

Jeffrey Solomon was born just three miles south of Venice Beach, in the township of Westchester, California. Soon thereafter, Venice became his playground and the love of his life.

He knew everyone and everyone knew him. He was the guy with the pet tiger on a stake, walking circles around him, while he tanned on the beach. He was the guy you would catch shooting hoops on a Friday and skating around in his red roller skates on Saturday.



Jeffrey was here for over 45 years, living in and loving Venice, meeting its people, collecting its memorabilia, roller skating and founding Venice Beach Walking Tours, giving tours along the bike path and the world famous Ocean Front Walk.



The Los Angeles Parks Foundation, in concert with the City of L.A. and a handful of local businesses and organizations, is kicking off a major effort to revitalize and repair Ocean Front Walk - "the boardwalk" along the beach. The strip of cement along the sand that has given so much meaning, expansive joy and fun to Jeffrey's life.



Two years ago, Jeffrey had to leave the beach community he loved so much to reside in a memory care facility for Alzheimers. He still smiles when he looks at photos of anything Venice. The bench will be at the very northern border of Venice. So when you step into Venice from Santa Monica - Jeffrey will be there to welcome you. Because that's what he did. He welcomed everyone. And of course, it's Venice, so the bench will be durable; made out of 2,000 lbs of concrete expertly affixed to the ground and maintained by L.A. City Parks and Recs. It will include this inscription:

**JEFFREY SOLOMON**  
**“BIGGER THAN LIFE”**

Thank you, and we hope to see you sitting on the bench!

