

Jeffrey Dennis Gooch

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Bruce At a time like this, we have no words, but we are thinking and praying for you and your family that there is comfort to be found in the words of our Lord. ... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27 Mike and Denise McHugh

- Mike & Denise McHugh

Dear Heather and family... I was so heartbroken to hear of Jeff's passing. He was such a big part of my legal trial in 1999, after an accident that required several surgeries. His goodness and kindness to me and my family during that difficult time will never be forgotten. With love and gratitude... Allyson

- Allyson Stevenett Olsen

The Eulogy was beautiful. Jeff was larger than life and he will never know how much of an impact he made on me. He was the one person I would turn to when needing advice and he was always spot on. I always admired his charismatic personality and his compassion toward others. My heart hurts and I miss him dearly.

- Ken Andersen

We are truely sorry for your loss. I know that nothing I can say will help with your loss. If there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to ask. Love, Phil and family.

- Philip Kopell

I’m so sorry for your loss. Gooch was such an amazing person and there truly is no one else like him. My thoughts are with your family at this time.

- Jennifer Schultz

I miss my best friend.

- Bob Kloepper

Mrs. Gooch, im so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. I wish you peace and comfort at this time. Sincerely, Hermana Brooks (Your former student)

- Adria Brooks

We were so excited to have Jeff and Bruce, Amy and Holly join the family. Finally we had cousins our age. Jeff and Bruce would tease us in the best way. This sad news breaks my heart for all those who know and love him. There is just really no one like Jeff Gooch.

- Shauna

Heather and family, I am so sorry for your profound loss. Jeff was my attorney and I trusted his judgment and legal mind completely. But more than that, Jeff was my friend. I always enjoyed our conversations, which ran the gamut from law firm politics to Bitcoin to cattle ranches and she-sheds, before eventually circling back to my case. In every conversation though it was apparent that Jeff's main focus and interest was his family and his amazing wife Heather. He always worked in something about how lucky he was that Heather had agreed to marry him and he told me more than once that he had really "married up." Jeff was an amazing person with a good heart. I will miss him.

- Alexis Nelson

Jeff I will never forget the day you called me brother. You will be missed way more than what can be imagined. RIP my brother

- Arkan

I will miss this big guy. I am so sorry for your loss. Gooch was one in a million. He was someone we all looked up to, and enjoyed visiting with. Tod Wilson

- Tod wilson

I am so, so sorry for your loss. He was such a force of nature; it's hard to believe he's gone. You say he "had a genuine connection and love for his clients and colleagues." We wholeheartedly agree, as we received exactly that. He represented us against the families of kids who bought drugs from China that killed our 13 year old son. "Gooch," as we called him, was compassionate, funny and incredibly intelligent. He was a fierce adversary, but to us he was a big, sweet teddy bear. The world has lost a good man :(

- Debbi Seaver

Our most heartfelt condolences for your incredible loss. Valerio & Suzanne

- Valerio and Suzanne Pascucci

My heart goes out to the Gooch family. Jeff will be missed. He'll forever live in your hearts and memories. I look forward to hearing more stories about him.

- Paul Wiggins

Heather, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear husband. There are no words I can say to make this any better for you. Know that you will see him again and he will be right by your side always. If you need anything at all please don't hesitate to ask. Prayers and love coming your way. ■■■■■■

- Karolyn Kelson

Such a tragic loss of a great person. He was a giant with a giant's heart ❤ He loved unconditionally and had intense concern for all humanity, especially those that needed justice. He never just stopped caring even after he finished his business. We have a giant void for a giant of a man. Our hearts ■ are broken with his passing. Good bye our friend ■ We send our greatest sympathy to his family, his extended family and his friends!

- Darrell and Ellen Hansen

We are very sorry for your loss. May Jeff's memory bring in time laughter and joy. As time passes, may your pain lessen, and your smiles increase as you think of him.

- The Shipman Family

Heather & Family, I am so, so sorry. Heather, thank you so much for all of the great conversations we had while working together. When you talked of Jeff, your eyes would always light up and you always spoke in such a positive light about him. It was such a great example to me about honoring your spouse. Whenever you were together at school activities, you and Jeff had the best vibe and always, always a twinkle in your eyes. Watching you together was so admirable. My thoughts, prayers, and hopes are being sent your way. Thank you to you and your children for providing so much fun and laughter while at school. Wishing you all the love and strength as you navigate this new road in life.

- Kristen Worthington

I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. I didn't know you guys well but do remember Jeff being a kind a funny guy. I am so very sorry and will keep you all in my prayers. May God wrap his arms around all of you and see you through this….

- Danielle Fath

My deepest sympathy. Jeff was a friend, mentor, and one of the brightest minds I have ever known

- Justin Heideman

As the week has gone on I find it hard to imagine that the news of your passing is real. From getting the opportunity to work hand in hand with this giant teddy bear, to also have him represent me in medical malpractice to also

having him as a friend who helped my family thru their own struggles with the best advice. His hugs and over the top personality was like no other. He always talked highly of you heather said you were the best god could offer and every day knew he was doing what he did for you and your beautiful children. You guys have an army behind you and his loving caring compassion will live on for you guys thru friends and people he touched. He's always right by your side in all u do. We all love u.

- Jessyka Ostler

Our hearts are broken. So many stories, so many memories, too many to write. Jeff was truly one of a kind and the Gooch's were our family. To know Jeff is to love and adore him, as he loved so many of us. We will miss you tremendously Jeff and I pray that you are resting peacefully. Love, Bill and Jen

- Bill and Jen Manning

My heart is saddened by the loss of Jeffrey. He was there for me and my children and helped me fight for justice. His personality and words are something I will always remember. My deepest sympathies to Jeffery's family and may God wrap his loving arms around you to give you comfort and peace through your difficult loss and times ahead. Blessings to you and your family.

- Marcie Rogers

I will forever be grateful to Jeff for the help he gave my daughter when her husband was killed in Wyoming. He went beyond a lawyers duties and helped her through a very difficult time for her. My prayers are for the Savior's comfort and peace for your family and beautiful memories to sustain you.

- Betty Wilson

Hi Mrs Gooch! I was a student of yours. So so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers your way ❤■

- Elisheva White

Jeff was a very gifted lawyer and a loyal friend. He represented his clients and supported his friends with the same zeal. He adored Heather and his children. Everyone who came into contact with him was better for it.

- Mike Petro

Heather, We are so saddened by Jeff's passing. We will truly miss his bigger than life personality. What a character he was, never a dull moment. His capacity to wax philosophical on so many esoteric topics was beyond impressive. We will indeed miss his many one-liners. It was a privilege to know him on both a personal and professional level. Obviously, we are at a loss for words. It is our sincere hope that you, Brooke and Barton can find some solace and comfort in the many happy memories created with Jeff. With love and sincere condolences, Dave & Marilyn Ference

- Dave & Marilyn Ference

Jeffrey was indeed a giant of a man; in stature and mostly in the way he cared about people. He genuinely cared about everyone. He was a huge advocate for everyone he shared a relationship with. He was a joy to talk with, I loved our conversations! He believed in me and I trusted him, from the start of our initial consultation, that says it all. To Mrs Gooch and your family, you are in my prayers, may our Savior comfort you during this extremely difficult time.

- Deb

Jeff was a great lawyer and more importantly a great person. I will miss him and his big personality. It is hard to believe he is gone. Heather, my heart reaches out to you and the kid. You have all my love, support, and friendship. Jeff will always hold a special place in my heart.

- Paul Matthews

I remember "Gooch" from high school. He was always very well liked. I don't think I knew a single person who didn't like Gooch. I remember him always being friendly and kind to everyone. So grateful for the Savior and the sealing powers of the temple.

- Kristen

Funny. 6'7". Cheerfully irreverent. Supremely gifted. Deliciously Profane. Incapable of being boring. Fiercely kind. Committed to the cause of justice and accountability. Jeff is like Halley's Comet: big, beautiful, and rare. We won't see the likes of him again. Heaven Help the poor guy who has to fit Jeff with wings. God Bless You Jeff

- Eric Nielson

Dear Gooch family, I was deeply saddened to learn of Jeff’s passing. He and I were always opposing attorneys, but I thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He was bright, witty, a compassionate and pragmatic advocate for his clients. He spoke often of his family, especially his grandmother. I was touched by openness and sincerity. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed in our legal community but especially by his friends, of which I consider myself one. I am so sorry for your loss. Rest in peace my friend and thank you for the memories. ■

- Sandra Steinvoort

I am heartbroken for you - Heather, Barton and Brooke. I am stunned at the loss of my larger than life friend and mentor. Gooch taught me that the true value of being a lawyer is to be in a position to help those who cannot help themselves. Gooch truly cared about people. Even though he was often the smartest guy in the room, he was one of the most endearing and personable people you could hope to speak with. The void left in the Gooch Tribe can only be eased by him who will wipe away all tears - the Savior of the World. I pray that His peace may attend you in this most difficult time.

- Jake Hinkins

Our family is so sorry for your loss. Jeff was larger than life and I always appreciated his funny sense of humor. He was very perceptive and saw the intricacies and complexities of life that are lost on most. I remember when he flew us out from Nebraska to go to the U2 concert; we were blown away by his generosity. I was also impressed by the

loving way he cared for his grandmother through the years. We wish you the best as you navigate this difficult time. He will be missed.

- Lindsey Hinkins

Good bye ol' buddy. You were a prince of a man and a gentleman. You were a hell of a lawyer and brilliant you were. You will be missed my friend. Rest in Peace!

- Chris Nelson

I am devastated. I barely know what to say, except I miss my best and most adventurous friend.

- Robert Strieper

He’s also survived by many law students and young attorneys that he mentored and clearly their families (me). Gooch was always bigger than life and it was such a privilege to know you, him, your kids when they were tiny and of course “Grandma.” Thank you for always opening your home to us. I’m so sorry for you loss. Holding you, Brooke and Barton in my heart. It’s been a minute so I don’t know how relationships worked out but love to Carlyn as well. She was absolutely stellar when Justin still worked there. Peace be with you all.

- Alexis Ashworth

Dear Heather, Barton, and Brooke. I am so very sorry for your devastating loss. I found out about Jeff last Thursday as I was driving home to St. George from Salt Lake, and it has taken me a week to process such a huge loss! Jeff was the first attorney to hire me as an expert witness 24 years ago, and we became fast friends. He has been my friend, mentor, sounding board, and colleague since that time, and we have helped each other through some tough cases, frustrating depositions and trials, and momentous life events. I am struggling to grasp the fact that I can't just pick up the phone and talk to him! I can truly attest to the fact that Jeff loved people! He cared deeply for his clients, coworkers, experts, and most of all, his beautiful wife and children. While at times he had a mouth on him, and would spend much of our conversation apologizing for his language with a smile on his face, he had a huge heart and a great capacity for Christ-like love, compassion, and caring. He fought hard for the underdog and the victimized, and he was, and still is, an awesome attorney and man. I will always hold our friendship close to my heart. Heather, you and the children are in my thoughts and prayers. Gooch, until we meet again my friend! I love ya' Sheryl

- Shery; Dobson-Wainwright

I am so sorry to hear this news. He was everybody’s cheerleader and always brought positive energy to the day. Rest in peace.

- James Rock

I am so sorry to hear about Jeff’s passing! He was very influential in helping me deal with the aftermath of a car accident that left me without half of my family. He was compassionate, empathetic, and became an unexpected friend. He will be dearly missed! My heartfelt love and prayers go out to you. God bless each of you sweet family!

- Alyssa Winslow

It's hard to believe that Gooch is no longer a phone call away. There is no way that I can put into words what he has meant to me the last 16 years; or how much I will miss his wisdom, humor, and just him. He was a special man who cannot ever be forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.

- Christopher Ault

I love Gooch. His energy, his humor, his keen intellect. He had a fierceness that made him succeed at anything he did, but his generous gentle heart was what made him special. He leaves an imprint on our lives. The space where he was can not be filled but will be celebrated by us. We are sending all of our love to Heather and his amazing kids. Seth and Lace Riddle

- Seth Riddle

Dearest Heather and family, I am so deeply saddened by Jeff's tragic passing. I love him very much and will miss him at lot. I cannot imagine the grief and loss you all feel. Jeff was so much fun -- always-- and loved to tease me. His intellect was always on display; he was two steps ahead of the competition, but also inviting and encouraging others to catch up to him. We always left each other smiling, often laughing, and promising to catch up soon. Please know of our profound sadness and sincerest condolences. Blessings to y

- Nate Alder

I was a student of Mrs Gooch last year and I remember how we would call Mr Gooch and just have fun chats for 5 minutes during our lesson. He always seemed like an amazing guy. Of course his wife Heather Gooch is one of the best teachers I have ever had. This is terrible news and I hope that the family will be safe and well.

- William Tanner

Jeff was a good friend. He was passionate, funny, and kind. Great qualities for a man, a lawyer, and a friend. I will miss you Jeff.

- Rex Parris

Thinking of Jeff's family. I worked with Jeff in the Lehi office of Jones Waldo. He brought fun and energy to the office. I appreciate how friendly he was. He hated injustice and inefficiencies and we had several great conversations around those topics. One thing I remember was how highly he talked of his wife and mother-in-law. On multiple occasions, he said how wonderful and talented both were and how much he appreciated them. I will miss Jeff. Sending love to the family.

- Marianne Ludlow

Jeff, I'll miss knowing there's an honest and real gentle giant on the lookout, protecting us from ruffians and encouraging everybody with your ready smile and thumbs-up. I'll trust you're still on the lookout, from beyond, for anyone who needs that giant Gooch heart that went with that big frame. Your friend, Mark

- Mark Lyons, high school friend

This is a little late, but I must send my condolences on the passing of such a remarkable personality and colleague. Jeff was one of a kind and a pleasure to work with even when he was on the other side of a case. Deepest sympathy to his family. Larry White

- Larry White