



## Jeffery Dean Antonakos

May 8, 1957 - September 28, 2024

Jeffrey Dean Antonakos, beloved brother, uncle, and great-uncle, died suddenly and unexpectedly from heart failure on September 28. Jeff had a lifelong passion for music and loved playing his bass guitar and performing in bands. How fitting it was that he died immediately after finishing his last performance and playing one of his favorite songs, "We're an American Band."

Jeff was born on May 8, 1957, in Poughkeepsie, NY, to Janet Demtrak and George Antonakos. He was soft-spoken and kind-hearted, and those who knew him admired his musical talent and his good-natured, generous spirit.

Jeff's life was filled with music and family. After high school, he took off for Nashville and then traveled the world playing in bands on cruise ships and on the USO circuit, including performances in the Philippines and the Netherlands. Through his music, he had the opportunity to travel to many countries and to visit distant relatives in Greece. During Jeff's final years, he returned home to Binghamton and played with the

bands Rooster

and The Roadhouse Horns and Diamondback.

Jeff is survived by siblings James (Petra), Heather England (Jerry), Patti Roth (Jeff), and Peter

Quinnan (Dave), his Aunt Carol, Aunt Judy, and Uncle Jack, and many cousins. He is also

survived by his nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews (Turner, Victoria, Ashley,

Grace, Courtney, Matt, Cooper, Riley, Jon, Kari, Kennedy, Sophie, Penelope, Jace, Carson, and

Braxton).

We already miss his soft, gentle voice, kind heart, and easygoing nature. A celebration of life

will be planned at a later date. If you want to be notified about the celebration, please email us at

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