



## Jeffry "Jeff" S. Hower

May 24, 1970 - April 10, 2019

Jeffry "Jeff" S. Hower, 48, of Grand Island went to his Heavenly home, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at CHI Health-St. Francis.

Celebration of life services will be held 10 AM Tuesday at the Berean Bible Church, 4116 W. Capital Ave, Grand Island. Pastor Jim Reynolds will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in St. Paul, NE.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 5-7 PM Monday at the Berean Bible Church.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Jeff was born on May 24, 1970 to parents, Larry and Jayme (Johnson) Hower in Honduras.

Jeff spent much of his childhood in Puebla, Mexico while his parents served as missionaries. He came to the United States as a sophomore to attend Nebraska Christian (NC) Schools in Central City, NE. He then graduated from NC in 1988.

On December 23, 1989, Jeff married his high school sweetheart, Daurice Pizzolato. They made their home in Kearney, Central City and most recently, Grand Island.

Jeff was the Education Program Officer for the Grand Island Community Foundation. In the past, he taught English and was a principal at Grand Island Senior High. He worked at Herk's Welding in Central City, and served as the youth pastor for two local churches. Jeff and Daurice were dorm parents at NC for 8 years, and Jeff taught English and Spanish as well as coached

football. For 10 years, Jeff photographed and wrote the front page news for the Central City Republican-Nonpareil. His weekly column, "I'm Just Sayin,'" was read and loved by many.

Jeff's faith has been the cornerstone of his life. At 5 years old, Jeff accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a member of the Berean Bible Church where he served as an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the worship team. Jeff also worked with Iglesia El Shaddai in Hastings, and spent Sunday afternoons teaching English for the GI Literacy Council. One of Jeff's greatest loves was to read and write. He co-authored two historical books with Tom Kruger celebrating Nebraska heritage.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Daurice; children, Alexis (Dillon) Rose and Seth Hower; parents; grandmother, Paula Johnson; siblings, Jody (Abril) Hower, Lori (Sean) Hannon, Todd (Michelle) Hower, and Brock (Heather) Hower; mother-in-law, Grace (Jim) Nordlund; along with numerous sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his infant child, Tobi; grandparents, Everett and Hilda Hower and Vernon Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Berean Bible Church  
4116 W Capital Ave  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
(308) 382-7881

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffry "Jeff" S. Hower*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Oh Honey ( Larry Hower)!! we really so sorry about this event happened to you, Jayme & family. AS you mentioned you continued in God's hands.*

*May the Lord Bless You & for sure he will using you to comfort anothers.*

*Pantoja family.*

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**Alex & Liz Pantoja** - April 18, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ *Jeff was a terrific human being who will be missed by all who knew him. He was my student teacher at Grand Island Senior High many years ago and was a natural in the classroom. His way with students, his grace and dignity, and his enormous intellect were impressive from day one. I think I learned more from him that semester than he did from me. Jeff was a success at the other stops along his professional journey. I was pleased when he began to work for the Community Foundation, because I knew Jeff's heart and soul were all about helping others.*

*Please accept my condolences on his passing. I am unable to attend services. I will remember Jeff with respect and fondness.*

*George Ayoub*

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**George Ayoub** - April 16, 2019 at 01:21 PM

JS

“ I am very sad, and sorry to hear about Jeff. I just cahtted with him at Central City track meet couple weeks back.  
Jeff was a wonderful person, and good man.  
He and I would be covering the same news or sports event and he would go out of his way to come chat with me and say hi.  
I am very sorry for his family for this loss, but GOD now has another angel, and a good one at that.

*R.I.P Jeff.*

*Josh Salmon, Palmer*

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**Josh Salmon** - April 15, 2019 at 11:05 PM

WH

“ Jeff you have been a good friend for over 30 years. A classmate... a team mate... taking part in each others weddings... sharing victories and failures. I can't believe you went to Heaven this soon. For those of us left on this side of eternity, time will go slow until we see you again... but for you, Jeff, it will be a blink of an eye and we will see you once more.

*Friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them. (Class of 88)*

*In Christ*

*Wes and Candace Hitchcock*

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**Wes Hitchcock** - April 15, 2019 at 08:15 PM

DW

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Jeff We really have great memories of him and his family at Nebraska Christian

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**Dee Wagner** - April 15, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeffry "Jeff" S. Hower.*



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April 15, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, thinking about you...Jody*

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**Jody Luce** - April 15, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *I got to know Jeff around 2003 when we were taking classes at UNK for our administrations degrees. He was always so insightful in class and throughout the years we would reacquaint again. The last time was in December when he came to Centura on behalf of the GI Comm. Foundation for an award I won. It was so good to see him again and give him a hug. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to his family during this time.*

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**Kay Carpenter** - April 14, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffry "Jeff" S. Hower.*



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April 14, 2019 at 03:01 PM

SJ

“ Jeff was a true gentleman and had a heart of gold. I did not know him very long but I did have the pleasure of visiting with him on several occasions at the Grand Island Community Foundation. I am so sorry for his family, as I could tell he was a family man. May God bless them in knowing Jeff is united with his Heavenly Father and they will again see him in heaven.

Sherma Jones - April 14, 2019 at 08:49 AM

DB

We were saddened to hear that Jeff had passed away so quickly. Our hearts know from experience that we're never ready for that last goodbye on this earth, but we rejoice with all of you that Jeff will be waiting with a Smile of Welcome in Heaven when each of you arrive. We know he has just traveled on ahead. Our Sympathy & Prayers are with all the Hower Family. David & Beth Ann Brandt

David and Beth Ann Brandt - April 14, 2019 at 07:09 PM

SM

“ As I sit here thinking back...I can't remember the first time we met, but I do remember the impact Jeff made on my life and my walk with Christ. His teachings during Sunday school, his warm welcome & sincerity never left you wondering whether or not he cared about you. He was willing to challenge you & help you grow in your own faith. He was also just a lot of fun to be around. I especially remember our dinners for 8 group many years ago...I believe we had waffles with all of us bringing different toppings to share. He also introduced my family to Sidral (apple soda to us gringos). That is still a family favorite & we serve it whenever we have a "special" meal. Jeff - you will be greatly missed. We celebrate with you dancing on the streets that are golden. To his family...we love you and will continue to be here for you. Our hearts are with you! Much love & prayers to you during this difficult time.

Stephanie McInturf - April 13, 2019 at 05:00 PM