

Jeffrey W. Spencer died suddenly on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2009, at home in Quincy, MA. After graduating from high school in Hingham, MA, Jeff came to Dartmouth where he was a thrower on the track team for four years, a brother in Phoenix, and a member of Dragon. Jeff worked in advertising in New York City for several years after college, and then moved back to the South Shore. In the early '70s Jeff picked up a guitar for the first time, and began teaching himself to sing and play. It was a turning point in his life. In 1978 Jeff was one of the founders of the Memphis Rockabilly Band, which soon had hardcore fans up and down the East coast, and a rabid following in Europe. Jeff wrote and sang clever, memorable songs powered by his clear and melodic voice. Carl Perkins, the pioneer of the American rockabilly music style, called Jeff's band "the best rockabilly band I've ever seen." According to his bandmates, "Jeff was the engine, compass, and rudder that propelled our ship." Jeff is survived by his daughter, Audrey, his former wife, Terri, his companion, Barbara Dorley, and several siblings.