



## Jeffrey A. Bitker

May 22, 1950 - April 23, 2021

Jeffrey A. Bitker, age 70 of Mentor, passed away Friday, April 23, 2021 at home. He was born May 22, 1950 in East Cleveland, OH.

Jeffrey worked at Lincoln Electric for most of his life. He was a member of the Western Reserve Yacht Club for 29 years and was a past Commodore of the club. He held many positions on the Flag, EBoard, was the Clubhouse Manager, and a Function Chairperson for many years. His passions were cruising the lakes, vacationing with his family, bowling, and the Cleveland Browns.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Linda Bitker; children, Edward (Jennifer) Mikolic, Kevin (Erin) Mikolic, Tina Conti, and Matthew Bitker; grandchildren, Tyler, Maryssa, Hanna, Kristen, James, Ryan, Austin, and Savannah; and brothers, Dale and Russell Bitker.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Freda Bitker; and his brother, Ronald Bitker.

Family and friends will be received from 10-12 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A memorial service will follow at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon,

OH. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Contributions in Jeff's memory may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192 or donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Memorial Service

**MAY 18.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.*



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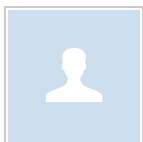
May 17, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Dear Linda and family,  
We are so very sorry to learn about Jeff's passing...  
He was always so kind and he will be remembered by his big smile and warm greeting every time we would see him.  
The time spent at WRYC was some of our best times.. the fun boating trips.. some not so much, but the best treasures that will always remain in our hearts are the great people that we were able to call friends! May God bless and give you strength and peace knowing he is with The Lord.  
Deepest condolences,  
Rich and Patti Wolfe*

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**Richard and Patti Wolfe** - May 10, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.*



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May 07, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.



April 30, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.



April 30, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ Jeff, you were generous to a fault, comical as hell, always willing to help. you exemplified what wryc is about. i was proud to have you as a first mate on the maiden voyage of STUMBLIN INN , many good times on the water with you and Linda, thanks for the memories. now as the song says guess I will sit rite here on this pier and DRINK A BEER...Rick

**Rick Hutchins** - April 30, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.



April 28, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.*



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April 28, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Sending peace, love and strength to Linda and family. So many great memories with Jeff at the club. Infectious smile and sense of humor will be deeply missed. Our condolences, Chris and Theresa Ankuda*

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**Theresa Ankuda** - April 28, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Jeff, you've been a long time friend. You and Linda have done so much for the club for so many years. May you Rest In Peace.*

*Don W.*

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**Don Walton** - April 28, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Thank you Jeff for all of the good times we had together you were one of the first people to take a likeing to me rip my friend now go drive that big boat in the sky go cheer your browns on & give my sister a big hug for my mom dad& I do not worry Linda & chuck will be ok we will keep eye on them love Rick sherry &Kevin*

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**kevin hutchins** - April 27, 2021 at 09:33 PM

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“ Jeff, you always held a special place in my heart, you were my person for so many years. Although we have been disconnected for quite sometime, I never lost the loving memories. I will never forget the good time we all had together, I hold them dear to my heart and always will. Rest in peace, love Patty

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**Patty Miklavcic** - April 27, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MJ

“ Thinking a lot about you Uncle Jeff and all the memories. No one can ever play Santa Clause quite like you did. All of us kids would light up when you would walk through the doors dressed in the red suit and white beard. Even without the Santa gear, you could light up our hearts. I love you and will always cherish those memories. Rest In Peace.

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**Michelle Johnson** - April 27, 2021 at 02:53 PM

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“ Going to miss this fun character with all the great memories and past adventures we had at the yacht club and travels on the boat with our dad Robert Roche. It was fun hanging while it lasted. We love you man!❤️ Have a beer 🍺 with Bobby on us!

Love,  
Scott & Kelli Rowe

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**Kelli Rowe** - April 27, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.*



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April 27, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Linda,  
I am so sorry to hear about Jeff. It has been a bad year for so many.  
It's sad that you have to bear this right now. Our family sends you  
their love.  
Love,  
Thomas*

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**Thomas Massey** - April 27, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey A. Bitker.*



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April 26, 2021 at 10:55 PM