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Jeff was born to John and Mae Fincher in Odessa, Texas, on February 26, 1958. Soon after, they moved to Montana where he spent his childhood, and his sister was born. When he was nine his family moved to Tripoli, Libya, where he explored Roman ruins at Sabratha, picnicked on white beaches, and snorkeled in the crystal waters of the Mediterranean Sea. When he was 11, Muammar Gaddafi staged a coup and his family moved to London, England where he spent his teenage years in the St. John's Wood area next to Regent's Park. There, he discovered a passion for electronics, assembling Heathkits, including his own stereo and oscilloscope, and creating electronic toys for his new little brother. He attended the American Community School in London, where he found lifelong friends among other students and teachers and went on many school trips throughout Europe. He also spent many years as a Boy Scout, attaining rank of Eagle Scout, with every weekend camping out, rain or shine. After graduating high school, he went back to the United States to attend Texas A&M University where he joined the Corps of Cadets. There he became Company Commander for L1 outfit. He graduated with bachelor degrees in both mechanical and electrical engineering, and a master's degree in electrical engineering. He also spent many years as a Captain in the Army Corp of Engineer's reserves. After graduation, he moved to the California Bay Area to work as an engineer for Ampex where he remained for 17 years. He then worked at RoboToolz, Synthesys Research and Techtronix. Throughout his career Jeff designed many inventions and acquired 8 patents. In 1991, he met his loving wife, Janice, and their life together brought many new friends and experiences including travels abroad. Jeff found love and affection from his kitty children over the years including, Grey Beast, Simon, and currently Cassie and Owen. He took up martial arts, scuba diving, sailing, art collecting, traveling, composing, and archery. Jeff also enjoyed playing classical pieces on the piano and enjoyed listening to all types of music. Jeff was a long



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time member and past President of Calvary Lutheran Church in Millbrae. Participating in the choir there, brought him much joy. His strong faith in God showed in the way he gave leadership, conducted his career, and how he loved others. Jeff is preceded in death by his father, John Louis Fincher Jr. He is survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Janice Reisman Fincher; mother, Mae Fincher of Spring, Texas; sister, Annette Fincher of Bryan, Texas; brother, Clint Fincher of Sunnyvale, California, and many great friends. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held Saturday, March 28th, 11:30 A.M. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 401 Santa Lucia Avenue in Millbrae, California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Nine Lives Foundation, 3016 Rolison Rd, Redwood City, CA 94063 www.ninelivesfoundation.org Stand Up To Cancer, P.O. Box 843721, Los Angeles, CA 94084 www.standup2cancer.org Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Bridge Trust USA, INC, P.O. Box 1042, Wheaton, IL 60187-1042 <http://cmcsoxford.org.uk/> (check to: Bridge Trust)



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BA

Barbara B. Abrams posted:

Dear Janis: I just heard about the passing of your husband Jeff. I send you my deepest sympathies and hope the memories of your life together will be a comfort to you ... Warm regards, Barbara Blacher Abrams

April 29 at 11:42 AM

RK

Richard & Donna Knox posted:

I was shocked to here the loss of Jeff. I was one of Jeff's upperclassmen, Company L-1, Corps of Cadets. As I got to know Jeff, I knew that great things and opportunities awaited him. He was so bright, witty and such a interesting sense of humor. To the family and close friends of Jeff, my prayers are with you. It is so hard to hear the names we knew, during Aggie Muster. Jeff will be one of the hardest of recent. I will be speaking out "Here" on this coming 2015 Aggie Muster for Jeff Fincher.. To Jeff, Gig-em! Richard & Donna Knox, "78

April 2 at 7:05 AM

DL

Daniel J. Layton posted:

This is a tough loss for the Fincher family and the Aggie family as well. I will likely be answering "Here" at our Muster ceremony in honor of Jeff and I won't like it very much at all. Jeff and I were in 1st Batt together during the "OI Army" days. He was kind, thoughtful and an all around good guy. I'm very sad to hear of his passing..God Bless.

