



John R. Jeffrey

October 6, 1930 - February 15, 2014

John R. "Sir John" Jeffrey 83, of Estero passed away Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Joanne House at Hope Hospice. He was born October 6, 1930, a son of the late Walter R. and Mildred K. (née Honey) Jeffrey. He has been a resident of Southwest Florida for over 40 years.

Chicago-born, Sir John has played many of the jazz clubs in and around the Chicago area. Noted for his vibie pyrotechnics, Sir John appeared with some of the greats such as Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, comedians, Frank Gorshen, Pat Henry, Jack Carter and actor, Dan Dailey.

As a graduate of the Roy Knapp School of Percussion in Chicago, he played with show groups in the Chicago area and later in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Sir John is no stranger to Southwest Florida as he headlined at major clubs for over 40 years. He currently was playing with a group called, The Trio.

Sir John is survived by his loving wife, Muriel A. Jeffrey of Estero, FL; son, John M. Jeffrey and his wife, Nancy of Elmhurst, IL; daughter, Jeri Lynn Else of Lombard, IL and two grandsons, Thomas Else and Michael J. Else.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Judith Anne Jeffrey.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held Sunday, March 23, 2014

at 3:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project 10150 Highland Manor Dr. #303, Tampa, FL 33610 or online at woundedwarriorproject.org or the Lee County Animal Services 5600 Banner Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33912 in memory of John.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Jeffrey*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I was blessed to have worked with Sir John and consider him a best friend. Hours were spent talking about all things Jazz with John having inexhaustible information and tales to pass on and share. A number of recordings of us playing/working together allow me to enjoy those occasions.*

Play on, John.

Chet Baker - April 18, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *"Sir John" was "One of a Kind." His Musical genus & technique were so very special. I had the pleasure to work & record with John in my Chicago days. John was a true professional who freely shared his craft. John gave me "how to instructions" to build my dolls and give them a musical life. No one made it work like John.*

Thank you John, Mr. Bones lives on.

*Sincerely, J. Drase
Las Vegas,NV*

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