

# JEFFREY ALLEN TENNYSON

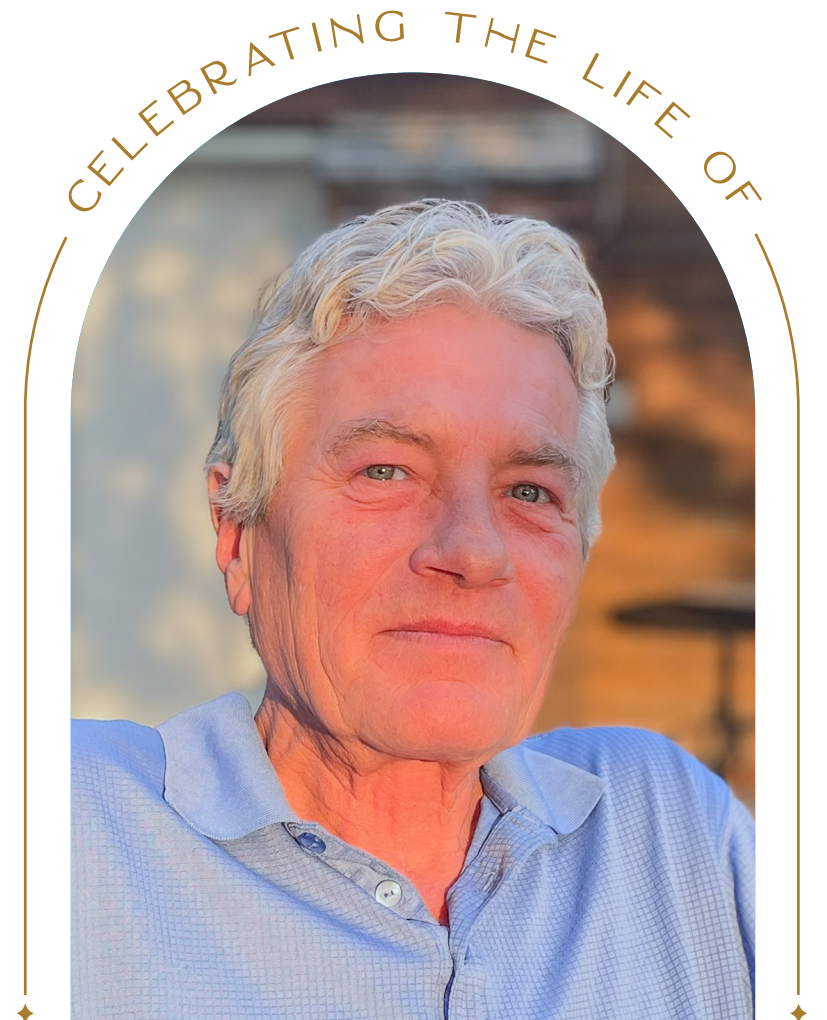
Jeffrey Allen Tennyson, born June 23, 1959, to Bernard and Marjorie Tennyson, passed away at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital June 19, 2025. The sixth of seven children, Jeff was a fun-loving person with a winsome smile. He was kind, caring and thoughtful to everyone he met, and could make almost anyone laugh with his sharp wit and sense of humor. Jeffrey, a 1977 graduate of Custer High School, went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree at South Dakota State University in 1981 and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1986.

In 1991, Jeff married Betty Bartee in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. To this union three children were born Joshua, Jessica, and Timothy. In 2005 Jeff married Sandra Erickson, who became not only his wife but his best friend in life and, as he would put it, the brains behind his law practice. As a team, they ran Jeffrey's practice out of Jackson Hole, Wyoming; continuing to do so after moving with the three children to Custer, South Dakota in 2005. Jeffrey was a seasoned and quite successful personal injury attorney losing only a few cases in his 39-year career.

Proceeding Jeff in death were his parents; mother-in-law, Jan Erickson; niece, Jill Tennyson; sisters-in-law Annette Jones and Deidre Bainbridge; and brother-in-law, Blaine Foss. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Erickson of Custer; son, Joshua of Casper, WY; daughter, Jessica Tennyson (Matt Williams) of Mammoth Lakes, CA; son, Timothy (Meghan) of Rapid City, SD; three grandchildren Evelyn, Jackson Jeffrey, and Calliope Tennyson; brothers Patrick (Tammy), Michael (Bonnie) and Timothy; sisters Jeanne Foss, Colleen (Dan) Clapper and Sue Tennyson; father-in-law, Dean Erickson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

We will dearly miss our Jeff. As one niece put it, "Jeff always made you laugh, greeting you with a warm hug and big smile. He looked like he was up to something about 90% of the time" – and he probably was.

*Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home*



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JUNE 23, 1959 - JUNE 19, 2025

***May my love travel with you everywhere,  
may my love travel with you always.***

- TOM PETTY



## HOW WE'LL REMEMBER JEFF

*A warm laugh, a heart full of generosity, a razor sharp wit, and one of the most fun people to be around. He was one hell of a guy, and he sure will be missed by many.*

## MEMORIALS

*Donations can be made to a non-profit of your choice in Jeff's Honor, or simply take a moment to make someone laugh today. He'd like that.*



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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

2:00pm | Friday, July 18, 2025

Tim Tennyson's Ranch

12470 Willow Creek Road | Custer, South Dakota

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

*Wildflowers - Tom Petty*

## WELCOME REMARKS

## REFLECTIONS FROM FAMILY

## MUSICAL TRIBUTE

*Learning to Fly - Tom Petty*

## OPEN SHARING

*Guests are invited to share a memory, story or sentiment about Jeff.*

## CONNECT & REMEMBER JEFF

*We welcome you to stick around, swap memories, have a cold beverage, and enjoy each other's company. Jeff loved a good visit, and we know he'd be smiling at this.*

## THANK YOU

### FROM THE TENNYSON FAMILY

*Thank you for being here and sharing your memories and support. Jeff touched many lives, and we are honored to celebrate his life with you.*