



Jeffrey Michael Amato

February 19, 1970 - February 21, 2025

Jeffrey Michael Amato 55, of Bloomfield, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2025 at his residence.

Born February 19, 1970 in Somerset, New Jersey, he was the son of Michael and Linda Kathleen (Stagg) Amato.

Jeffrey work at NSWC Crane. He served in the United States Coast Guard.

Surviving relatives include: his two daughters, Aubrey Thornsby (Brandon) and Melissa Hanauer (Sean); his grandchildren, Evy, Walter, Hayden and Birdie; and two sisters, Laurie Thomas and Virginia Amato.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Bloomfield American Legion Post 196, 125 S. Washington Street Bloomfield, Indiana 47424 on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bloomfield American Legion Post 196
125 S. Washington Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Tribute Wall



“*Sadly, I hadn't seen Jeff for 5 years or so, and the last couple times was in the store and we didn't really get to catch up. I do have several memories of the times I got to hang with him and some other friends between 20 and 25 years ago. We got to target practice, have some drinks, and of course he helped everyone tune up their guns. I enjoyed hanging out at his gun shop on a couple occasions and sharing in his knowledge. Really enjoyed the time spent with him, sad it's over and that I hadn't swung by for too long. He was a real good guy and I'm sure he will be missed by many.*

Daniel Todd - March 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AT

“*I love you, dad. I miss you.*

Aubrey Thornsby - March 06, 2025 at 06:34 PM

KA

“*My wonderful cousin and I found each other later in life, but the time we had with each other felt like a lifetime. He was one of the most loving people I know. I will miss our long phone conversations about family and life. Will miss you so very much. Fish lots with Uncle Mike in Heaven. Love you always.*

Kim Amato - March 04, 2025 at 08:02 PM

VA

“ *My brother Jeff and I were exceptionally close. We shared a lifetime of experiences and endured a lot together.*

He was both a man's man and a Renaissance man. Even as a child, he was always drawing pictures, building models up to his teenage years, from then working on cars and crafting the perfect cheeseburger. By the time he was an adult, he could build from scratch and fix practically anything. He became a wizard of a gunsmith and a top-level marksman, having served his country with pride and dedication. He was a gifted artist and an outstanding cook, who also enjoyed a wide variety of movies, music and books.

He loved his entire family as well as his golden retriever dogs and was deeply sentimental. He had a terrific sense of humor, with the best laugh that could start anyone in.

Some of the best times I had with him were going for drives together in his truck or hanging out in his workshop listening to music, bonding over shared memories of growing up, nostalgia and laughter.

Jeff was an extraordinary human being who I'll always be proud to say was my brother.

Rest in peace, Jeff. I will always love you.

Virginia Amato - March 02, 2025 at 11:29 PM

NB

“ I knew Jeff for almost 20 years and have fond memories working with him in Small Arms from 2006-2014. He was a true friend and American who would do anything to help someone out. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing and my thoughts and prayers go out to all the friends and family he left behind. I know personally the void his Small Arms friends and family are feeling and we will miss you Brother.

Nathan “Leroy” Brown - March 02, 2025 at 05:01 AM

MM

“ I've worked around Jeff since 2010. His kindness and extremely high level of expertise afforded me to unique ability to constantly brag to anyone in a firearms conversation about "my gunsmith friends at Crane". Jeff helped me COUNTLESS times. Too many times to even remember as I cut my teeth around the shop. I shake my head now thinking about what a resource I had access to that I could just flippantly ask a question and get the best, most accurate answer possible..... I went down to Army flight school in 2023 aboard Ft. Rucker and would still text him asking him historical questions about random brass we'd find lying around. He immediately knew about the springfield rifle the brass must have fallen from prepping for Pacific operations during WWII. I just returned to Crane today from Alabama and got this news....More importantly, Jeff was a good man and was always willing to help even though I'm sure it got old at times being the resident expert reacted in any type of harsh way. His character was always solid. I will always hold him in the highest regard and his passing leaves a hole that will not be filled by anyone. My sincerest condolences. I will pray for your family. God Bless him.

Mike Merritt - February 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM

JC

“ Rest in Heaven and Fly with the Angels Jeff
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Julie Corlette - February 27, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ Jeff and I worked in the same building. It saddened me to hear the news of his passing. He was such a kind man and will be missed. My thoughts go out to his family and will keep them in my prayers.

Denise Ball - February 25, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JM

“ My Condolences To You, He Was A Wonderful Friend And Co-worker That Would Give The Shirt Off His Back. Gonna Truly Miss Him. Will Keep Your Family In My Prayers!

Joe McLaughlin - February 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM

GS

“ Jeff was a friend of mine for over 25 yrs. Always an honest and dear friend, and true patriot to the Republic. serving in multiple roles throughout his career.

He was a master firearms builder of all types. He had the most well-rounded knowledge base; of anyone I've ever worked with. A great smile and larger laugh. always ready to share anything. I will deeply miss him.

Smitty

GARY SMITH - February 24, 2025 at 04:13 PM

CA

“ We loved Jeff as our son-in-law, and then as the father of our two beautiful grandchildren. He was talented in his paintings and an expert as a gunsmith. He loved to cook Italian and it was ALWAYS delicious. He loved a good joke and we'll remember that laugh. He will be forever in our hearts. Love, Dad and Mom Armstrong

Colin and Paula Armstrong - February 24, 2025 at 03:35 PM

RD

“ Jeff was a friend of mine. We worked together in the small arms maintenance and over hail branch
He will be missed
My prayers to his family

Rebecca Duchacek - February 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - February 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM

FC

Jeff was larger than life. I had the pleasure to briefly work with him and then, be his neighbor. Talk about someone that would help you with anything. He was very intelligent with many things in life. Above all else, he has helped me and my family numerous times over the years when we needed it the most. I am also thankful he taught my son how to make his Smash Burgers. They are out of this world amazing. I don't know how to say how much you miss someone like Jeff. I don't have the words. Miss you brother

Fred Constable - March 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM