



## Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo

June 2, 1957 - August 15, 2022

Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo, 65 year old resident of Bemidji, MN, formerly of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022 in Little Falls. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, August 22, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, with Pastor Gary Hendrickson officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Little Falls. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 AM Monday at the church. Caring for Jeff and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Jon Jeffery DiMatteo was born on June 2, 1957 in Little Falls, MN to the late Leonard and Joan (Geisler) DiMatteo. During the summers while in high school, Jeff would help out on his sister's farm near Hazelton, ND. He graduated from Little Falls High School in 1975. Jeff went on to attend St. Cloud State, receiving his Masters Degree, and continued his education at NDSU where he received his Doctorate in Zoology. In his work, Jeff conducted surveys of the cranes, eagles and pelicans in our area. He was the first to establish that the Sand Hill Cranes of northwestern Minnesota, migrated down to Texas and not to Florida as was commonly believed. Jeff was currently residing in Bemidji, MN.

Jeff is survived by his sister, Jan Fransen of Vancouver, WA; brothers, Lawrence (Georgie) DiMatteo of St. Cloud, MN and Jay (special friend Sheryl Christensen) of Pillager, MN; Nieces and nephews, Jodi (Scott) Deutsch,

Adele (Russell) Slygh, and Peter Aust; grand nieces and nephews, Makenna Deutsch, Greyson and Harlow Slygh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Joan DiMatteo.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
411 3rd Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

## Funeral Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Jeff was a dear friend of mine while I worked at NDSU and he was a grad student. He helped me with my job and was always such a great friend. I spent many hours with Jeff hanging out and talking about politics and the world, and we spent many hours laughing together. I always knew I could count on Jeff if I ever needed anything. Jeff and I had lost touch a bit but I just talked to him this summer. He mentioned he was having some health problems, but he played it down. I am so sorry to just be finding out about Jeff's passing. I am very sad that he is gone and I miss him. Sincere condolences to Jeff's family and friends. He was a wonderful, kind, patient man, with a great sense of humor. Sincerely, Tami Asplin*

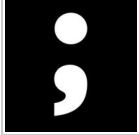
Tami Asplin - November 14, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo.*



August 21, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ Jodi Leyk lit a candle in memory of Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo



Jodi Leyk - August 21, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - August 19, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ RIP Jon



Dolores Wielinski - August 18, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ Charlie And Dianne Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - August 18, 2022 at 07:59 PM

CD

“ My deepest sympathy to Jan and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Carol Barnes Dresen

Carol Dresen - August 18, 2022 at 02:53 PM

BA

“ Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jon "Jeff" DiMatteo



Bruce and Kathy Anderson - August 17, 2022 at 09:34 PM

ML

“ Jim and I extend our sympathies to Jan and the family. Our prayers are with you all. Hugs from Bismarck, ND.

Melissa Lewis - August 17, 2022 at 10:41 AM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathy on Jeff's passing.....so sad. 🌻



bruce and Patti Hammerbeck - August 16, 2022 at 06:25 PM