



Jeffrey Evans Dalton

June 3, 1947 - May 3, 2024

Jeffrey Evans Dalton, beloved husband, father, and brother, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jeanmarie Morgan; daughter, Kate Dalton (Karl); sister, Nancy Dwoyer (Doug); nieces Diana Blanton (Josh) and Emily Dwoyer (Andrew); sister-law, Maureen Morgan (Peter); and mother-in-law, Patricia Binkley, along with friends near and far.

Jeff was born June 3rd, 1947, in Radford, Virginia, to the late Martin Lester and Ruth Dalton. He spent his childhood in Warm Springs, Virginia. A naturally talented singer and actor, Jeff moved to California and performed professionally in the 70s, including acting alongside Gregory Peck in the 1970 film *I Walk The Line*. After marrying Jeanie in 1982, they moved back to Virginia to be closer to family, and to start a family of their own. Jeff worked in Virginia Tech's Video and Broadcast Services, directing and producing a variety of projects for the campus over the course of his career.

Jeff retired from his position as Senior Producer in 2017. His retirement years included spending time with his family and friends, especially his beloved dogs, whom he loved to spoil. Jeff was hilarious and quick-witted, and unfalteringly generous. He loved to fish, and was a never-ending font of stories and information. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“*Jeanie, Kate, and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss and send you our condolences.*

Jeff and I were co-workers at Video/Broadcast Services. Jeff was a gifted writer and an excellent “talent director”. Many times in the VBS TV Studio, I watched as he patiently coaxed the best performance of lines from nervous studio guests of all ages (including children, students, faculty, VT Presidents, and several Commonwealth Governors).

On occasion I was blessed to hear Jeff sing....He had a beautiful voice. I recall attending a televised Virginia Tech basketball game with Jeff. Shortly before the tip-off of the game Jeff left his seat, telling me he'd be back in a moment. I suspected he was headed to the concession stand and I thought he would certainly miss the start of the game. When the Cassel Colosseum lights dimmed, a spotlight hit court side as the PA announcer said “Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the national anthem”... and to my great surprise there in the spotlight stood Jeff. He sang a beautiful version of the anthem that night. When Jeff returned to his seat, I told him he had done the national anthem proud and asked why he had not told me he was going to sing. His response was very humble.

Jeff also had a wonderful sense of humor. He could tell a joke or spin one of his famous story better than anyone I have ever known. Jeff and I fished the new river several times over the years. It was always a pleasant and a relaxing experience whether or not we caught any fish.

Thank you Jeff for all the fond memories and for your friendship. I was blessed to have worked along side you and to call you my friend. (Mark Harden)

Mark Harden - May 12, 2024 at 03:10 PM

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“*My deepest condolences to the Dalton family. I met Jeff in 1985 while working at VA Tech in the Video Broadcast Services division. I remember him as a very kind and funny person. I'm honored to have known him. Wes Bishop*

Wesley Bishop - May 11, 2024 at 09:49 PM