



Jeffrey Troy

January 29, 2024

Jeffrey Troy, 76, of Lancaster passed away peacefully on Monday, January 29, 2024, at his home surrounded by the loves of his life: his wife, his daughter, and their dogs. He was the loving husband of Lisa (Miller) Troy and the world's best dad to Devin Troy (partner, Evan Kolesnick).

A native NYC kid from Manhattan, Jeff's spirit was as vibrant as the Big Apple itself. He had a decades-long career as a touring musician, writing original shows and topping charts with groups such as the Climax and Ricky and the Rockets. Most recently, he reunited with longtime friend Chubby Checker on tour and enjoyed playing bass and singing vocals with local band Sound of Roses.

Jeff was an avid and gifted hobbyist, renowned in the remote control hobby industry for his skills in building and covering model airplanes. He turned this hobby into a successful second career as a published book author and editor-in-chief for multiple industry publications. Over the years, Jeff received numerous awards for aeromodelling craftsmanship, participated in and organized national RC competitions, ran a hobby store with his wife, served as president of the Valley Forge Signal Seekers, designed and developed his own model airplane kits, performed covering technique demonstrations, and was most recently a member of the Lancaster RC Club where he founded an annual vintage RC contest. He was very proud to be inducted into the

Academy of Model Aeronautics Hall of Fame and the Vintage RC Society Hall of Fame.

Jeff enjoyed building model kit cars, particularly his prized Bradley GT. He also restored and raced vintage go-karts, a hobby from childhood he loved sharing with his daughter. A film and tv enthusiast, suggesting new things to watch was one of Jeff's favorite ways to stay connected with his many friends around the country.

Jeff loved animals and never met a dog he didn't need to pet. He and Lisa were active in dog rescue, fostering more than 30 English Setters and adopting six of their own.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Jeff is survived by his son, Marc Troy; brother, Jon Troy; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Marc Grossman; stepfather, Buddy Troy; brother, Jay Troy; and mother, Patti Troy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Jeff's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Jeff's name to: A Better English Setter Rescue, Cheryl Bennett, Treasurer 6212 Pumpnickel Lane, Monroe, NC 28110. Please make checks out to the name of the rescue.

Please visit Jeff's Memorial Page at www.TheGroffs.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Jeff was a great soul.

jonathan - March 23 at 01:23 PM

WB

“ I met Jeff in 1988 when we were working together to bring the 1989 AMA Nationals to Richland, WA. We remained friends and enjoyed writing about our passion for the hobby. Jeff was a contributing editor to my magazines, including RC Sport Flyer, which he contributed to for many years—he was an excellent writer. I think he missed his real calling. He should have written books because he knew how to engage the readers. The last time we spoke he talked of how proud he was of his daughter. Jeff, I will miss you and your corny jokes!

Wil Byers - November 20, 2024 at 11:19 PM

LS

“ We knew Jeff from RC. He always stopped by our booth at a show and we shared a story or two. Always looked for his articles in the magazines. Jeff was an asset to the radio control hobby and he sure will be missed.

Luke and Sue Simion - February 09, 2024 at 10:24 PM

HM

“ Jeff and I became good friends at the Lancaster RC club. We both shared a passion for building and flying model airplanes. Jeff's skills represented what I'd consider to be a lost art- building complex models that were not only difficult to construct but difficult to fly as well. His skills were rarely equalled and never surpassed. I also really appreciated his desire to refurbish antique go carts. His carts looked like they just rolled off the assembly line, polished and clean. They are absolutely functional and works of art. You'll be missed pal!

HARRIS J MALKIN - February 09, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MS

“ I met Jeff because I was always redecorating. Lisa was our go-to person at Phillips Paint and Wall covering. One day she noticed my husband Jack had an English Setter in the car. A friendship was born.

I think it was a few years before we visited the Troy home to introduce English to English. Shy and retiring as Jeff was, it took some time (minutes) to discover he was a professional bass player. I play keyboard in the Sound of Roses Band and we needed a bassist. Rock meets Jazz.

"Too many notes and too much dissonance." But Jeff was a wonderful asset to our band, despite his complaints. And we did some Chicago stuff that wouldn't have been possible without his bass, and his voice.

There are dog stories about Henry and Dashia (Jeff and Jack's heart dogs, respectively I believe) and so much more. New York, New York, Sweet Caroline and "goofball" setters will always remind me of my favorite rocker.

Mimi Sigworth

Mimi Sigworth - February 09, 2024 at 05:36 PM

DM

“ Jeff contacted me years ago. He was coming into town and saw that I had a Spitfire Go kart. He was at a track. He wanted me to sell mine to him but instead we became friends. He wanted mine. I wanted his. He was a good guy! Fun to talk to. He found out I am a musician and we became long distance buddies. My condolences to the family.

Dave Michaels - February 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

PS

“ Ladies and Gentlemen.....Live from Bayonne, New Jersey...It's a blast from the past...It's a Kick in the Ass...It's Ricky and the Rockets

What a Super show to mix, Jeff was so prolific in his show writing, production and playing! So many great nights and years of music and hilarious skits and props.

And then we flew R/C airplanes together also.. Wow.

Thank you so much Jeff for having Mary Beth and myself in your life.

Price Stevenson

Price Stevenson - February 03, 2024 at 12:35 PM

TH

“ I met jeff when my wife Deb and I adopted an English Setter through the Setter rescue that Jeff and Lisa were part of. I enjoyed getting to know jeff because we had mutual interests in both dogs and music. Jeff and I would sometimes play together at the annual Setter picnic that raises money for the dogs. Jeff gave me my chance at my "15 minutes of fame" when he called to offer me a position as keyboard player in the band backing Chubby Checker which I unfortunately was unable to do at the time. It was very humbling to think that he felt that highly of me as a musician and I will never forget that. He was a very kind and caring person. I treasure the memories of those years at the Setter picnics playing music and joking with both Jeff and Lisa . Thank you Jeff for all those great memories.

Tad Holtz - February 02, 2024 at 07:05 PM

TB

“ Rock on Jeff. You can play as loud as you want! Will miss you.
Tom Benton - The Sound of Roses Big Band

Tom Benton - February 02, 2024 at 07:03 PM

CU

“ Although i argued with Jeff over musical interpretation and he frustrated me at times, I deem Jeff as a true friend that dispute differences, would do anything you at anytime. Rest in peace dear friend.

Craig Underwood - The Sound of Roses

craig underwood - February 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ A great memory for me of Jeff was being able to talk about the good old rock bands that he played with and how great the music was from our era when they were true musicians. Jack

jack bippus - February 01, 2024 at 09:22 PM