne (now Central) High School where he met Sharrie Miller. They married in 1960 and had two sons, Jon and Jim Makus. In 1962 they moved to Riverside, California. He worked for Stater Brothers Market as a meat cutter for 35 years.

In 1976 he married Sylvia Salazar and resided in Lake Arrowhead. He had a passion for golf and after retiring at the age of 55, he enjoyed golfing almost every day.

At the time of his death, he resided in Thousand Palms, California and attended Christ Lutheran Church in Desert Hot Springs, California. He enjoyed the outdoors, cooking and visiting with friends. People were attracted to his friendly personality and sense of humor.

Jeff is survived by his sister Cheryl Miller of Cheyenne, Wyoming, his two sons Jon and Jim Makus of Forest Grove, Oregon, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Joyce Makus and his brother Albert Makus, Jr.

A Memorial Service is planned for January 12th, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at Christ Lutheran Church, 66290 Estrella Avenue, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 669, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240 designated for their building program fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jeffrey Jay Makus*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Gramps,
I'm so sad that I'm having to write this but I want all to know what an amazing man you were and a wonderful grandpa. I wish I would have had more time to cherish you, over the years we lost touch but you weren't and will not be forgotten. I have many memories that I will forever hold close to my heart. I love you and cant wait till' the day I get to see your smiling face again.*

*Love Always,
Rachel*

Rachel Makus - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Ron & Vicki Putnam*

Ron & Vicki Putnam - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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JH

“ Jeff, I am so glad that I got the chance to meet you a few years ago. What a wonderful and caring person you are. You have touch so many lives. I don't know you as well as most do but just the couple days you came to Oregon it was great to spend time with you and get to know you. Your family and friends will miss you dearly as will I.

Julie Hargis - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ HEY POPS, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY "ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG" JUST WISH WE COULD HAVE A COUPLE MORE BEERS TOGETHER!! EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T RIGHT NOW, WE WILL SOON. I KNOW YOU WILL KEEP THEM ICY COLD FOR ME. I LOVE YOU DAD AND I MISS YOU SO MUCH. TILL WE MEET AT THE 19TH HOLE. YOUR LOVING SON, JIM

jim makus - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Jeff,
I just can't take it in that you're gone. I'm so glad that we remained friends over the years. We had such fun - from the time we were 16 years old - then things weren't so good for a while. But I always knew that we loved each other and would forever. I always thought you would move to Oregon - not to heaven(at least not this soon)! I had no idea you were this sick, you should have told us. Till we see you again, Love always, Sharrie

Sharrie Van Dyke - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jeff,
*I am sorry we couldn't beat this thing. I hope you find a nice course to play.
There will be more of us coming along some day. I am finding out now how many friends you have. We had some good rounds of golf.
We will have more some day.*

Jim Ryan

Jim Ryan - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My Dad and I were not as close as we could have been, we lived in separate States, But I know He loved me and was proud of me, I didN't realize he was that sick, Don't think you have tomorrow to be close to your loved ones, Do it today, give them a call, I wish I would have called my Dad more often, He was a heck of a Guy and always positive and quick witted, I loved him and he will be greatly missed, See you in Heaven big guy. Love your Son Jon*

Jon Makus - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Dad, We are going to miss you, you were always positive and smiling, and everyone loved you. I wish we could have done something to help, or been closer over the years, I know you loved me and were proud of me, and we loved you too. We will always think of you when we drive by a golf course, we will miss you, but will see you again in Heaven, We truly lost one of the good guys, keep smiling, Love always your son Jon.

Jon Makus - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dearest Jeff,
I don't know where to begin with the memories - we had tons of good times, and some not so good!! I am so glad that we remained friends and were able to talk fairly often. I just wish we would have known that you were this sick, we would have been there or at least talked. I was so happy for you when you finally had your house on the golf course. What a dream come true. Now, you are playing the big golf course in the sky!! The Lord needs good people too, and we will certainly see each other again. I always loved you and I know that you believed that. Love Always, Sharrie

Sharrie Van Dyke - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM