



## Jeff D. Kindhart

January 18, 1965 - February 8, 2016

Jeff D. Kindhart, age 51 years, a resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois, passed away Monday morning, February 8, 2016, at 11:45 AM at his home.

Jeff was born January 18, 1965 in Springfield, Illinois. He was the son of Dean and Alberta (Miller) Kindhart.

Jeff was united in marriage to Garnett (Moore) Kindhart on August 17, 1985 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Pleasant Plains, Illinois. Together they enjoyed over thirty years of marriage, she survives.

In addition to his wife and parents, survivors include: his son – Richard Dean Kindhart; two daughters Rachel Blair Kindhart and Rebecca Lynn Kindhart; a sister Deanna Marie (Henry) Welsch of East Peoria.

Jeff attained his Master's Degree from the University of Illinois in Horticulture. Previously, he had attained a Bachelor's of Science from Eastern Illinois University, and his Associate's from Lincoln Land Community College.

Jeff was employed as the Academic Senior Research Horticulturalist at the University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agricultural Center for many years. He also worked at the Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois.

Jeff was a member of the Illinois Specialists Growers Association.

Throughout the course of his life, Jeff enjoyed a number of different activities. He had a love of coaching softball, going fishing, teaching academic lessons to others and cooking. However, Jeff found his greatest passion in his work and with the time that he spent with his family.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning, February 13, 2016, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Visitation will be conducted Friday evening, February 12, 2016, from 5 PM – 7 PM and Saturday morning from 10 AM – 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905, or to an educational fund for Jeff's children and may be left in care of Bailey Funeral Home, PO Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Visitation

FEB **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

FEB **13.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeff D. Kindhart*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs Kindhart, Garnett & Deanna,  
Today 2/26/16 I was told of Jeff's death. My heart felt condolences to you all. We had a great childhood. A bunch of 3rd grade kids nobody wanted on their Khoury league team. No problem, Mr. Kindhart and my dad coached the team. Our first season we didn't win, but we learned. Learned to play by the rules, work hard, and not give up. Great lessons! The next season we won. But most of all we had fun. I have numerous fond memories of spending the night a Jeff's house. We would run around outside at night having a ball.*

*Garnett, we survived first grade, Miss Huffman. What that woman did to us, today would make the world news. My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Godspeed,*

*John Schmidt*

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**John Schmidt** - February 26, 2016 at 09:12 PM

KW

“ *May our Lord Jesus be with you all at this time of great loss and sorrow.*

*Jeff was a fine man and a great asset to us all in the specialty growers community. One of the best speakers year in and year out at the Springfield meeting. I can only imagine that the good Lord must have needed some serious help with his tomato crop!! He has one of the best to advise him now.*

*Keith Weigel, Sharecropper Farms*

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**Keith Weigel** - February 22, 2016 at 04:02 PM

DN

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Jeff will be greatly missed by many, many people in the horticulture community! It's also a terrible loss for fruit and vegetable growers in Illinois.*

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**Deborah Niemann-Boehle** - February 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

LW

“ Don't exactly remember the first time Jeff and I met. But believe it was most probably at one of the field days held at Dixon Springs many years ago. However, one of earliest memories is a trip to the campus at Champaign inspecting a watering system that UI had in one of their greenhouses. Returning late that night Jeff and I became involved in a passionate discussion about some topic on which we disagreed which was normally the case. The debate was so heated that we missed the turn off and wound up in Indiana before realizing our mistake. One could never say Jeff was not enthused about whatever subject was of interest. Jeff was always ever ready to help whenever I called epitomizing science and farming working together as was the goal of extension. Jeff helped us for a short time during the spring producing bedding plants when transitioning from Rend Lake back to Dixon Springs. One day Jeff came to me exclaiming "PWP, PWP!!!". Totally, dumbfounded I asked what in the world does that mean expecting it to be some weird disease or, perhaps, the end of time. But no, it was permanent wilting point a new term for an old grower(increasing my knowledge)translated this meant dead. Jeff informed me house no. 4 filled with petunias was gone, I calmly explained to him this was not the case as I had just left that house and it would be fine for three hours given the temp and sunshine. Jeff after returning to Dixon and giving talks would tell me he used that story many times. And this exemplified our friend, ready to teach at any time with even stories that showed he was a student, as well.

Good bye old friend and as Senor David would say "Adios cunzonies."

Lisa Grief, Steve and Jim Wurth

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Lisa Grief, Steve and Jim Wurth - February 14, 2016 at 01:43 PM

MR

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jeff's family, friends and colleagues. I am so grateful to have known him and learned so much from him through the New Farmers program. He was so generous with time, knowledge and ideas, given with wit. He was a real inspiration to so many. I am remembering the family in my prayers for strength and comfort.

*Mary Ellen Raymond*

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**mary ellen raymond** - February 12, 2016 at 07:36 PM

BC

“ Betsy Chaney lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart



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**Betsy chaney** - February 12, 2016 at 05:45 PM

BC

“ So very sorry for your loss, we are praying for the entire family. Taylor greatly enjoyed playing softball with Jeff and learned so very much from him, he was a great man...  
*Chris and Betsy Chaney & Taylor Lowry*

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**Betsy chaney** - February 12, 2016 at 05:42 PM

TW

“ Garnett, my thoughts, love and prayers are with you so many times a day! So very sorry for your loss! Theresa Wilkey

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**Theresa Wilkey** - February 12, 2016 at 04:29 PM

DA

“ Sincere sympathy to you all. Jeff was a very important part of many farmers and gardeners lives. He had all the knowledge and answers to many of our problems we face trying to produce a crop. We are very sorry for your loss and will keep you all in our prayers.

*Don & Shirley Ahrens*

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**Don & Shirley Ahrens** - February 12, 2016 at 08:53 AM

CD

*My sympathies are with you Garnet and kids for loss of Jeff. We were coworkers from the time he joined up with Bill Courter and so I watched him progress in many horticulture activities including the horseradish testing and peach orchard, as well as being concerned for his family. And so I will miss him and his efforts to help our Illinois growers and industry progress.*

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**Chris Doll** - February 16, 2016 at 09:50 AM

 Beth  
Mandrell

“ I enjoyed working with Jeff at Rend Lake College. He did a lot of research in our LRC and we had many in-depth discussions about horticulture. I remember him being frustrated at how little resources we had because he was used to the University of Illinois libraries.

*Beth Mandrell  
Reference Librarian*

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**Beth Mandrell** - February 12, 2016 at 08:39 AM

KR

“ Garnett, so sorry for your loss. Jeff will be missed by many. Praying for you and the family.

*Prayers and hugs, Kristy Duncan*

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**Kristy** - February 12, 2016 at 01:39 AM

KS

“ *Kristina S. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.*



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**Kristina S.** - February 11, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.*



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February 11, 2016 at 03:24 PM

DT

“ *Garnett and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dad loved Jeff and enjoyed talking to him. My prayers are with you.*

*Donna Wright Tindle*

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**Donna Tindle** - February 11, 2016 at 09:33 AM

KC

“ *My condolences go out to Jeff's family. I learned a great deal from Jeff over the years. He was always willing to help anyone that wanted to learn something about the trade. That trait helped me a great deal.*

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**Kyle Cecil** - February 11, 2016 at 09:17 AM

MA

“ *A warm and enlightening man. Your knowledge and wit was always an inspiration. RIP Jeff.*

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**Michael Adsit** - February 10, 2016 at 08:47 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wells lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



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**Barbara Wells** - February 10, 2016 at 07:55 PM

BW

“ *Garnett and family I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers, hope to see you soon. I love you, Barbara Wells*

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**Barbara Wells** - February 10, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MS

“ I am saddened to hear about Jeff and I know that his family must be in great pain. Jeff was outstanding as a member of the New Illinois Fruit and Vegetable Farmers teaching team. Jeff was a source of practical wisdom and wit while teaching. He often brought up his family in his teaching stories. His personality was to be envied by many. I attended the Specialty Growers meeting in Springfield in January and realized that he touched the lives of many. Farmers, like fishermen, are supposed to just keep on bobbing along and telling stories. You left us too young Jeff Kindhart.

*I observed his interaction with two farmers nearby where we went to see the fresh shrimp farm operation and the high tunnel farm with raspberries that had plans for a family restaurant. You could see the trust and respect that these farmers had for Jeff.*

*I was looking forward to reaching out to Jeff more once I moved to my farm in Dongola. He was the kind of mentor that you could ask your questions and he would respond in a jovial manner giving you a practical answer and a smile or snicker.*

*Peace Jeff - I'm wondering what you are planting now.*

*Marjorie Sawicki*

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**Marjorie Sawicki** - February 10, 2016 at 03:46 PM

EK

“ Esther Kindhart lit a candle in memory of Jeff  
D. Kindhart



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**Esther Kindhart** - February 10, 2016 at 03:38 PM

BS

“ Bradley S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.



Bradley S. - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

-F

“ -The Welsch Family- purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.



