



Geoffrey David Kesler

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Geoffrey David Kesler of Ashburn, Virginia passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 24, 2020. He was 52 years old.

Geoff was born and raised in Fort Myers, FL. He graduated from Fort Myers High School where he created lasting friendships that remain to this day. After graduating high school, Geoffrey joined the the United States Army and was a Communication Systems Operator with the 51st Signal Battalion, VII Corps, Europe. Geoff was stationed at Krabbenloch Kaserne outside of Stuttgart, Germany. Geoffrey received several commendations while a member of the US Army.

Geoffrey met his wife, Allison Brant in Stuttgart, Germany in 1991. In 1993 they both returned to Geoff's home state of Florida. They relocated to Washington, DC in 1994 and both worked for the American Red Cross. They were married in 1998 in Negril, Jamaica. Until his sudden death, Geoff and Allison had a long, loving and joy-filled marriage.

After finishing his degree, Geoffrey joined the IT Department of Steptoe & Johnson, LLP in Washington, DC where he remained for for 21 years. Most recently, Geoff worked for Insight, a global IT services solution provider, where he worked in support of Digital Realty in Ashburn, VA. Geoff's life changed forever when his and Allison's daughter, Madeleine Kesler was born in June of 2004. Geoffrey was the consummate father who loved, cherished and absolutely adored his daughter! Geoff was the biggest fan of Maddie's performing arts and was so proud of her immense talent and many accomplishments in vocal, dance, and musical theater. Geoff could be found attending and volunteering during Maddie's many performances and activities with RRPA and Studio Bleu VTA. A week before his passing, Geoff and Allison chaperoned a school trip to New York City with Rock Ridge Performing Arts - a memory his family is grateful to have experienced together.



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Geoff is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Allison Brant and his daughter Madeleine Kesler of Ashburn, VA; his mother Janet Kesler and sister Jill Kesler, of Fort Myers, FL; his mother-in-law, Helena Brant of Berkerley Springs, WV; his sister-in-law, Leslie Sullivan, of Champaign, IL; his nephews, Tyler Sullivan, of Chicago, IL and AIC Sean Sullivan, of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, WA; his Aunt, Pat Eckhardt as well as his many cousins in Anderson, IN. Geoff was preceded in death by his father, David Kesler, of Fort Myers, FL.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11am on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Ashburn, Virginia, with a reception following the mass. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to the Geoff Kesler Scholarship for Maddie Kesler, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/geoff-kesler-scholarship-for-maddie-kesler>.



Events


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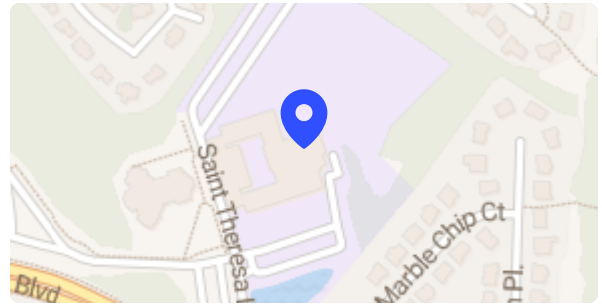
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Catholic Mass

 **Saturday**, March 7, 2020

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **St. Theresa Catholic Church**
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn VA





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SG

Savery M Gradoville posted:

I am deeply distressed by Geoff's sudden passing which only underscores how generous he was to everyone in freely sharing with each person his most valuable and limited asset, his time and patience. He always gave this away freely and without reservation, always trying to help you solve an issue or answer your questions (even if they didn't make much sense) because of your lack of familiarity with its technical context and subject matter. His patience and kindness with my ignorance and demands on his time were traits grounded in his generous, giving nature. I was enriched by knowing him and am equally diminished by his passing. I am grateful for the privilege of having known him and sharing his goodness and kindness. When I remember him, I smile with my heart and share his warm, good nature once again. Kindness is never lost; it is always remembered. Savery Gradoville - Steptoe (1998 - 2009).

