



Thomas Jeffrey “Jeff” Finley
1960 - December 10, 2025

Thomas Jeffrey “Jeff” Finley, age 65, of Columbiana, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2025, after a brief illness. He was born on September 12, 1960.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, William Jasper Finley; mother, Shirley Jeanette Finley; sister, Rebecca Marie Howard; brother in law, Lucky Howard; grandparents Billie Mae and Bryan Collier, Augusta and Mary Finley; and greatnephew, William Samuel Reeder.

He is lovingly remembered by his sisters, Susie Srygley (Ray) of Helena, AL, and Michelle Finley of Hoover, AL; brother, David Marc Finley of Waterbury, CT; nephews Chris Srygley (Meagan) of Hoover, AL, and Chip Howard (Julie) of Hoover, AL; nieces Shannon Lake (Jon) of Columbus, GA, and Kayla Reeder (Will) of Prattville, AL. He also leaves behind great-nephews Hudson and Brooks Howard, and great-nieces Finley Howard, Emily Lake, Lizzy Lake, Sarah Reeder, and Natalie Reeder.

A proud graduate of Pelham High School’s charter class of 1978, Jeff went on to study music at Montevallo University. His love for music shone brightly—he played drums in the Tower of Power marching band, served as keyboardist and lead singer for his band Kashmire, and carried his passion for rhythm throughout his life. Jeff was also an award-winning Putt-Putt champion and an All-State Little League player.

His career began at Hungry Fisherman before joining his father at Weeks and Finley Engineering. Yet, the work that brought him the greatest joy was in the grocery industry, where he dedicated many years as a stocker at Food World and, most recently, at Piggly Wiggly in Columbiana.

Jeff's interests reflected his vibrant spirit. He was an avid birdwatcher, a puzzle enthusiast, and a devoted Alabama football fan. Known for his strong opinions and unwavering convictions, Jeff never shied away from a spirited debate. He lived unapologetically true to himself, embracing bachelorhood while cherishing the many "work wives" he collected along the way.

Service Details

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 15, 2026, at the Cremation Center of Birmingham, Woodstock Chapel (1013 Shady Oaks Drive, Woodstock, AL 35188). Visitation will take place from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service. A graveside service will be held at Old Helena Cemetery (230 Tucker Road, Helena, AL 35080)