

*In loving memory...*



*Jeffrey H. Johnson*

MARCH 19, 1965 – FEBRUARY 13, 2025

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED"

MATTHEW 5:4

# Order of Service

## SEEKING COMFORT IN GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME PRAYER

Pastor Alex Kato

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-6 • Nathan Dankers

### REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Pastor Scott Montagne

### GIVING THANKS FOR JEFF

#### EULOGY

Todd Dankers

#### FAMILY

Neal Nordstrom

### GROWING UP TOGETHER

Tom Weinberg

#### CAREER

Christina Thorensen

### SLIDESHOW

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S PROMISE

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 • Bridget Johnson

#### HOMILY

Pastor Scott Montagne

#### SONG

"10,000 Reasons"

### PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Pastor Bomgren & Pastor Scott Montagne

### RECESSIONAL

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

In Jeff's memory, gifts can be made to some of the causes closest to Jeff and Lorie. They include:

**Harvest Against Hunger**, a Seattle-based organization that works to connect perishable foods with people in need in our community. Jeff and his family have volunteered with this organization many times over the years. The link to donate is <https://ourmayberry.com/campaigns/365>

**Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**, an organization that supports humanitarian relief for missionaries across the world. Jeff and Lorie's nephew Nathan Dankers will begin his career as a pilot and aviation mechanic with MAF in Papua, Indonesia, in fall 2025. He will provide air transport for missionaries, pastors and Bible translators in one of the most remote parts of the world. The link to make a one-time gift is [www.maf.org/dankers](http://www.maf.org/dankers). Please click the "Tribute Gift" box on the donation page.

**The Val Limburg Visiting Lectureship and Scholarship** in Media Ethics Endowment at Washington State University's Murrow College of Communication. Jeff and Lorie previously established this fund, which supports ethics, responsibility and excellence in media education in memory of Communications Professor Val Limburg, The link to donate is <https://bit.ly/4i6TFOV>



Jeff's family thanks each of you for being here today. We have been blessed by your thoughtfulness, support and expressions of sympathy following Jeff's untimely death. Thank you for your gift of friendship to Jeff and to all of us.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the medical professionals in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. You not only provided excellent care for Jeff during his time in your care, but the professionalism and kindness you showed our family and close friends during this most difficult time will never be forgotten. Thank you to the families of Langston and Dorothy Weinberg and Neal and Debbie Nordstrom for the beautiful flowers at today's service. Your continued care and love for us knows no end.

Thank you to the pastoral care staff and deaconesses at Crossroads Bible Church for your support in hosting today's service. You welcomed us unconditionally so we could honor Jeff's life among family and friends.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Pastor Scott Montagne, musician Leilani Montagne and Pastor Charles Bomgren. When Jeff and Lorie were married in August 1994, all three of these special people had the same role in the wedding as they do in today's service. We are grateful for our enduring friendships.



*<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2 and 4*



# Biography

Jeffrey Howard Johnson was born March 9, 1965, in Boston, Massachusetts. His family moved to the Puget Sound area in 1966, living first on Mercer Island before settling in Bellevue.

Jeff attended Bellevue public schools including Wilburton Elementary and Hyak Junior High before graduating from Sammamish High School in 1983. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the Edward R. Murrow College of Communications at Washington State University in 1987. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Maryland College Park in 1992. Jeff achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in March 1981, as a member of Troop 662.

In August 1994, Jeff married Lorie Dankers and they made their first home in College Park, Maryland. In November 1999, Jeff and Lorie returned to Washington state ahead of the birth of their daughter, Bridget Johnson, in February 2000.

Jeff enjoyed golfing, drinking coffee, spending time with his family and cheering for Washington State Cougars athletic teams. He was an avid Seattle sports fan, proudly sporting Seahawks and Mariners apparel during the appropriate season. Jeff and Bridget shared a special affinity for the Seattle Mariners, frequently discussing the latest roster moves, pitching rotation and always remaining optimistic about the team's playoff prospects.

Jeff was a seasoned traveler, visiting all 50 states and more than 30 countries. Jeff and Lorie celebrated their 30th anniversary in August during a trip to Norway and Sweden.

At the time of his death, Jeff was working for Microsoft as a senior business manager on the Worldwide Education team. Jeff's career

included stints at Bellevue College where he served as the director of the Northwest Center for Emerging Technology; the University of Maryland; and in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Representative Rod Chandler (WA-8th District).

Jeff was an expert wordsmith, writer and editor. He gave freely of his time to mentor others professionally and personally and he brought a passion for education. In his role at Microsoft, he most recently was working on programs to promote skills and employability in the field of Automated Intelligence on a global scale.

Jeff, Lorie and Bridget have attended Crossroads Bible Church since 2006. They served in the children's ministry for several years.

Anyone who knew Jeff will remember the ever-present smile on his face, his helpful and selfless nature and the kindness he showed to everyone he met. Jeff was an organ donor and his legacy lives on in multiple people who have benefited from his final act of generosity.

Jeff suffered a major cardiac event on February 8, 2025, at Spokane International Airport, moments after boarding a flight to Seattle. He and Lorie had spent the day in Pullman with a friend, attending a Washington State University men's basketball game. Jeff passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane on February 13, 2025.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Lorie of Bellevue; daughter, Bridget of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; his parents, Howard and Judy Johnson of Bellevue; sister, Jennifer Burg (Greg) of Okatie, South Carolina; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and co-workers.

