



## Jeffrey W. Cheal

March 3, 2017

Cheal, Jeffrey Winston

Rochester, NY: Formerly of Marion, NY and Lansing, MI. It is with heavy hearts filled with happy memories that we announce the passing of our cherished husband and father at the age of 61. He was predeceased by his parents, Winston and Marion (Truitt his sister, Cindy DiCesare (Cheal). He is survived by his beloved wife, Vikki Cheal (Tang his children, Jennifer (David) Recino and Corporal Ben Cheal USMC; his brother, Steve (Terri) Cheal; brother-in-law, Nick DiCesare; nieces, Jaime (Bob) Johnson, Lauren DiCesare and Brooke (Henry) Delbridge; his nephews, Brandon (Karrie) Cheal and Matthew (Bethany) Cheal; and several great nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Jeffrey retired from the City of Rochester IT Department in 2015 as a Systems Engineer III after 32 years of service. Jeff had many interests and talents including carpentry. He was a sports and motorcycle enthusiast and he had a lifelong passion for reading and learning. He was a compassionate, loving father and husband and cherished his family and friends above all. He will be greatly missed.

Jeff had courageous battles with several illnesses, but he fought long and admirably to the end. His family would like to thank the staff of Strong Memorial Hospital; Wilmot Cancer Center; Brighton Dialysis; Strong Palliative Care and Strong Hospice Care for their thoughtful and tender care, and

special thanks to Unity Dialysis at Chili for their exceptional genuine care and support. The family is extremely grateful to the City of Rochester and especially the IT Department family for their generous concern and support. You have all been amazing!

We'll be celebrating the life and memory of this very special man on Sunday March 5, 2017 at 2 PM at the Gates Presbyterian Church located at 1049 Wegman Rd., Gates, NY 14624. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Wilmot Cancer Center or Unity Dialysis at Chili.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had many an occasion to coordinate projects with Jeff for the Patrol Division sections. He was always polite and willing to resolve any tech issues. My sincere sympathy to the Cheal family and a wish that his memory will remain with you always.

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**Jim Volke RPD LT (retired)** - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sincere condolences to the Cheal family. Jeff was an excellent co-worker, but more importantly, a great person. He was always pleasant to be around, regardless of whatever health issues he was dealing with. He was extremely competent in his professional skills, and played a pivotal role in many of RPD's successes where information technology was a core component. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and his family.

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**John Girvin** - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff was a cherished co-worker. I wish the best memories for the family.

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**Lori Baldwin (Bishop)** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Cheal Family,  
I worked with Jeff many years in the Police Department. His skills and friendship were valued by all who worked with him. My God continue to bless him, his family, all members of the Rochester Police Department and our great nation.

Best,  
Rob Goldfinger  
RPD Captain (Retired)

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**Rob Goldfinger RPD Capt (ret)** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I want to express my sincere condolence for the loss of Jeff to the Cheal Family. Jeff helped me so much with the computer issues I experienced while working for RPD. He was sincere and when I ever needed assistance he would not hesitate to come to my aid. He will be missed but he is not suffering anymore. RIP and God Bless

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**Carl C Simms** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Jeff as an extremely bright and hard working member of the Information Systems Unit, back in the days when it was part of the Rochester Police Department's Research & Evaluation Section. He always tried to come up with solutions to problems to the benefit of the department, back when main frame computers were the norm, and the world was starting to transition to PCs. Saddened to hear of his passing at such a young age. Condolences and sympathies to the Cheal family.

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**Bruce Philpott, Captain, RPD, retired** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I enjoyed working with Jeff at RPD.  
He always took the time to help you with any technical problem you had.  
Jeff was a great co-worker and a generous man.

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**Ralph Gagliano** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I am very sad to learn of this news regarding Jeff. Jeff was a great guy and friend during my time on the 6th floor at RPD! I worked in the Professional Development Section, Media Unit, next hallway and office over from Jeff. Both of us shared a keen interest in computers and all things technical related. He had a great sense of humor and was often very helpful to me in my work and responsibilities at RPD.

*To all his family and friends please accept my sincere condolences. May you all be blessed and comforted in this time of need and sorrow with Jeff's passing. I for one will never forget him. Best wishes to you all!!*

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**Herb Lamb - Retired RPD Sergeant** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ My deepest sympathy to the Cheal family for the passing of Jeff. He was always a friendly guy who was willing to help when IT problems came up, and in my case, that was often. Always a gentleman.

*Richard Fantanza, Investigator Retired RPD*

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**RICHARD A FANTANZA** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Jeff was a quiet and unassuming man, however very knowledgeable and willing to assist those in need at a moments notice. Jeff assisted us in the transition from the manual labor intensive world prior to the genesis of the computer age. Simply just a "good guy". So sorry for the loss on "this side", however, I am confident that GOD has better things in store for Jeff on the other side. GOD Bless you Jeff, and the entire Cheal Family.....

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**Clifton H Manns Sr** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I wanted to extend my condolences to Jeff's family. Jeff and I worked very closely together for several years when I was in Research and Evaluation Section and Special Criminal Investigations Section. Jeff's hard work and creativity were responsible for assisting not only the administration but also the officers and investigators to complete their jobs more effectively and efficiently. He was one of the unsung heroes of the department. He was also responsible for my own interests in learning about computers and technology. I am saddened by his passing at such an early age.

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**Bill Danley, Sergeant, RPD, retired** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ What a shock. I worked with Jeff for many years when R&E and IT were together. Jeff is a quiet compassionate person. He worked hard and was very up to date with his work and the technology. I used to talk to him about his garden, something he and Vicky were proud of and Brenda and I were the receipt of the "generously given surplus" that came form the garden. I never know of his illnesses, he never talked about them or complained. Vicky please know that Brenda and I will have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We will all miss him.

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**Mike and Brenda Bialaszewski** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My wife Cathy and I share our condolences to all in the Cheal family. We worked together in Research and Evaluation many years ago. We recall being honored to attend the wedding in Dansville. Jeff was very helpful to me in R E during some difficult times in RPD history.

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**Rob Dewey, RPD Captain, Retired** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM