



## Jeffrey A. Brugato

September 4, 1951 - March 12, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father and husband, Jeffrey Alan Brugato on March 12, 2025. Jeff was born September 4, 1951 in Portland, Oregon to Salvatore and Mary (LoPiparo) Brugato. He attended Llewellyn Elementary School and graduated Benson Polytechnical High School in 1969. Growing up, Jeff was very active in the Indian Guides. As a teenager, he worked for his Uncle George at the 15th Avenue Market and later at Kienow's Food Store. After graduating high school he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard where he served as a radio operator. His service included time in New Bedford, New Jersey, Greenland, and the Caribbean Sea. An adventurous young man, upon his transfer from Massachusetts to Astoria, Oregon, he chose to drive his light blue Fiat cross country in the middle of winter.

After leaving military service, Jeff began a lifelong career in finance. He worked for Household Finance Company for 28 years, retiring for the first time in 2002. During his time with HFC, he and his family lived throughout California, Oregon, and Washington, settling in Tualatin, OR and later Battle Ground, WA.

Jeff was a dedicated family man. He married his loving wife Kerrie in 1991 and together they settled in Battle Ground with Jeff's daughter and son and where they later welcomed three beautiful daughters together, making Jeff the proud father of five. Jeff loved Mexico and frequently traveled there, making many friends until he and his family moved to Mazatlán, Sinoloa in 2003. Jeff and

his family returned to Vancouver, WA in 2004 where they continue to reside. He continued to work in finance and mortgage lending along-side his wife Kerrie until 2012.

After leaving finance, Jeff worked with his brother Tom at Pacific Coast Fruit in Portland. He volunteered daily with Habitat for Humanity and enjoyed sharing stories of his work there. He loved camping, fishing, and boating and there was rarely a weekend he wasn't at his beloved family cabin or at the river with family and many friends, waterskiing and fishing. He loved snow skiing, traveling - taking many cruises throughout the world, and John Wayne movies. Jeff will be remembered for his infectious sense of humor, his many silly selfies, his adventurous nature, his deep love for his family, and his pride in being 100% Sicilian.

Jeff and his wife Kerrie were married for 33 and half years. He is survived by Kerrie and his daughters Nicole Brugato (Steve Arntt), Kaitlin Brugato (fiancé Tanner Van Valey), Taylor Brugato, and Allyssa Brugato (fiancé James Millspaugh); his sister Janice Brugato-Carlson and brothers Sam Brugato and Tom Brugato (Nancy) and brothers/sisters-in-law, Kristie (Darrin) Lowry, Kelly (Charles) Hill, Kevin Winter, and Kim (Phyllis) Winter, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore (Sam) and Mary Brugato (2019, 2022), and by his son, Ryan Jeffrey Brugato (1994). We know Ryan was waiting with open arms to embrace his Dad.

A memorial service to honor Jeff's life will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at St. John's Lutheran Church (11005 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, WA 98686). For those wishing to have a moment with Jeff, viewing will be held in a private room beginning at 10:20 am. The memorial service starts at 11:00 am in the Chapel. All are invited to a reception at St. John's following the service to share comradery, memories and stories.

In lieu of flowers, you may honor Jeff by making donation in his name to The American Cancer Society or Habitat for Humanity.



# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:30 PM

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“ I love you forever.

Nicole Brugato - March 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I cannot put into words how very sorry I am to the Brugato family. If one thing was evident, Jeff loved his wife and girls. My heart is heavy for the loss to his girls. His parents and Ryan were definitely waiting for him with open arms. Rest in paradise, Jeff.

Kristy Nass - March 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Jeffrey A. Brugato - March 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM