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## Hockey United - The Campaign

### Game To Benefit Hockey Lover's Family

University of Michigan Hockey coach Red Berenson said it isn't often he laces up his skates for a game nowadays, but in the case of the Jeff Bourne Memorial Hockey Challenge he's making an exception. "I'm going to try and play in the game," said Berenson. "It will probably be a younger man's game, but I'll show up to play with Michigan. "It was amazing how many people in the hockey community Jeff Bourne touched without being a so called big name player." Bourne, 47, known as "Tiny" to many of his friends, died of a heart attack Dec. 29, while playing senior hockey. He was to go and coach his 16 & Under Ann Arbor Girls team right after his game, the team his daughter Alexis plays on. The memorial game, scheduled between UM Alumni and the Red Wings Alumni for Sunday, Feb. 15, at Yost Arena, at 4:30 p.m., will help raise college scholarship money for Alexis, 16, and his son, Brett, 19. "Jeff graduated from Pioneer in 1974 and EMU in 1978, and served the Ann Arbor Amateur Hockey Association as a referee, coach, and board member," said Ted Speers, a U-M alum, who is helping organize the fundraiser. "He also organized and coached his daughter's team, the Bobcats, and kept us together for 15 years with the Tuesday night skates at Yost. Because hockey was Jeff's first love, and so many of his friends are tied to the game, we thought it would be most fitting to honor him in this way." And he and his wife, Lauri, housed players on the USA National Development Team based in Ann Arbor.

"Tiny's one of the guys who had a pure love for hockey," said Rob Palmer, another UM alum hockey player and longtime friend of Bourne. "His love of family and hockey were unconditional. He didn't care about your skill level or sex. He would try to nurture everyone's love of hockey as much as he loved it." On Jan. 3, at his funeral service more than 900 people attended at the Bethlehem Church in Ann Arbor. Among them were Berenson and UM team members, NHL stars, fellow hockey dad, Jeff Daniels, guys Bourne skated with, and kids he'd coached. "It was unbelievable," Lauri Bourne told the Ann Arbor News. "We thought the balcony was creaking." "It was an amazing tribute to what he had done just by being himself," said Berenson. Tickets for the event cost \$5 each, and are available at College Shoe Repair (734-662-0400), the Cube Cafe (at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 734-213-1600 x 226) or AAAHA.org, and also through his many friends helping to organize the event. All proceeds will go directly to the Bourne Family College Fund.

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