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**R. Scott Jeffery**

R. Scott Jeffery, 51, of Scranton, died Friday at home. His wife of 26 years is Karey Witushynsky Jeffery.

Born in Hornell, N.Y., son of Robert Jeffery and Lois McIntosh, he was a graduate of Hornell High School and Mansfield University, and received master's degrees from Wilkes University and the University of Scranton. Scott was a dedicated educator and administrator who always put the betterment of his students and school community first, and had the special ability to maintain relationships and mentor his students long after graduation. As current superintendent of Lakeland School District for the past four years, he was deeply invested in his school community, and worked tirelessly to help others in any way he could. Always a progressive leader, he received the National Superintendent Certificate to enhance his own knowledge and to better be able to enrich others. He was also serving as an adjunct professor for business finance at the University of Scranton, and previously served as superintendent of Old Forge School District, principal of Blue Ridge High School, vice principal of Western Wayne High School, and science coordinator and chemistry teacher at Abington Heights High School.

Following graduation from Mansfield University, Scott continued his baseball career as a pitcher in the Cincinnati Reds organization and later coached baseball for Abington Heights High School. Although he invested countless hours to his work, family always came first, and he had a special love for his cat, Bijoux. Scott was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend who was taken too soon. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all of the communities he has touched.

Also surviving are two daughters, Marina and Jinelle Jeffery, Scranton; stepfather, Robert McIntosh, Pavilion, N.Y.; stepmother, Julie Dugo, Bath, N.Y.; a brother, David Jeffery and wife, Rebecca, Cheshire, Conn.; a sister, Kerry Davis and husband, Chris, Hornell, N.Y.; maternal grandmother, Vivian Cornell, Genesee, Pa.; in-laws, Harold and Mary Ann Witushynsky, Blossburg; two sisters-in-law, Darlyn Triplett, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Lynette Olson, Blossburg; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral procession will be Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. following visitation services from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Thomas J. Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 1240 St. Ann's St., Scranton. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 1 p.m. in St. Ann's Basilica.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations in his memory to the Lakeland School District, c/o Joe Caputo, for the purposes of scholarship opportunities for the students Scott worked so hard to serve.

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