



## Ralph Jefferson Shaw

September 25, 1957 - April 30, 2026

Ralph Jefferson “Jeff” Shaw, of Severna Park, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the age of 68.

Born on September 25, 1957, in Alexandria, Virginia, Jeff was the son of Dorothy (Sanderfer) and Thurmond Shaw of Cartersville, Georgia. He was known for his warmth, quick wit, and generous spirit, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his loving partner, Linda Barnett; his sister, Sandy Howell (Harvey Howell); his brothers, Clifford Shaw (Janice Seeger) and Eddie Shaw (Liz Shaw); as well as six nephews, Phillip Howell, Penn Howell, Clay Howell, Thurmond Shaw, III, Jack Shaw and Sam Shaw, as well as three great-nephews, and one great-niece. He also happily stepped into the role of mentor and stepdad to Linda’s three children, Amanda Wright, Megan Bowman, and Ryan Barnett, and really enjoyed being Poppa Jeff to his eight grandchildren. Jeff is also survived by his 2 cousins, Paul Green and Ellen Lipham. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Thurmond Shaw and stepson, Ryan Barnett.

Jeff built a respected career as a home improvement contractor, dedicating over three decades to his craft. His clients valued not only his skill and attention to detail, but also his reliability and integrity. Jeff also served his

country in the US Army. Outside of his work, and family, Jeff found his greatest joy in spending time at the Outer Banks of North Carolina, a place he loved deeply and returned to often.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, where family and friends will gather to honor and remember Jeff's life.

Jeff will be deeply missed and fondly remembered