



Jeffry Duane Yetter

February 27, 2020

Jeffry Duane Yetter (Jeff), 64, of Loveland, Colorado died February 27, 2020 of natural causes.

Jeff was born in Rochelle, Illinois in 1955 to parents Duane and Marilyn Yetter. He earned a degree from the University of Illinois College of Engineering. Shortly after, Jeff moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where he spent his entire professional career at Hewlett-Packard. During Jeff's career, he made many breakthroughs in technology, leading to his co-holding dozens of U.S. patents.

Jeff is survived by his sisters Catherine Read (Byron Burns) of Bedford, MA and Ann (James) Burns of Arlington Hts., IL; brothers Andrew (Barbara) Yetter of Manitowoc, WI and John (Julie) Yetter of St Charles, IL; nephews Tim, Ben, Luke, Mark, Patrick and Sean; nieces Elly, Erin, Kate and Molly; and many other friends and loved ones.

Services will be held privately.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffry Duane Yetter*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Oh my gosh! I loved Jeff! He gave me a HUGE break to hire me as a Summer intern on his team in 1987 at Ft. Collins. He was my first corporate mentor, and his unbridled passion guided me to deliver my best on his Test Condition multiplexer CMOS circuits on Snakes. I just now searched his name, and so saddened that he left us so early! --Sri Rajan*

Sri Rajan - September 05, 2022 at 11:48 PM



“ *Jeff! Where did you go? Though I'm not surprised that most all of your remembrances here are from HP era acquaintance I'll break that with this humble entry. Sad in your early passing but relieved you didn't suffer greatly the potential ravages of aging unwell. Only hope that you had more intimate relationships than is reflected here.*

Jon - June 21, 2020 at 03:04 PM

LH

“ When I was working for supercomputer company in 1990, we all heard about the new HP Snakes workstations, machines that took the industry by storm. They were almost half as fast as ours at 1/100th the price. I quit my job, went back to school to learn about this "CMOS VLSI", and applied for a job at HP. I was awed when I found out the head of my interview team, Jeff, was one of the principal engineers of the Snakes' CPU. He offered me a job, and for the next 18 years I learned countless things from him and many other outstanding colleagues. I will be eternally grateful to him.

Larry H - March 09, 2020 at 10:42 PM

CP

“ I worked for Jeff only briefly and remember two distinct times he passed wisdom on to me. First, I once asked him why we didn't talk much as he was my manager; he said if there's a problem we'll definitely be talking more. Finally, Jeff passed along to me that "small is fast", true words to any engineer doing circuit design. Thank you Jeff.Chris Poirier

Chris Poirier - March 09, 2020 at 09:32 PM

RG

“ It is a shock to learn of Jeff's passing. I didn't really know him well. We met when we were both first level managers at Hewlett-Packard (HP). He struck me as a very strong advocate first for doing what was right (engineering wise etc) and then for his team. He knew how to stand tough in large group settings (which is good - especially during 'ranking'); yet, when I got to know him in more small group or simple 2-person meeting he showed a softer side of his personality. He was definitely missed and left a big hole to fill when he resigned from HP many years ago. These days, 64 years is not really all that old. In an ideal world he and his family would have enjoyed many more years of creating shared experiences. But the world is not ideal. His passing also marks the passing of those hopes and expectations of the future that now will never be. Jeff's passing reminds us again that life is short and each day is a blessing. Rest in peace, Jeff.

Rick Greer - March 09, 2020 at 07:22 PM

TK

“ Jeff was my first manager at my first job out of college. I have worked for some great managers, and Jeff still ranks near the top. I really appreciated all he taught me; what a fantastic engineer and circuit designer. He could be very tough, sometimes brutally tough on you, but what a great advocate to have on your side. Jeff always had great advice: on engineering, on skiing, on backpacking. It really saddens me to hear of his passing. I'll remember him always, as a great boss, an enthusiastic skier and hiker, and an utterly brilliant engineer. Jeff, you will be missed.

Tony Klein

Tony Klein - March 09, 2020 at 05:32 PM

PP

“ Jeff was my first technical mentor I had fresh out of college. I still remember my first weekend as a summer intern in Fort Collins, when he pounded on my apartment door at 6:30am to take me to HP to work on some circuits. He instilled a sense of passion and adventure that guided the rest of my career. He also instilled a sense of respect for people and wonderment about nature and life in general. I still remember lying down around a bonfire outside his house with my wife and our dogs looking up at the stars. I last saw Jeff in 1996 when we left Colorado, but I thought of him often. I will miss him, and will continue trying to instill what he taught me to the next generation of engineers! Rest in peace my friend, and hope to hang out with you again in the Big Lab in the Sky someday.

Paul Perez - March 09, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ I remember Jeff as a principled, opinionated, brilliant man. I always enjoyed a little mental sparring with him as he was quick, and on point most of the time. Thanks Jeff for shaping a part of my life experience!

Jim Baker - March 06, 2020 at 10:28 PM

PK

“ Jeff was one of the best managers I've worked for. He was demanding, brilliant, tough but fair, and always passionate about our work and over time came to be a friend as much as a colleague. I still remember his team meetings at the house in Redstone Canyon and Yogi the lab. Rest in peace, Jeff.

Patty K. - March 06, 2020 at 07:01 PM