

**William Jeffery Long  
1962-2011**

**Eulogy**

I have had the opportunity to talk with people who knew my brother and he has been described as unique, wonderful, quirky, thoughtful & different. These were a few of the words used to describe him.

Jeff was a private person and I don't think anyone knew Jeff completely. He seemed to compartmentalize his life. I can tell you this much, he was a man who believed in rules as he believed this was what helped bind society to keep order and it kept people safe.

Jeff believed in following rules and did not ever stray from this. Examples of this were shown often enough through his personality. Jeff could be stubborn and upheld his convictions. He could be kind, caring and show concern and try to help people to the best of his abilities.

He had a great sense of community and it showed by his actions within his short life. He was a medic in the Canadian Army Reserve, worked security for public events, volunteered for St. John's Ambulance, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. At work he was a Shop Steward for the union and a member of the Health and Safety Committee.

As his family, we would love to hear from people who have and stories to tell from their interactions with Jeff. If you felt he made an impact upon your life, please share with us. Grief is hard to deal with but grief shared is grief diminished and perhaps this will help us all so we may remember and celebrate Jeff's life. I am going to see if I can post this on the AC website with my contact information so it is available for those who wish to do so.

I would like to start by telling you two stories which I think help define my brother and show his depth of character. Please feel free to contact me and do the same.

One day when Jeff was with the reserves coming back from Meaford, ON in a convoy, they witnessed two elderly ladies have a car accident resulting in

the car they were in landing in a farmers ditch about 6 feet deep. The car landed horizontally pinning the doors so there was no ready means of escape from the car.

A few vehicles peeled away from the convoy to render assistance. Both women suffered injuries but the army was able to remove them from the vehicle and transport them to hospital. Both ladies suffered trauma and while on route to hospital one of the victims nearly died from a heart attack.

Jeff was able to resuscitate the victim and managed to stabilize them both until they made the hospital. Jeff received a citation for his efforts.

I don't know anyone I would rather have with me in a crunch as Jeff was the kind of person to do whatever was necessary in an emergency situation. Jeff was my hero.

One day my brother was driving down the QEW and an OPP cruiser went past him at over 130 km/h. A lady in another car pulled behind the cruiser and followed. So did my brother. The cruiser pulled over and issued a ticket to the lady for following to close to an emergency vehicle and a ticket for speeding.

He then approached Jeff to issue a ticket for speeding. Jeff refused and sited his argument. If the police had time to pull him over then the policeman was not responding to an emergency and was speeding for no reason and therefore breaking the law.

He told the officer that if he issued a ticket to Jeff, he had to issue one to himself as well. If he did not he wanted a Citizens Arrest and would see the police officer in court. This is an example of Jeff's stubbornness and tenacity. He knew he was right and put his foot down. The result was a very frustrated officer finally walking away without issuing a ticket to Jeff.

Jeff was not a loner but a person very busy making and leaving his mark upon the world. I think he was very successful in this and he made me a better person for this. Where people bitched and complained, Jeff looked for solutions. Where people gave in, Jeff was spurred into action to try to make things right.

We all miss him greatly and the world became a little dimmer with his passing. Please try to remember the good things and help keep his memory alive as he will live in his family's heart forever.

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