March 31 at 4:34 AM

IG

Ida Glaser posted:

Glorified and sanctified be God?s great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen. May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen. He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

March 28 at 11:19 AM



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SS

Shehnaaz Suliman posted:

We shared many wonderful meals and memories with Jeff and Janice. When our son was born they opened their home to play dates in the pool and with the cats. As human beings go, he was a sweet endearing kind and funny man. My sincerest condolences to Janice and his entire family.

March 28 at 9:26 AM

ML

Mary Jean Lett posted:

I, too, am so grateful to have had Jeff as a nephew. When Mark and I got the news of his passing, Mark's first comment was, "He was a good man." To Mark, that is just about the best thing you can possibly say about anyone. I have many fond memories of Jeff during his time at A & M, as we often would pick him up in Bryan and go on to Lufkin for family events. I remember one particular time when we drove back in an ice storm and had a flat tire. Mark had not made the trip with us, and our children were still young. Jeff's presence at that time was such a help. He continued to be a source of strength to all his family members, even during his last illness, as we all saw his humor, courage, and faith. Janice, I am so glad that you had those twenty years together. You enriched Jeff's life, as he did yours. May God comfort you at this sad time. Mary Jean Lett

March 28 at 6:08 AM

JJ

Jeff Johnson posted:

I first saw Finch at Zachary Engineering Center at A&M. I thought to myself "what a weird looking kid" — he had his Corps haircut already and looked like a sunburned test subject. We all looked like sunburned test subjects within the next few days. It didn't help that we were both blond — me not as much. Unbelievable years at A&M... He got me my first civilian job after I left the military at Ampex. Malinda and I stayed at his condo and did tile-work and fed him real food until we moved into our house in Fremont. (We kept feeding him, when ever he could break away from everything else he was involved in.) Had a great time at Jeff and Janice's wedding — tango lessons definitely made a difference because they looked magnificent. Christmas time was always special when Finch was in town — it was a time when he and Lee and I would get together and just talk about what had happened in the past year or so... You're the first to go... Muster is going to hurt this year... Jeff

March 27 at 12:19 PM



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KA

Kathy Mac Donald Adams posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Jeff . I'm a friend of Janice and remember Jeff coming to our Leads Club Mixers. May God give you comfort Janice , you had a amazing husband. I'm here for you if you need anything. Love Kathy Mac Donald Adams

March 27 at 6:11 AM

GC

Greg Caplan posted:

Jeff never missed an opportunity to ask a question or to discover what each person he encountered had to offer. He always struck me as kind, sincere, compassionate, and faithful as he was rational and intellectually curious. I learned as much from him about Christianity and Judaism in our too infrequent visits as I did from anyone else I have encountered who did not teach professionally.

March 27 at 6:07 AM

DR

Della Beth Redfearn posted:

I am very blessed to have had Jeff as a nephew. He was a very special person. He was intelligent, happy, kind, caring, and had a great sense of humor, living life as an adventure. I attended his wedding in San Francisco 20 years ago and it was a spectacular event that I will not forget. Jeff and Janice were meant to be together. I developed a closer relation with Jeff after he became sick. We exchanged e-mails often and shared our spiritual walk. Jeff had so much faith in God and lived life to the fullest. He taught me so many things. He sent books to encourage me. I am so grateful to have had him in my life. He had an incredible journey with Janice by his side. I know that he is at peace now. Della Beth Redfearn

March 27 at 3:31 AM

IG

Ida Glaser posted:

Thank you, Loving Lord, for Jeff! Thank you for his honest, sharp mind and his warm, loving heart. Thank you for his help to me as lab assistant when I taught him physics in London. Thank you for helping us to get back into contact a few years ago. Thank you for the opportunities to meet him and Janice and, so recently, other members of his family. Thank you for his grappling with trying to understand You and Your world. Thank you for his journey through pain and fear towards peace of heart and mind. Thank You for the 'sure and certain hope of resurrection from the dead' in which he left this present life. Thank you for all that everyone reading this has of memories of him, and of the ways that knowing him has made us what we are.

March 26 at 7:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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