



And the world would be a better place

If there were more people like Jeffrey Burns

I met Jeff Burns when my world was shattered. You see, my husband, John, had just been killed while supervising a repair on a bridge deck. Despite two lanes being closed off to traffic, warning signs, and flashing lights, a KAG tanker truck crashed into his work zone, striking a large zone truck, two pick-up trucks, every piece of equipment out there, and 3 of the 4 men working on that bridge.

Jeff flew to my home, sat down and just listened. I talked for hours about John, our three young children, his friends and co-workers, his job, and how John changed when he became a Daddy. Jeff cried along with me, and I truly believe he felt my pain. Having children of his own, Jeff was able to understand how to talk with our children about the loss of their daddy. Through sleepless nights and endless emails and phone calls, Jeff has always been quick to respond to my seemingly endless questions and concerns day or night.

I became obsessed with trying to find a reason for John's death, for finding justice in an unfair world, and vowed to do anything I can to make people safer in construction work zones on our highways. John was killed for no reason other than someone else's carelessness... but his death will not be in vain. Jeff has been with me every step, explaining our legal system, how state laws differ for punishments in work zone crashes, truck safety issues, and the importance in taking care of myself. Because Jeff cared, he got to know me, know John, and our beliefs and values. Jeff wants to make sure the kids and I are going to be okay, despite our family's devastation.

Others may tell you of Jeff's legal expertise and his exceptional knowledge of trucking regulations and how he is incredibly well-versed in contracts and mediations. All this is true -- he will leave no stone unturned and is highly regarded as an expert in his field. However, I'd like to highlight Jeff's genuine concern for victims and their families. Jeff is an exceptional person who is honestly concerned for everyone's safety and has dedicated his life to taking care of the victims of careless and distracted drivers. He IS making a difference.

Jeff Burns is someone I think of as a trusted advisor, but more importantly, he is now my friend.

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