



## Jeff Carter

August 18, 1978 - December 4, 2013

Jeffery Wayne Carter, age 35, of Chattanooga and formerly of Dayton, died Tuesday afternoon, December 4, 2013 in Chattanooga. He was born August 18, 1978 in Chattanooga and was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. Irving (Charlotte) Jensen and Carlos (Betty) Carter and by his cousin, Bethany Clariday.

Jeff lived in Dayton from 1984 until 1992 when he moved to Chattanooga. He was a graduate of Ooltewah High School and attended U.T.C. for three years. Jeff was a part of the Grace Bible Church family in Dayton and attended Signal Mountain Bible Church.

Jeff is survived by his parents, Philip and Donna (Jensen) Carter of Chattanooga, his sister Melanie Denise Carter of Dayton, his uncles and aunts, Jim and Debby (Carter) Conner of Dayton and Bob and Becky Jensen of Chattanooga and his cousins, Scott McCuiston of Dayton, Kristina, Amaya, Niveah and Karissa Jensen, all of Chattanooga.

Funeral services for Jeff will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gary Phillips officiating.

Please share your memories of Jeff on his on-line guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Tuesday after 4:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

DEC 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jeff... Although we were only facebook friends, you touched my life more than you know... Your strength and determination as you faced each challenge that came along showed so much about who you were as a person.

Gone from all of us too soon, You are a beautiful flower that has been hand picked to be in the garden of heaven, with a new and shining face, praising God with no more pain or suffering... May you rest in peace, and may your family and friends be comforted knowing that this was Gods plan for you, and you have fulfilled all that was required of you to do here on earth.



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**Buster Evans** - December 11, 2013 at 10:02 AM

WW

“ My thoughts have not left you since my bitter, cold ride back up to the mountains. I think that it really just hit me that you're gone. God aloud me to be there during the time you were in hospice for a reason. I will always remember the day before I left and two days before you passed, sitting next to you in that chair. You gently placed your head on my chest and I embraced you with a gentle hug and rubbed the side of your face. We sat like that for twenty minutes, but to me it's as if time stopped for a moment. You were breathing deeply and peacefully. I wondered if you could feel the tears streaming down my face and on to yours. I was trying to be strong. I embraced my dear friend for that twenty minutes and thought about how this beautiful person had impacted my life in so many ways. The love and memories that Jeff has given me the past twelve years will forever make me remember the importance of true friendship and unconditional love. It's is a rarity in life and a blessing in its own. I was walking to work this morning and the thought of Jeff came rushing into my mind. For a moment I thought I felt him with me. I asked myself how knowing Jeff and losing Jeff had changed me. My response to myself was that life is so precious and goes by so fast. I want to live with more passion and less fear! Have more compassion and more understanding that there is something so much bigger beyond this world that we cannot fathom. I'm glad my dear friend is in that place, happy and free, floating around and going everywhere he always wanted to go. I'm sure he's watching over all of us. I will always cherish this friendship. You will forever be my dear Poodle.

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wendy westbrook - December 11, 2013 at 12:18 AM



“ Jeff,

*I will forever remember you, my friend. I know we didn't see one another that much after I moved from Chattanooga, but I always cherished our friendship. I will miss you and please rest in peace in the arms of God....Until we meet again! - Steven Borden*



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**Steven Borden** - December 10, 2013 at 12:42 PM



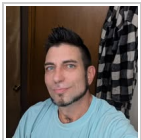
Kenneth Cochran

“ *Kenneth Cochran lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter*



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**Kenneth Cochran** - December 09, 2013 at 09:05 AM



“ *jeff you were always my favorite bartender and always made sure I was sloshed at the end of the night you made me and my closest friends smile (Sydney and clair and marty and trever) who you passed I do not know but I do know I will miss you and may god hold you in his arms always..... love ya .. monkey...*

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**Cory Clark** - December 08, 2013 at 09:14 PM

Ashley  
Nicole

“ Even though i didn't know JEFF quiet like all of you. I still found warmth in his smile. And, excellent conversation. Always knew how to turn my frown from upside down to right side up. So keep on smiling... Cause you all know he would be!! Rest in Peace my Friend..



Ashley Nicole - December 08, 2013 at 07:03 PM

JC

“ For nearly two decades Jeff has been such a special part of my life. I always had a confidant, a partner in crime, and someone who had my back. My safety net is gone and I feel alone. I miss and love you so much.

John Canfield - December 08, 2013 at 06:50 PM

DC

Thank you John for those kind words.

Donna Carter - April 27, 2021 at 11:15 PM

SG

“ Steven Goldberg lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter



Steven Goldberg - December 08, 2013 at 06:40 PM



“ Jeff, you were always a one of a kind. You put up with way more than you needed to, and always had a smile and a pithy comment. Here's to you, kid!



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**Wolfgang Poe** - December 08, 2013 at 06:30 PM



“ What I always loved about Jeff he would always, always greet with a big beautiful smile no matter where we were. I am going to miss that bright smile that always lit up the room, but my friend and Brother Jeff, we all will be with you soon. R.I.P. Jeff. Love Pastor Undra C. Finley City of Faith Christian Church.



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**Undra Finley** - December 08, 2013 at 11:06 AM



“ Jeff was always such a beautiful person whenever we saw each other he'd always make me smile and laugh my friend u will always have a special place in my heart!!

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**Ray Bolling** - December 08, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ So so sad to hear about Jeff. I saw him frequently where he worked and was always nice and made me smile. I recently moved to another state at the time I heard about the illness and wish I could turn the clock back and see him one more time

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**John Jones** - December 08, 2013 at 10:17 AM

LI

“ So many random things I remember that make me smile when I think of you... The head shake you did with the quirky smile and holding your hand up has become an image that plays in my head often the past few days. I remember our Red Lobster days and the conversations. Then finding you again at Images. The night that I brought my husband out there with me has always been a special memory of you bc of how comfortable you made him feel when he was out of his element. I never thanked you for that. I love you friend. See you again soon!

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**Linds** - December 08, 2013 at 09:37 AM

KH

“ Praying for the family. It is good to know that Christ was important in his life. Just as I saw it in his parents and his grandparents.

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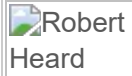
**Ken Hurley** - December 08, 2013 at 07:50 AM

CH

“ I remember when we we worked at red lobster together. When we shared a section together and I had 4 tables running around everywhere and Jeff like 2 tables and he was chillin. He looked at me and and said to turn my tables faster. We have always laughed about that even years later. Jeff Carter you will be missed but I know that your in peace and you are happy. I will see you in Heaven someday. Peace and love

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**Chris Hensley** - December 08, 2013 at 07:06 AM



“ Robert Heard lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter



Robert Heard - December 08, 2013 at 05:33 AM



“ Laura-Ashley Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter



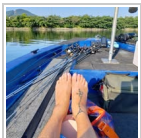
Laura-Ashley Outlaw - December 07, 2013 at 09:24 PM

BK

“ He was always so nice to me and i always had a good time when he was around. i will miss you and think of you often.



brian kitchen - December 07, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ You live in my heart, special boy. I'll see you again one day. ?



Tracie Bierman - December 07, 2013 at 10:16 AM

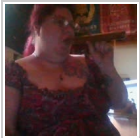


“ jeff i will miss you just as much as the next person ,you knew how to make someone smile when they didnt even want to really be out, there was a few times i would go out with some friends and i didnt feel good and u would make me my fav drink and tell me this will make you feel better and tell me you loved me and called me your little monkey girl, ( cause he'd make me the monkey juice ) now u are in that big new place and i will see u when i get there and tell stazyia , my mom and dad ,I LOVE AND MISS THEM AND LOVE AND MISS YOU TOO, RIP SWEETIE



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**Samantha Hawkins** - December 07, 2013 at 09:23 AM



“ He was quiet till you got to know him then he was a very sweet guy. I got used to seeing him at Images first when my hubby worked then then after when we just went there to hang out. He will be missed but now where he is he is whole & without pain



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**Debra Gordon** - December 07, 2013 at 08:42 AM

CG

“ When I have 1st met Jeff was when i started working at Images Bar. I thought he was a lil stranded cause he never talk to me, but then I got to know him after working with him and found out what a nice and cool guy he really was. And even though I'm not working the bar anymore i will miss him and I know the Images family and his personal family will miss him even more. Heaven and GOD is getting a fine great person.



