



# Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito

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## **Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito**

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Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito, 58, crossed into Heaven on, April 4, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; two daughters, Tiffany (Chris) Powell, and Savannah Bell ; brother, Joe (Linda), and his sister Joyce Johnston. He also leaves behind two nieces, Jocelyn Hoefling (Michael) from Charlotte, NC, and Christina Lloyd(Michael) and one nephew, Jonathan (Stacy) of Washington, TN, and his grandson, Maddox. Jeff was the owner of Peoples on Beale Street for 34 years. He was loved by everyone that surrounded him. Jeff enjoyed fishing and playing golf and spending time with his friends. He also leaves behind his two dogs, Phobe and Zoey. The family will receive friends at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 7 from 5:00-8:00pm with the Funeral service at 10:00am Wednesday April 8, 2015. Interment will be held at New Hope Cemetery in Westport, TN at 2:00pm



## Tribute Wall

## Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito

PA

**Pamela** posted:

Did he ever work at Travenol lab in Memphis, TN? He was a great person. Sorry for your loss.

July 3 at 6:03 AM

PA

**Pattie** posted:

I'm so very, very sorry to hear about Jeff's death. He was goodhearted man. He never met a stranger. May God give us all comfort as we all grieve the loss of our "Bam Bam". I just found out about his passing & hit me like a ton of bricks. He helped me take care of my mother as she was dying & he cared for her like she was his own Mom. I will never be able to express how thankful I am for all he did. I was his 1st wife. Blessings to his precious family. With love & all due respect. Pattie, Brooke, & Blake

August 22 at 8:54 AM

LE

**Leslie** posted:

I worked with Jeff at FedEx. He was so sweet and was always excited to be at work. He was so great to work with especially when I needed him to pick up the heavy stuff for me. One day I brought cupcakes to work and he asked me about them every day for a month when I was bringing more. He understood me because we both have daughters and he would tell me what to watch out for as mine grow up. It breaks my heart that he is no longer with us. I send my condolences to his wife, daughters, and family. Earth has lost a wonderful spirit but Heaven gained an angel!

April 15 at 6:58 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 9 at 3:40 PM

DD

**Dorothy Denman** posted:

To the Family of Jeff Cerrito; I am one of Jeff coworker at Fed Express Dorothy Denman. He truly will be missed. May God Bless You! He was a kind hardest person. May the light shine on him.  
Dorothy Denman

April 8 at 9:29 AM



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MI

**Michael** posted:

What a shock! We are so sad you are gone! You left us many great memories! You will surely be missed! We Love you Bam! Bam!-From the Brawner Family

April 8 at 4:43 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 8 at 4:18 AM

MH

**Missy And David Hardin** posted:

David and I feel truly fortunate to have known Jeff.... The man with one of the biggest personalities we have ever known...Sheila and Jeff shared there home on many occasions... Going to the Eagles concert... And for our biggest event... As best man at our wedding.. You will be missed.. 😞😞

April 7 at 1:21 PM

GC

**Gina C.** posted:

Gina C. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 7 at 8:28 AM

FI

**Friends At Barnett Insurance** posted:

Friends at Barnett Insurance purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 7 at 8:27 AM



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DA

**Dawn** posted:

Jeff, I am still at a loss for words. This world just isn't going to be the same without you. I will always remember your huge grin and even bigger laugh. You lit up any room that you entered and anyone couldn't help but perk up. I have so many memories of spending time with you. Beach trips to destin and playing paddle ball on the beach and the best salmon I have ever had. Disney world vacations where you had the best fresh squeezed lemonade you had ever had...you later learned it was country time. You rode splash mountain with me and I remember bending down behind you so I wouldn't get wet. When looked at our picture later I remember you saying that was the face of someone having a great time. There was the time you and dad changed the brakes on my car and after they were still squeeking and yall had put them on wrong. At some point later I had done something to my car, I can't remember what, and I drove to your house on white station to get your advice. So many evenings cheering and yelling at our tigers...you were so passionate. So many grill outs, playing football, horse shoe, firworks...you always put on a good time. You tried to teach me how to kick a field goal and said see it is harder than it looks. So many meals out to eat...you gonna finish that? Always made me laugh. You danced with me at my wedding and my cheeks hurt so bad laughing because I couldn't keep up with you. Quick trips to New Orleans... sure, when are we going...in 15 minutes. You let me work your outside bar one memphis in May weekend and had Kenneth help me get my license. I had such a blast. I would bring friends to your pool hall and you would let us play...I always felt so cool. You loved everyone as if they were your own family or your own kids. You were always there for anyone that needed you without any question. If someone needed your shirt you would give it up. I hope you entered Heaven yelling Hey Hey Hey!!! You live it up big time up there and I will see you again one day

April 5 at 4:05 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 7 at 7:13 AM

SC

**Sheila Cerrito** posted:

Angie, Jeff spoke with Mr Whitby every few days and they would talk on the phone for hrs. while watching TV together. It was so funny to hear them discussing the show they were watching. Once when a storm warning was out, we were all in a closet taking cover and Jeff is on the phone with Mr Whitby getting updates to see if we could get out of the closet. Mr Whitby was a dear friend to Jeff and always listened kindly to his worries

April 7 at 5:47 AM



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SH

**Sheila** posted:

my little fishing buddy "Phoebe"

April 7 at 5:05 AM

SH

**Sheila** posted:

He was soo very proud of you Jonathan!

April 7 at 4:44 AM

SL

**Sam & Theresa Locastro** posted:

Jonathan, I know your uncle Jeff couldn't be prouder; this is one of the most amazing tributes I have ever read. God bless you and your family, during this tough, now and in the days ahead. By the way, I always thought of him as the gentle giant. We were all blessed with him. Sammy & Theresa

April 7 at 4:37 AM



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JC

**Jonathan Cerrito** posted:

My Uncle Jeff was larger than life figuratively and literally. He possessed a spirit that was uniquely loving caring and unselfish and was a great godfather. He introduced me to basketball, football, birthday presents wrapped in newspaper comics, red-eye gravy, tater logs, Sonic, bass buggies, pulling a bass buggy with a Toyota Celica, manual shift transmissions, fishing for croppy, fishing for bass, fishing for perch, and fishing without catching anything. He took me to my first Major League Baseball game at Busch Stadium. He showed me how to change brakes and turn rotors. He came to my graduation from the Naval Academy. Uncle Jeff was even a surprise guest at my high school graduation. He was an undeniable force in my universe and the universe generally. For all of these reasons, I will miss him forever. However, there is more. He never hesitated in his generosity or his compassion for my sister or me. Of course, he once called my future wife, who is not a beauty queen, by the name of my first girlfriend at Joci's wedding. He did threaten to also jump the gates to see the White House, which currently does not seem to be an unusual occurrence. All in all, he was a great uncle and a wonderful man. There is now going to be a hole in the universe whenever I need someone to get the kerosene out of my go-kart engine or show me how to cast a fishing line. There is not going to be anyone to watch take out the engine of a Mustang or take off a muffler while driving down Germantown Parkway. I doubt that I will ever see anyone wear pressed jeans again. Napping in your car while you wait for your nephew to come home so that you can play football with him is no longer in fashion. Finally, who is going to be Fred Flintstone at Halloween? Uncle Jeff did all of these things with a loving heart, a big smile, and a wonderful attitude. However, for me, he was and will always be the Incredible Hulk or as I think of him, the Incredible Uncle Jeff. Uncle Jeff, if you are watching and hearing or just reading, I will miss you so very much and am so very sorry that you are gone. Until we meet again, I wish you a strong trailer, a smooth launch, and a lake full of fish. -Jonathan

