



Jeffrey Wayne Ridgeway

December 2, 1964 - February 1, 2015

Jeffrey Wayne Ridgeway age 50 of Athens, passed away Sunday, February 1, 2015 at Huntsville Hospital. Mr. Ridgeway was born December 2, 1964 in Limestone County, AL to Fletcher Wayne Ridgeway and Wanda Tucker Ridgeway.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Services will be Wednesday, February 4, 2015 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Sam Johnson and Jessie Littrell officiating. Burial will be in Evans Cemetery.

Preceded in death by his mother, Pat Ridgeway.

Survived by his father, Fletcher Ridgeway and wife, Carolyn; one brother, Joey Ridgeway and wife, Sharon; two sisters, Dana Moody and husband, Micheal and Jessica Henson and husband, Trent; three step-brothers; six nieces and three nephews.

Pallbearers will be Seth Moody, Jon Moody, Micheal Moody, Trent Hanson, Kenneth Putman, James Tucker and Matthew James.

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LC

“ I am sorry for your loss. Jeff worked tirelessly as a member of the Board of trustees of the Alabama Family Trust. The trust is a pooled trust designed to help protect Medicaid eligibilty for beneficiaries with excess resources. Jeff made a journey to Birmingham for many meetings. When travel was difficult, he joined the board on teleconferences. I am grateful to Jeff for his bravery to advocate and improve the quality of life for those with difficulties. He stood a very nobel and stable ground. He will be sadly missed. We have all been blessed by the important strides that Jeff took durng his life where he made every moment count.

Lynn Campisi
Birmingham, Alabama

lynn campisi - April 17, 2015 at 12:16 PM

JT

“ Jeff,
We will remember you always.
You were a skilled advocate who never backed away from a fight, no matter how long the odds.
And, you won your share of the fights as well.
You demonstrated that fighting sprit all your life, but especially in your last year as you held your head high, and mainated your dignity to the very end.
Your name will now live, among other ways, in the Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy Award that will be bestowed in the years to come.
Rest in peace, cousin.
James Tucker

James Tucker - February 06, 2015 at 01:42 PM

JM

“ Jeff was a compassionate and caring advocate who fought tirelessly for the rights of others. He was a great man who will leave a legacy reminding us to always put the person before their disability. Prays and hugs to his family. Peace be with you Jeff! Julie Miller

Julie Miller - February 05, 2015 at 12:09 PM

TH

“ To the Ridgeway Family,
Jeff was my dear friend and colleague. We disagreed on some issues and agreed on so many others. We worked together on many occasions, especially the annual People Can't Wait Rallies. We both shared a belief that we must do everything possible to improve the quality of life for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Now Jeff has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith. May God bless and keep you in the days ahead.
Tom Holmes, former Executive Director, The Arc of Alabama.

Tom Holmes - February 04, 2015 at 07:54 PM

MG

“ Dana, I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
-Melodie Garner, Volunteers of America, SE Accounting Dept.

Melodie Garner - February 03, 2015 at 11:33 AM

RD

“ *What a Great American! Jeff and I worked on numerous different pieces of legislation. He learned the process and we spent many hours on the phone or rides to Montgomery discussing solutions to problems in the Alabama system.*

I will never forget him coming to Montgomery to lobby for a bill. He left on the Greyhound at 5am after a walk from his apartment in Mobile to the bus station. He stayed all day on the final day of the legislative session. By the end of the day he had spoken to everyone in both the House and Senate. The House members were so moved with Jeff that we suspended the Rules at the end of the night and welcomed him on the House Floor (a first) for the final passage of his legislation.

I had a conversation some months ago with Jeff about the 2015 Legislative Session. I learned that he was not feeling well. I will always remember his passion and the article that the Mobile Press Register wrote about "Mr Ridgeway Goes to Montgomery". We know he is arranging things in Heaven now.

God Bless.

*Rep Randy Davis (Baldwin/Mobile Delegations)
Alabama House of Representatives*

Rep. Randy Davis - February 03, 2015 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was a good person to help people with disabilities to live a life that they want for themselves to have. Thanks him for doing that for people with disabilities. Thanks and God Bless You All!!*

*John Burriss of Marshall Mo.
People First of Marshall Mo.*

John Burriss - February 03, 2015 at 10:33 AM