



## Jeffrey Smith

July 1, 1966 - May 29, 2011

Jeffrey C. Smith, 44 of rural Gibbon, died Sunday May 29, 2011 at the Nebraska Medical Center - Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. A memorial service will be held 10:30 AM Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. Dean Pofahl will officiate. Masonic rites will be conducted by the Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney. There will be no visitation. Memorials will be established by the family. On-line condolences may be submitted to [osafh.com](http://osafh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born July 1, 1966 in Kearney to I.C. Smith and Linda K. (Petersen) Smith. He was a 1984 graduate of Kearney High School, and he attended Kearney State College. He was a long-time area resident. He had traveled extensively as the Central Regional Director of National Accounts for Pharmed Group of Miami. He enjoyed family gatherings, entertaining, golfing, ocean fishing, and events at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA). He was a member of the Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 of Kearney, the BPO Elks, Kearney Lodge 984, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 2839 of North Platte. Survivors include his partner, Stan Schwartz of Gibbon; mother, Linda K. Petersen of Kearney; father, I.C. Smith of North Platte; uncle, Kern J. Petersen and his wife, Marsha of Corona, CA.; great-uncle, Robert Schnuelle of Grand Island; step-brother, Travis Weaver of Kearney; cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Jim and Carolmae Petersen.



# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Smith

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I will never forget all the wonderful times I shared with Jeffrey! His awesome, fun-loving personality was the best! I will never forget the time I opened the front door of my apartment to find Jeffrey standing there in a white lab coat we wore for work, with a face mask and rubber gloves on, bringing me chicken noodle soup and cough drops! He was trying so hard not to laugh! Or the time we were in Denver, I believe it was August of 2010, for an Audiology Conference for work, and a tornado was spotted by the Denver Airport and our luggage made it back to Kearney, but we couldn't get thru security to make our flight! Shortly after checking into a hotel, Jeffrey walked to a convenience store and when returning to the hotel, when taking a short cut thru the lawn, all decked out in his nice business suite, arms loaded with his purchases, the underground sprinklers began popping up one by one and soaking him...it was hilarious, but what was even more funny was when he called me and asked me to call the front desk for a robe....after laughing uncontrollably, I somehow was able to remind him we were at a "Sleep Inn" by Choice Hotels, not a 5 star resort...he was out of luck.

Stan, we shared many happy times with Jeffrey. My favorite time was when we grilled out at "The Ponderosa" and we played cards and board games, laughing till we were in tears and we would never let you win! Jeffrey and I enjoyed shopping for unique items we knew you would cherish forever! He always wanted to surprise you with something from our shopping excursions!

RIP my best friend! I am honored to have been your side kick for many years! I will miss you more than words can describe. I know you are happy now and reunited with Festus, your beloved cat, and my Dog Scooby, another one of your biggest fans!

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Cynthia Lammers - February 20, 2014 at 01:51 AM

NS

“ Stan, Pam, and George. I am so sorry for your loss. Jeffrey was such a nice person. It has been along time, since I have seen him. I will always remember him as a great host and generous person. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

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**Nancy Stewart** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RC

“ Dear Stan - you and all the family our in our thoughts. We were so very saddened to hear about Jeff's passing. I wish we could have known him better...the few times we were with the two of you, he made us laugh, made us feel comfortable, and was the life of the party. We'll always remember the great time we had with him. We're so very sorry... With love, Ron and Sue

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**Ron and Sue Cook** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

VE

“ Stan, I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Val

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**Val Erpelding** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JD

“ You are in our thoughts andd prayers.. He is at peace know.. Love the Dancers.

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**John,Lori And Dakota Dancer** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

RS

“ Jeff you will be greatly missed,the way you had of making every one comfortable and feeling like family.The twinkel in your eyes said it all, I will remember the good food and fun we all had Rest in peace my friend. in Loving memory Rachel and Family

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**Rachel Strong** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM