



Jeffrey McCauley Cheyne

September 13, 1946 - July 5, 2016

Jeffrey McCauley Cheyne, beloved husband, loving father, loyal brother, and dedicated attorney, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2016. He was born September 13, 1946, in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Leland and Bonita Cheyne. Jeff grew up on the family farm affectionately called the Squirrel Ranch. Jeff had three younger brothers, Greg, Lee, and Gary. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School, graduated from Mt. Angel Seminary High School and the University of Oregon. He worked as a Juvenile Corrections officer in Trenton, New Jersey, and then did graduate work in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1975 he graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law. He opened his law practice in Escondido, California, and obtained an L.L.M. in Taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1984. He was active philanthropically in his community and served on the Board of Managers of the Palomar YMCA and as Chairman of the Board for the Escondido Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff and his wife, Debra, moved back home to Oregon in 1991 and built their home in the rural Sherwood area. Jeff practiced in the areas of estate and trust law, business and real estate planning, and was licensed to practice in Oregon, California, and Washington, as well as the United States Tax Court. A partner at the law firm of Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP, Jeff was a prolific speaker, instrumental in the passage of important legislative revisions to the Oregon Estate Tax law. He gave educational presentations to lawyers and certified public accountants throughout the state. Jeff wrote carefully researched articles for various publications of the Oregon State Bar. Until his death he served on the Portland Estate Planning Council, was a member of Wealthcounsel, an ACTEC Fellow, Past Chair of the Oregon State Bar Estate & Trust Committee, served on the Endowment Committee for the American Rhododendron Society, was Past President of the Tualatin Valley Chapter of the ARS, was a former officer of the Beaverton Sunrise Rotary, and a member of the Procurement Committee of OMSI.

Jeff was a wonderful mentor to the young attorneys in his firm and a friend to everyone with whom he worked. He was a true professional.

He is survived by his wife, Debra K. Cheyne, son Paul Cheyne, stepson Paul Pace, his

brothers and their families: Greg Cheyne, Gary & Denise Cheyne, Lee & Mary Cheyne; nieces and nephews Jess Cheyne, Tracey Cheyne, Kevin Cheyne, Cari Metcalf, Erika Duval, Michael Cheyne; great nieces and nephews Terrance Cheyne, Connor & Mason Metcalf, Helena & Hannah Cheyne, and Bryson Aaron & Carter Cheyne.

Jeff's kindness and compassion for his family, colleagues, friends, and neighbors has given strength to all who knew him. He leaves a legacy of good, wise, and courageous leadership. He will be greatly missed.

A burial ceremony will take place Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Mt. Laki Cemetery in Klamath Falls, Oregon. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, July 22, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., at The MAC Club, in Portland, Oregon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Oregon Humane Society, the Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, the National Court Reporters Foundation, or a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Laki Cemetery

4775 Crossroad
Klamath Falls, OR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Mt. Laki Cemetery
4775 Crossroad
Klamath Falls, OR

Celebration of Life

JUL **22.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon St
Portland, OR 97205

Tribute Wall



“ *Attrell's Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey McCauley Cheyne*



Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - July 21, 2016 at 11:52 AM

LT

“ *I first met Jeff about 10 years ago through a joint Oregon State Bar Assn. and Oregon Banker's Association committee. Since then, we have worked together on several joint committees. When I referred a client to him, after meeting the client, he sent me a handwritten thank you note. How classy is that? That was Jeff. Always appreciative and thankful. You are a class act, Jeff and will truly be missed.*

Lnda Thomas-Bush - July 27, 2016 at 12:04 PM

JS

“ *I only knew Jeff for a short time, but as a new member to the bar, I appreciated him greatly. He was helpful, responsive, and kind, When I reached out to him he listened and gave me the mentorship I needed. Thank you Jeff. Peace be with you my friend.*

Jeff S. - July 25, 2016 at 09:49 AM

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“ *Jeff and I were friends for about 12 years. He worked in our firm running our Portland office. He was a first rate attorney and a fine man, with a wonderful sense of humor, super high integrity, very caring about his clients, a colleague of highest caliber. I could always count on Jeff and he always greeted me with a big smile.*

Jeff, you will be missed by everyone who knew you. Rest in peace my friend.

Tom Lofton

Thomas Lofton - July 24, 2016 at 04:01 PM

LS

“ I have always thought one of the highest tributes one lawyer could pay to another lawyer is to say he or she was "a lawyer's lawyer." Jeff was a lawyer's lawyer. I had the privilege to get to know and work with Jeff over a period of years, mostly on legislative issues. He was insightful, kind, funny, generous of his time, and always willing to serve. His knowledge of and love for the law was apparent in every interaction I had with him. He was a friend and comrade in arms, and I will miss him.

Lane Shetterly - July 22, 2016 at 11:52 AM

MK

“ Although I didn't know Jeff well, as a newer member of the Bar, I always appreciated his willingness to help the Bar as a whole and that he took the time from his busy schedule to discuss a few matters with me over the phone. He was intelligent and caring and his presence will be missed.

Matthew Kress - July 22, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - July 19, 2016 at 06:50 PM

MA

“ I have worked with Jeff on a number of legal matters over the years. An outstanding lawyer, and I considered him a personal friend. I will miss him greatly, both professionally and personally. My sincere condolences to the family. We have all lost one of the best.

Matt W. Keller, Attorney/CPA - July 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM

CW

“ I had the pleasure of working for him at the law firm of samuels yoelin Kantor. He was dedicated and a good guy. My condolences to the law firm of samuels yoelin Kantor and to his family. I'm sorry to say good bye.

Cori woodard - July 09, 2016 at 11:56 AM