



## JEFF MERRILL

June 17, 1941 - December 2, 2021

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Jeffrey Lynn Merrill, 80, died peacefully in his sleep during the early morning hours of Thursday, December 2, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Plans will be announced as soon as they are available, so family and friends can make plans to attend. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to “SAVE-A-PET,” [saveapetinc.org](http://saveapetinc.org) or P. O. Box 933, Forsyth, GA 31029.

Jeff was born in Bowdon, Georgia, on June 17, 1941, to the late Roy Claude Merrill and the late Mary Katherine Fuller Merrill, and grew up in Piedmont, Alabama. He graduated from West Point, The United States Military Academy, and proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force. In 1964, Jeff married the love of his life, Carol Plumley Haslam, his high school sweetheart. An engineer by trade, he worked as the Vice President and General Manager for Southern Forest industries in Smarr, Georgia, and retired in 2016 after thirty-two years with the company. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and his loving and devoted wife of fifty-three years, Carol Merrill.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Jeff are his caring daughter and son-in-law, Traci and Jim Marshall of Henderson, GA; his beloved granddaughter and her husband, Peyton and Jordan Meyer of Dallas, TX; his brothers, Tim Merrill of Piedmont, AL, and Zack Merrill (Libby) of Greenville, SC; his sisters, Dr. Sandra Merrill of Charlotte, NC, and Suzie Voss (Jim) of Piedmont, AL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Through the years I always admired and loved spending time with my uncle Jeff. He had a cool job, and a very special wife, daughter, and granddaughter (Plum, Traci, & Peyton). He had an awesome home on a lot of land surrounded by trees. The first time I ever shoot a gun was in his back yard. Over the years they've always had a variety of terrific dogs. Jeff didn't talk a lot and neither did I, and I think we appreciated that about each other. We could sit outside, drink a beer or two, hang with the dogs, take in the view, and enjoy every minute of it. Jeff loved working, spending time with his family and dogs, shooting, listening to country music, and watching college football. He was everything you, or at least I, could ever ask for in an uncle. Jeff made the world a better place and he will certainly be missed.  
Love....Steve



**Steven Buttram** - January 05 at 07:57 PM

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“ I enjoyed chatting with Jeff in the neighborhood and at the dog park. I will always remember his kind demeanor. He was a gentleman and will be missed.

**Jim Moody** - December 06, 2021 at 09:03 AM

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“ Oh yes Jeff was a gentleman! I enjoyed many conversations with Jeff at our Wednesday morning coffee club, and dinners at Mary Catherine . Rest In Peace my friend. My prayers are with you and your family. Kathy Drescher

**kathy Dre#chrr** - December 06, 2021 at 04:45 AM

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“ Jeff was a very dear friend and a true gentleman. We spent many enjoyable hours at at our local dog park where he took his beloved dog Moxie. I will always remember his kindness when I lost my husband. He will be missed so many. Goodbye my dear and very loved friend. Jean and Smiley. RIP



**Jean Cunningham** - December 05, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I'm thinking of you all and will be praying for your family. I will miss him dearly.

**Susie Mercer- neighbor** - December 05, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ My condolences, Jeff was a true friend. I will miss him.

**Louis Houck** - December 06, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.  
Jeff will be remembered as one of the kindest people you could meet. We met both Jeff and Plum shooting the Social Shooting Club a long time ago. Jeff loved to shoot, Alabama football, and his fur babies. We will miss you Jeff.

**suzanne May** - December 07, 2021 at 06:52 AM