



## Dr. Jeffrey Earl Hanssen

May 23, 1954 - March 12, 2026

Jeffrey Earl Hanssen, DVM, 71, of Greenfield, passed away on March 12, 2026, at Brandywine - Brickyard Healthcare Center. He was born on May 23, 1954, in Evansville, Indiana.

As a child, Jeff had multiple surgeries at the Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis treating a birth defect in his hands, which helped him to become an excellent veterinarian.

Jeffrey graduated from Memorial High School in Evansville, IN, Indiana State University - Evansville (USI), and Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine. He owned and operated Westwood Veterinary Clinic for 40 years, caring deeply for the pets of Greenfield and their owners.

He loved all things outdoors, hiking in state parks, birding, and collecting rocks. He also enjoyed reading and had an extensive book collection. Jeffrey gave back to the community by participating in the Vet Sciences with 4-H and was very active with the Hancock County Humane Society. He was a very social and gregarious person and loved by all.

Jeffrey is survived by his loving spouse of 38 years, Brenda (Rodewald) Hanssen, and children, Kathryn Rose (Steven) Williamson, and Ian William Hanssen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cyrille William and Doris Jean Hanssen.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brandywine-Brickyard Healthcare Facility for their wonderful care of Jeff.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at the Community Room at Loose Funeral Home on Monday, March 23, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his name to the Shriner's (<https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org/campaign/669435/donate>) or the Hancock County Humane Society (<https://www.hancockcountyhumanesociety.org/info/donate>) [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Community Room at Loose Funeral Homes  
200 West 53rd Street  
Anderson , IN 46013

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Jeffrey Earl Hanssen*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - March 18 at 02:24 PM

TP

*That was a really great video*

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**Teresa Pierson** - March 18 at 03:40 PM

DE

*Hanssen was the best ever. He will be missed dearly.. may he rest in peace . 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Don England** - March 18 at 08:11 PM

SP

*Thank you for sharing these sweet memories*

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**Sally Parsons** - March 18 at 10:00 PM

MO

*It was lovely for you to share those sweet photos. I understand what a great loss you must be feeling and my heart aches for you and the kids. Much love to you.*

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**Molly Rodewald Oltrogge** - March 19 at 12:59 PM

DS

*Such a great video of memories. He was a good Veterinarian*

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**Deborah Sosbey** - March 19 at 05:20 PM

MP

*Great video of Dr Jeff & his family. Rest in Peace. Burning a candle for him to light his way. MHS Class of 72*

**Martha Kaelin Payne** - March 21 at 10:39 AM

AW

*Beautiful memories*

**Angela Weekley** - March 21 at 08:57 PM

KD

“ *I am saddened to hear of Jeff's passing! I grew up with Jeff and our dads were best friends and fellow police officers in Evansville. My mother was Jeff's godmother and he spent a lot of time at our house while his own mother and father were working. He always had a smile on his face and as kids we had a lot of fun with my sister, Roxanne. My condolences to his wife and children and I hope you reflect on your memories with him to give you peace.*

**Kim Jones Downie** - April 02 at 06:47 PM

JJ

“ *Brenda, you spent your life with a man in the profession you loved and shared those interests together. You both had such a nurturing relationship with your two children and many dogs you bred and showed in conformation. I hope you, Kathryn, and Ian find a deep peace knowing Jeff lived his best life with you all. Memories safe in your hearts will stay alive forever.*  
*Julie Jacobs*

**Julie Jacobs** - March 21 at 03:14 PM

BR

“ As a long-time treasurer of the Hancock County Humane Society, I interacted with Dr Jeff fairly often. For many years, we held vaccination clinics with him, and he and I usually talked about the world as he calculated our share afterward. He was also the veterinarian I used for my pets. I adopted a puppy that was abandoned after a surgery, and for the 17 years he lived, he loved going to Westwood to see Dr Jeff.

*He was compassionate to both the human clients and the pets they brought to him. You knew he truly cared. That's a wonderful legacy.*

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**Beverly Reece** - March 20 at 11:15 PM



“ My heart aches for you all. Dr Jeff was an incredible man. So kind, loving, giving, funny.  
*Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time. God Bless. He will truly be missed.*

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**Kimberly Sell** - March 19 at 06:53 PM

JS

“ Dr. Jeff was the BEST. The best vet, the best person. The best friend. Many years ago he saved my dog, Scruffy's life. I don't think another vet could have saved him. He taught me so much and helped me give the best life to several rescue dogs. I was privileged at the end to be able to give a little back to him as the therapy dog volunteer at his nursing homes. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed.



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**Julia Street** - March 18 at 11:25 AM

DF

“ We cannot adequately put into words the love and respect we have for Dr. Hanssen. He cared for our scottish terrier rescues for over 20 years. On more than one occasion, he and Brenda agreed to come to our home to help one of our beloved scotties over the Rainbow Bridge. He was a highly-skilled and caring vet. He was also an incredible loving and caring human being. We owe him so much. God bless and keep you, Dr. Hanssen.

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**Dan Forst** - March 18 at 09:07 AM

TB

“ We loved Jeff. He was the only one who could calm the nerves of our sweet rescue dog and was so caring when we lost our sweet Yorkie. I was so sad when he left Westwood but happy he got to retire. We fondly referred to him as “Dr. Doolittle” or the “Dog Whisperer” because he always talked to my sweet pups like they were people. My sincere condolences to his family.

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**TJ Banes-Fender** - March 18 at 08:48 AM

KC

“ Sending my deep sympathies to Brenda and the rest of the family. I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. He was very kind to my husband when they worked together. Kelly Credille

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**Kelly Credille** - March 17 at 05:11 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Loose Funeral Home - March 17 at 04:05 PM



“ I will always fondly remember Jeff! He hired me right out of high school & gave me a chance! He started my life long career in veterinary care. He will be missed ❤️



Wendy Fox - March 16 at 07:48 PM



“ With thoughts & prayers for Hanssen Family Martha Kaelin Payne, MHS class of 72



martha kaelin payne - March 15 at 05:34 PM

AW

“ Rest In Peace Jeff. My heart is with Brenda, Katherine, and Ian. I'd like to believe that Jeff and Gary have already found each other and are watching over us and having a laugh - probably about us.



Angie King Weekley - March 15 at 01:24 PM

TW

Jeff was a nice guy. He gave me advice with my golden way back when!

Tim Wathen  
MHS Class of 72

Tim N Wathen - March 16 at 10:58 AM

MH

We just found out about Jeff's passing. He and Brenda were part of our family for all 40 years. A kinder human being never existed. I am sure he is surrounded by all the animals who loved his as we did. His spirit lives on in the smile of every dog you see. RIP Jeff.

Mark and Tere Hogue - March 30 at 06:16 PM

JS

Back when i was eight months pregnant, my husband and i had to put down our dog due to a tumor. Dr. Hanssen had been his vet since we had him. My husband was not able to go with me to the appointment. Needless to say, i was a mess! Our dog was our first "baby" and we loved him so much. Dr. Hanssen was so compassionate. My heart goes out to his family. I know he was one of the most caring and compassionate individual i have ever met.

Janie Slifer - May 06 at 03:50 PM