



Jeffrey Thomas Altfillisch

June 25, 1959 - May 4, 2026

Platteville - Jeffrey Thomas Altfillisch, beloved former mayor of Benton, WI, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, May 4, 2026, leaving behind a family who loved him fiercely and a lifetime of laughter that will now live on without him. His passing came after a short but courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Jeff believed in hard work, showing up for family, and always making light of any situation. He had the gift of sarcasm and a knack for fixing anything. He took great pride in his yard—and wasn't shy about pointing out a perfectly straight mowing line. He enjoyed hiking with his wife, golfing a quick 9, and a cold Bud Light or Mega Buddy (the only acceptable size) of Diet Mountain Dew on a hot day. In his younger years (and probably some that followed), he had a fondness for gambling and staying out too late with his friends.

Jeff was born on June 25, 1959, in Hazel Green, WI to Ben and Jean Altfillisch. He graduated from Benton High School in 1977 and went on to work for 40 years in the grain industry. His reign of ruling Benton as "mayor" was from 1985-1987. He accomplished his life dream of having a son on May 24, 2000. He married the love of his life Correna on September 2, 2017.

He will be remembered for his dedication to his children—never missing a sporting event and always being there when it mattered most. He also leaves

behind a legacy of car rides dominated by his sports-talk radio, which he refused to turn off for anyone but his wife.

He was preceded in death by both his parents Ben and Jean Altfillisch and sister-in-law Shirley Altfillisch.

He is survived by his wife, Correna. His children Britney (Corey) O'Connell, Alex Altfillisch, Emily (Peter) Grasee, and Isaiah Altfillisch. His stepchildren Nicole (Caleb) Ubersox, Ben Riley, and Connor (Josie) Riley. His grandchildren Ava, Lily, Kolten, Josie, Case, Addy, Ryker, Renny, Cora, Elliot, and Caleb. His favorite sister Mary Jo (John) Freeborg, and two brothers Mike Altfillisch and Jim Altfillisch along with multiple nieces and nephews. As well as his favorite dogs Copper, Koda, and Wade.

Family has planned private events to honor his life. In true Jeff fashion, if you don't know the details, you aren't invited.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ *correna: so sorry to learn of jeffs passing oh so early. he was so supportive of you in one of your darkest hours. i wish you and your family the very best. please accept my sincere condolences.*

thomas geyer - May 13 at 08:16 PM

RD

“ *Correna & family,
My deepest sympathy.
Renee Dahl*

Renee Dahl - May 08 at 10:18 PM

TF

“ *Our Sympathy to all from Uncle Tony & Aunt Carole. We fondly remember his wit & humor! RIP Jeff.*

Tony & Carole Fritz - May 08 at 12:17 AM

MB

“ *Sincere condolences to all with the passing of this wonderful man! I will forever cherish the memories we had. RIP my friend until we meet again..*

Mick Baxter - May 07 at 02:29 PM

JL

“ *Sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. I had so many fun memories of golfing with Jeff and Mike Wolf at Cole Acres.
Fun and kind person.
Jim(Big Jim) Larson*

Jim Larson - May 06 at 02:15 PM

DJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Correna and the Family. I worked and shared our lives with each other for a number years in Dubuque. We shared our Faith & Families which I will always cherish from Jeff.*

Delbert Uhlak Jr - May 06 at 12:19 PM

MA

“ *I will always treasure the memories made with you as a child playing in Benton. Love you, sweet cousin. Marianne.*

Marianne Avery - May 06 at 11:31 AM

SM

“ *My sympathy and prayers to all - I worked with Jeff for many years at Pillsbury & Peavy Grain Terminals - we worked hard but enjoyed our time there*

Sharon Monahan - May 06 at 11:09 AM

HE

“ *Condolences to family grew up with Jeff as neighbor many memories Heidi*

Heidi - May 06 at 08:22 AM