April 8 at 10:05 AM

JS

Jay Schwarb posted:

After becoming friends with Geoff (or G as I called him sometimes) in the Army, our close knit group had all returned to the states. The five of us went to a concert (Maynard Ferguson Jazz of all things) at Disney, Orlando around 1993. After the concert, I said hello to a pretty lady and her boyfriend got all puffy at me. Before I knew it, this huge guy raised his fist backward. To my surprise, Geoff went under this guys arm and threw him to the ground and proceeded to put him in a choke hold, awaiting the police. I will never forget how his sacrifice for my safety was so automatic. I think this portrays Geoff's big heart and kindness he had for everyone. Although we let many years go by without staying in touch, Geoff will always remain in my heart and thoughts and I will miss not having the chance to see him again. - Jay Schwarb

March 7 at 5:40 AM

SB

Stewart Baker posted:

Geoff was a great colleague -- patient, engaged, and knowledgeable -- and a good friend. His loss is untimely and tragic. We all miss him. My condolences to his family and friends. Stewart Baker, Steptoe

March 6 at 1:32 PM



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HJ

Hunter Johnston posted:

My deepest condolences to the Kesler family. Jeff helped me many times with my iphones and various other devices and always could fix IT problems that had brought my legal practice to a halt. For that I am deeply appreciative. He will be greatly missed.Hunter Johnston at Steptoe

March 5 at 8:57 AM

GG

George Grandison posted:

Over many years at Steptoe Geoff and I became friends as he often rescued me from one of another of my technology problems. Geoff always came with an upbeat and calming attitude. He treated the problem I saw as an opportunity for us both to master one or another of the intricacies of the IT world. I extend my deepest sympathy to his beloved family. We will all miss him very much.

March 5 at 7:22 AM

DR

Dave Roll posted:

Geoff was one of the beloved and most respected in the DC Steptoe family, always available to cheerfully assist us incompetents with mysterious Blackberry and I-p\Phone breakdowns. Trust he still has his Blackberry with him. RIP Geoff. We will miss you.

March 5 at 6:55 AM

MS

Mark Silverman posted:

At Steptoe & Johnson, for many years, Geoff assisted me with my various computer, I Pad and I Phone needs. Not only was Geoff very helpful, but, more importantly, he was a friend and advisor. I will miss Geoff very much. Mark

March 5 at 6:31 AM

RV

Richard Vella lit a candle in honor of Geoffrey.

We met geoff last summer and right away could see what a good man he was. How much he loved his family. Our heartfelt condolences,Richard and Sunny

March 3 at 3:40 PM





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JB

Jeff Bobbitt posted:

I am very grateful to have known Geoff for a short period of time. Geoff started with Digital Realty this past year, and I was able to visit with him this past August during a visit to the offices where Geoff worked. Geoff was a great team member, and he certainly developed quite a reputation as someone who had a servant attitude, was super smart, and cared about the quality of work and the relationship between those he worked with. I wish we had more folks like Geoff in this world. He will be greatly missed, mostly because he was such a great guy and valued member of our team at Digital Realty. But I know that he was also a family man, and loved his wife and daughter. I pray that your family is comforted during this very difficult time, and that God showers you with love and blessings in the upcoming seasons of life. Sincerest sympathy, Jeff Bobbitt

March 3 at 12:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kesler family.



March 3 at 6:47 AM

YW

Yomi & Wale posted:

Geoff was a wonderful friend and will be missed by our family. We became close friends when our daughters attended the same pre-kindergarten school over 10 years ago. He always spoke fondly about Allison; and was very proud of and involved in Maddie's performance arts. He was selfless and was always ready to help. May God comfort the family he left behind. Ayandipo's

March 2 at 4:20 PM

SW

Sean Warden posted:

Geoff was a kind a loving person, father, and friend. We became friends while stationed together in Germany, and continued to keep in touch over the years since. His sudden passing is a shock to all of us that knew him. He will forever have a place in my heart.

February 29 at 10:05 AM

LE

Leslie posted:

He was the best brother-in-law! Humble beyond belief and a true family man.. miss him terribly...

February 28 at 1:13 PM



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JM

John Man posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. Geoff was a colleague of mine. He (and Doug, who I still work with) was so cool, and a friendly and helpful colleague. RIP. I wish you the best for your family.

February 28 at 10:50 AM

BR

Brooke (Hunt) Roberson posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I met Geoff in elementary school and he was friends with my big brother, Trent. We all shared so many good times in FM through the years. He was always such a kind soul. He even came to see me in Indiana once I moved back North. I had just reached out to him in the last 2 years on FB and glad we reconnected. I will forever remember his childhood antics and the way he made me laugh. God Bless his wife, Mom and other family members.

February 28 at 10:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Geoffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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