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**Christopher Gordon** - December 07, 2013 at 08:28 AM

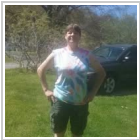
CG

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**Christopher Gordon** - December 07, 2013 at 08:09 AM



“ I have known you for years.We had the best times at Alan's.We have certainly lost a dear friend.But,heaven has gained an awesome bartender!!!!Party on my friend...

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**April Reid** - December 07, 2013 at 05:58 AM

CH

“ I remember the first time I met you at images yrs ago. You were one of the best bartenders I have known. Even though we weren't closer friends I will still miss you and will always think of you every time I go to images. Lots of love!

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**chris** - December 07, 2013 at 02:52 AM



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**Fannie Mae Charles** - December 07, 2013 at 02:48 AM

KL

“ Jeff if you only knew the impact you left on my daughter's life! Thank you for being her friend during her transition!

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**kathy lynn** - December 07, 2013 at 02:31 AM



“ I have always had a special place in my heart for Jeff, he was always very real with me, I always took what he said as a "fact". He always had a positive to say to me, my heart goes out to his Family, and his friends. It's sad when we loose a young person who contribute's so much to so many people. I am very honored to have known Jeff, and I am happy to know I have another Angel in Heaven watching over me. Blessed be his family, and blessed be his many friends. You had a very well raised child, and to his friends "we had a very good influence in our life by knowing Jeff" God Bless everyone involved in this young person's life.


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**Tara Starr** - December 07, 2013 at 02:16 AM

HD

“ Jeff I miss u dearly u will not be forgotten love you jeff I know ur in a better place without pain. Love heather

heather d - December 07, 2013 at 02:03 AM

  
Timothy Brock

“ Timothy Brock lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter



Timothy Brock - December 07, 2013 at 01:49 AM

JO

“ You were absolutely fabulous and will forever be loved and missed. Gonna miss your sarcasm and I know they've recieved a great angel. 'Til we meet again. <3

Joshua - December 07, 2013 at 01:38 AM

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BD

“ Jeff carter was a very loved man! I will always remember that beautiful smile! Always a hug when you need one...he is very much missed and loved!

Becca DeFoor - December 07, 2013 at 01:36 AM

TK

“ I didn't get the chance to really know jeff that well, but he was always smiling, and attentive to the entertainer's needs. My blessings to his family, and friends!

tasha le'ne khan - December 07, 2013 at 01:32 AM

JD

“ I wasn't very close to Jeff, as so many were, but the times that I did chat with him, he was very kind and considerate. I always enjoyed our conversations though they were few, they were always appreciated. I have had him in my prayers for a while now and I am praying now for his family and close friends. I know he will be missed by so many.

John Dove - December 06, 2013 at 06:40 AM

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“ Remember. you from images will miss you

thomas - December 06, 2013 at 12:08 AM

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J.

“ Jeff thank you for the 10 years of friendship. You were greatly loved, and badly missed. L

J.R. - December 05, 2013 at 05:12 PM

MI

“ Mick lit a candle in memory of Jeff Carter



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**Mick** - December 05, 2013 at 12:26 PM

MI

*I only met you the once.but will say you made the best kamikaze ever ...You have left a empty space in a lot of peoples hearts.God bless you and rest in peace.*

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**Mick** - December 05, 2013 at 12:31 PM

LS

“ *It's just unreal...we are all still in shock...You have such a beautiful soul and I know that you will ALWAYS be looking out for everyone you love. Jeff....I really wanna know....do we get wings??? I can see your sweet smile right now!!!*  
*Lisa ??*

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**Lisa Stewart** - December 05, 2013 at 11:15 AM

CB

*I have always understood your wheres, whys, and hows my little curmudgeon philosopher. Your older and wiser soul was trapped. How jealous I am that you are free and I am still stuck in this clay pot of mine bound to the earth. My memories of you are in the file cabinet marked heart. With love and appreciation of what you shared with me.*

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**Claudia Bargiel** - December 06, 2013 at 10:55 AM