April 5 at 4:05 AM

PZ

**Phoebe Zoey** posted:

He was the best owner a dog could ever ask for. We loved going fishing with him and most of all our 1 am snack. We are soo lost without him.LovePhoebe and Zoey

April 6 at 5:56 PM

ME

**Melany** posted:

To be around Cerrito meant to feel instantly accepted and a part of the crowd – even if you were a little child like I was when I was first met Cerrito through my dad. I know that he will be missed by many and my thoughts and prayers are with all the friends and family whose lives were touched by the infectious fun that Jeff carried with him. Much love to you all!! – Melany Pritchard

April 6 at 5:00 PM



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YO

**Yolande** posted:

Yolande purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 6 at 3:52 PM

DK

**Dale Kennedy** posted:

Jeff will be dearly miss by all his friends at the OLE MISS GAMES in Oxford.

April 6 at 1:51 PM

BD

**Bev & Jerry Dunn** posted:

Jeff was a great person, friend, athlete and fisherman. Having known him since childhood, he was like my own. Prayers are sent for comfort for his family and friends. Peace to Shelia, Tiffany and Savannah. Jerry and Bev Dunn

April 6 at 12:50 PM

ST

**Sam And Theresa** posted:

To all of the Cerrito family, as you share your awesome memories and get through this tough time, know he will be missed by many and always gave more than he received. Our family is praying for all of you; our memories are of Overton HS and playing baseball...Sammy and Theresa Locastro

April 6 at 11:00 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 6 at 10:48 AM

RR

**Randy & Jill Ruffin** posted:

Randy & Jill Ruffin purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 6 at 10:33 AM



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MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff "Bam Bam" Cerrito.

April 6 at 9:15 AM

SB

**Susan Lantz Burkart** posted:

Enjoyed many classes with Jeff ~ always upbeat and funny! Prayers for his family!

April 5 at 6:31 PM

JP

**Joe Pritchard** posted:

I had the pleasure of having Jeffrey (bam bam) as My friend for 42 plus years. Jeffrey was like a brother to me. He was the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back. Jeffrey will always be in my heart. I know I will see Jeffrey in Heaven one day. His legacy will live on through Shelia, Tiffany, and Savannah. God bless ,Joe Pritchard

April 5 at 11:04 AM

JP

**Joe Pritchard** posted:

Jeffrey – Bam Bam was a brother to me for nearly 42 years. He was a friend that would give you the shirt off his back. There are more memories than I can count. He lived his life with an with a contagious love for others. He will always have a place in my heart. I pray his legacy will live on through his family. God Bless, Joe Pritchard

April 5 at 10:46 AM

JH

**Jh** posted:

I'm not a man with much in my life, but jeff wud always let me hold \$2 dollers and would never ask for it back...rip big homie -John henry

April 5 at 10:11 AM

RP

**Randy Pulliam** posted:

I knew Jeff from hanging out at Vincent's home on White Station Rd.. I was proud to see how far he had come in life the last time I saw him. My hope is to see him again in Glory.

April 5 at 7:23 AM



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AS

**Angela Smith** posted:

Jeff was like a son to my daddy and mama and like a brother to me. He was always there to lend a hand and support for our family even if it meant just listening. You will be missed big brother.  
Angie Smith, Lowell and Billie Whitby

April 5 at 7:10 AM

AN

**Anne** posted:

Jeffrey /aka/ BamBam never failed to give his smile away, love with all his heart, and live with a gusto that made everyone in the room want to join in on whatever it was he was up to. A faithful friend with a kind heart and an enormous laugh, you will be sorely missed by all whose life you touched. Heaven is a better place with you in it! ... annep

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**Annep** posted:

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April 5 at 6:27 AM

VB

**Vincent Buchanan** posted:

This is the time of year when I would start to hear from Jeff about the upcoming Indy 500, the tales through the years living next door to him on White Station are part of my fabric and full of great memories.

April 5 at 4:05 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeff by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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