



Jeff at the UI Tailgreat

JEFF KAUFMAN

Jeff Kaufman, a UHS student, died early Saturday morning on October 10, 1987. He had been fighting a battle with Hodgkins Disease since 1985, when he was in seventh grade. Sadly, he lost that battle in a Chicago hospital. Jeff had overcome the disease three times and mentally never gave up the fight. He appreciated many things in life and did not let cancer get in his way, if he could help it. He was a guitar player and a lover of sports.

When the disease was first discovered, Jeff put a lot of energy into playing his guitar and played in several bands. He played a season of football in ninth grade, despite the chemotherapy treatments he was taking. Jeff worked at home with tutors during his sophomore year, while he spent much time in the hospital, in order to keep up with his classes. His sincere interest in people and life in general served as a wonderful lesson to all.

It has been said that with suffering, a person is brought closer to nature and the true meaning of life. This statement certainly holds true in Jeff's case. Jeff was a wonderful person, and had many friends in the community and the high school. He will be missed. But as he would say, "Rock-n-Roll." Forever.