-The Welsch Family- - February 10, 2016 at 03:06 PM

MW

“ Marjie Welsch lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart



Marjie Welsch - February 10, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.



February 10, 2016 at 02:47 PM

Brad Skaggs

“ Brad Skaggs lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart



Brad Skaggs - February 10, 2016 at 02:38 PM

MM

“ I have very fond memories of Jeff and Garnett from high school. I was so sad to hear of his passing. Sending prayers and hugs to all of Jeff's family and friends.

Mary E. (Watts) Myers - February 10, 2016 at 08:48 AM

BB

“ Jeff was an inspirational expert within the vegetable industry, his legacy will live on with all of the farms and individuals that he has assisted and taught throughout his career, prayers to his family. Brad Bergefurd, Horticulture, OSU

Brad Bergefurd - February 10, 2016 at 06:55 AM

YC

“ Your loving cousins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeff D. Kindhart.



Your loving cousins - February 09, 2016 at 07:59 PM

SW

“ *My prayers and condolences. Jeff was highly respected by his peers in the Great Lakes Vegetable Working Group. He will be missed. Shawn Wright UK Horticulture*

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**shawn Wright** - February 09, 2016 at 07:35 PM

LF

“ *Jeff was an incredible teacher. We were lucky to have him as a speaker for the Future Fruit and Vegetable Growing Program. He was an inspirational expert! His passion was contagious and he will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to all his friends and family.*

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**Lindsay Feyer** - February 09, 2016 at 06:35 PM

ZG

“ *Jeff was a huge influence in my career. From seeing him speak at the IL Specialty Growers Conference, having him consult on the start up of the Sustainable Student Farm at UIUC, to co-teaching the New Illinois Farmer Training cohorts with him; Jeff always brought a depth and passion for production to all growers he came to know. I will always remember and be humbled by his humor and breadth of knowledge. Truly a tremendous loss for our growing communities and networks throughout Illinois. His spirit will endure in all of my and other educators future work. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.*

*-Zack Grant*

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**Zack Grant** - February 09, 2016 at 05:08 PM

DB

“ Dallas, Quinnton And Addison Bent lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart



Dallas, Quinnton and Addison Bent - February 09, 2016 at 05:02 PM

LM

“ So very sorry, Alberta and Dean. We will pray for comfort and peace for you and your family.

Linda McCombs - February 09, 2016 at 03:14 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Mary Hosier - February 09, 2016 at 01:53 PM

PS

“ Jeff's expertise at the DSAC was always appreciated and will be missed.  
Peggy Jean Smoot



Peggy Jean Smoot - February 09, 2016 at 01:49 PM

BA

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
*the Tibbetts Family (midland magic 98)*



**Bailey** - February 09, 2016 at 12:12 PM

IE

“ Will miss you our friend and all the good conversations at the ball fields. Our thoughts and prayers to you Ray Ray and the family.  
*God Bless Brad, Ida, and Hanna Evans.*



**ida evans** - February 09, 2016 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ *Doug, Mandy, Hope(Hutchison), Moore lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



**Doug, Mandy, Hope(Hutchison), Moore** - February 09, 2016 at 10:45 AM

KB

“ *KRISTI BURNETT lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



**KRISTI BURNETT** - February 09, 2016 at 10:36 AM

DG

“ *DONNIE, KATHY, DYLAN AND WYATT GRAVES lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



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**DONNIE, KATHY, DYLAN AND WYATT GRAVES** - February 09, 2016 at 08:28 AM

DF

“ *Praying for your family!*



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**Doug, Brandi, Remi & Ben Fisher** - February 09, 2016 at 06:36 AM

DH

“ *Debra Helm lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



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**Debra Helm** - February 09, 2016 at 04:17 AM

DH

*My prayers are with your family Garnet 🙏*

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**Debra Helm** - February 09, 2016 at 04:18 AM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - February 09, 2016 at 12:24 AM

DH

“ *David & Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



David & Ellen Hill - February 08, 2016 at 09:47 PM

TT

“ *Praying for all of the family!!!*



Theresa Trigg - February 08, 2016 at 09:13 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - February 08, 2016 at 06:31 PM

EF

“ *Eric Kinkelaar Family lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Eric Kinkelaar Family - February 08, 2016 at 06:10 PM

Jessica  
Cook

“ *Jessica Cook lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Jessica Cook - February 08, 2016 at 05:13 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Dorothy Bacon - February 08, 2016 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Jeff D. Kindhart*



Sheri Robinson - February 08, 2016 at 02:42 PM