



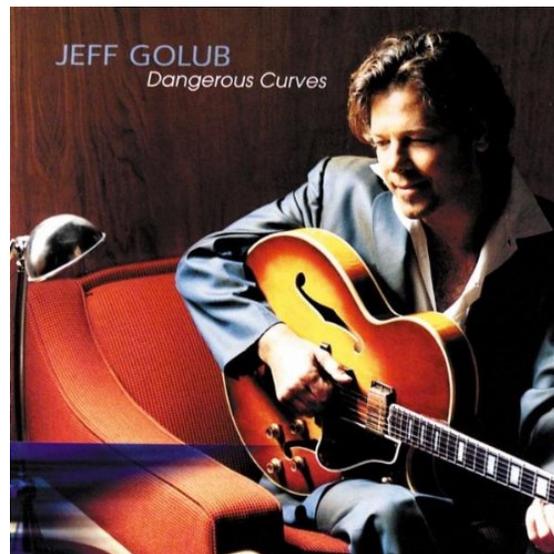
Jeff Golub

(April 15, 1955 – January 1, 2015)

Jeff was a homeboy. Born in Copley, Ohio just outside of Akron (my hometown) and just a year older than myself. Jeff grew into the center of the electric guitar revolution as those that he idolized ([Eric Clapton](#), [Jeff Beck](#) and [Jimi Hendrix](#)) took center stage and became the standard to emulate as him and other young guitarists of the time continued to develop their musical skills.

But the one that really struck a cord in his heart was Wes Montgomery. Wes's style and attention to detail in his music intrigued Jeff and set him off on a totally different direction. Realizing that it was going to take far more than emulation to be successful, Jeff enrolled in the Berklee College of Music in Boston to study music on a serious scale.

While in Boston he played in The James Montgomery Band. From Boston, Golub moved to New York in 1980 where his first major gig was with [Billy Squier](#). Golub appeared on seven albums and three world tours with Billy. He released his first solo recording, *Unspoken Words* for Gaia Records in 1988, but really embraced his role as band leader and instrumentalist with the release of *Avenue Blue* in 1994 for Mesa Bluemoon/[Atlantic Records](#). Jeff's reputation landed him to be a member of the Kozmos (Dave Koz band). He has produced several CD's, played with many other great artists and written many songs throughout his great career.



- 1988 – *Unspoken Words*
- 1994 – *Avenue Blue*
- 1996 – *Naked City*
- 1997 – *Nightlife*
- 1997 – *Six String Santa*
- 1999 – *Out of the Blue*
- 2000 – *Dangerous Curves*
- 2002 – *Do It Again*
- 2003 – *Soul Sessions*
- 2005 – *Temptation*
- 2007 – *Six String Santa*
- 2007 – *Grand Central*
- 2009 – *Blues for You*
- 2011 – *The Three Kings*
- 2013 – *Train Keeps A Rolling*



In June 2011, Golub became blind due to collapse of the optic nerve. In September 2012, Golub fell on the tracks of a subway but was saved by Good Samaritans. Golub was brought to New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center with minor injuries. He was diagnosed with [progressive supranuclear palsy](#) in November 2014, and died of the disease on January 1, 2015.

Bill Sommerville