



Brendan Daniel Ahola

February 15, 1996 - February 20, 2011

Ahola, Brendan, age 15, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully February 20, 2011. Beloved son of Anne and Clifford. Dear brother of Donna. Cherished grandson of Alice and the late Adolph Ahola, Margaret O'Shea and the late D. Leonard MacDonald. Brendan loved baseball, NASCAR and music. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to Miracle League of Michigan appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ Dear Ann Cliff & Family, We were so sad to hear of Brendans death. His life was short but filled with lots of love. As parents you showed an unselfish dedication to your son, that is an example to everyone. You are in our prayers. Love Richard, Judy & Family. We were out of town.

JudyCiatti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ The Ahola family, Mariola B contacted us regarding Brendan's passing. We are so sorry. I asked Austin if he remembered Brendan from baseball Miracle League and he had a big smile on his face and said yes. I told him the sad news and he said he was sad too. God bless you and your family during ths very diffcult time. Take comfort in knowing that Brendan is in heaven with our Lord making the angels smile. God bless, Mark, Shelley ,Austin ,Mary Katherine and Jonah Killebrew

Killebrew Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Anne & Cliff, we are very blessed and grateful for the friendship and memories that Brendan and Adam shared throughout the years. May the grace, peace and power of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ embrace you always. Love, The Relph Family Derrick, Donna, Adam, Melissia

Derrick & Donna Relph - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Brendan for almost three years. What I will miss most is his smiling face, positive attitude and how he always had the ability to tell a joke or put a smile on everyone's face. He will be sadly missed and was on angel while on this Earth and will also continue to be one while in Heaven. To Cliff and Anne, if you need anything at all don't hesitate to call you were a family and I always referred to Brendan as one of my kids I am so very saddened by this news.

Linee Bauer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Dear Anne and Cliff, My heart was so saddened to hear of Brendan's passing, but then it fills again with joy when I think about him, and how fortunate I was to have known him. I will always remember playing Backyard Baseball on the computer with him. He could always find things on his communication device and computer faster than I could. I know that God will lift you up and that He is indeed holding Brendan in the palm of his hand.

Pat Nizio - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Anne, Brendan was so special to me, Im so glad he was part of my life. We worked so hard to get him home, and we did. May he rest in peace.

Michelle Ryan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

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LL

“ Anne and Cliff: I will forever have fond memories of my days laughing with Brendan at school and in your home. I always greeted him with "Aloha, Ahola" and he always chuckled in response. He was a truly wonderful young man thanks to your love and dedication.

Lynn Legg - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the Ahola family: I want to send you another message, because the 1st one probably didn't go through. Anyways, I want to let you know how very sorry for your loss of Brendan. I know him since he was little. We went to SCAMP and played Youth Abilities together. I know how difficult it is to lose a young man. I will keep you guys in my thoughts and prayers. We will still send you the card. Charlene Mabie

Charlene Mabie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. You are very special parents to a son who inspired us all. Your friend, Laura R.N 5east, CHM

Laura Burns R.N. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Anne & Cliff, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Brendan was an exceptional young man. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. CL Tinman, JARC

Chaya Leah Ilene Tinman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Cliff and Anne, We were so sorry to hear about Brendan's death. Your excellent care and love did much to extend his life. Mick and Lynne Reid*

Mick and Lynne Reid - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Brendan's death. You all worked so hard these last few months to help him heal. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Kraft, CCLS - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *The nursing students from WCCCD and I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember Brendon and his wonderful family.*

Andrea Gafford - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *There was not a day that went by at Royal Oak Middle School that Brendan did not make me smile. May angels be guiding his journey. My prayers go out to your family. Love, Kate Brueckman*

Kate Brueckman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our lives are richer for having known Brendan. We were blessed to be able to see him nearly every day for years back when our daughter was in Anne’s loving daycare. Since then, we have considered the Ahola family our dear friends. Brendan will be deeply missed and our heartfelt condolences go out to the family. May Brendan rest peacefully in God’s arms. Love, Phil, Lyle & Hanna Cifuentes

Lyle Cifuentes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Dear Anne and Cliff There are no words to express our condolences. We are so sad about Brendan. We saw him daily for all the years you watched Aiden. He was a smart, funny, cool kid and we will miss him! Aiden always loved it when Brendan was around more in the summer or after he got home from school. He treasured playing Nascar with him. Please know you both are in our thoughts and prayers!

Kristi, Bruce, Ethan and Aiden Davis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear son Brendan. Brendan and all of your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. I remember you bringing Brendan down to the Gaelic League when he was just a baby. I got to hold him, what a thrill. There is no greater loss, than that of our child. We are with you in heart and spirit. Love, Barb & Thom Seabolt

Barb & Thom Seabolt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Brendan's passing. I got to work with him one year at music therapy camp. He seemed shy at first and it was great to see him smile and enjoy himself once he got more comfortable. We had fun riding on the elevator over and over and walking the therapy dogs. I can't believe he is gone and my thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Kathryn Gonsior - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I worked with Brendan throughout the years at Mark Twain and ROMS and will always remember him with a smile in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dina Bansen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Anne & Cliff, I can't tell you how sorry I am to hear about the loss of your precious Brendan. George and I always thought you were two of the most loving parents we have ever known. I can't even begin to imagine the pain you are feeling, and don't ever want to know it. May God bless and keep you as he gives you strength. Love, Kathy Peck

Kathy Peck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ To The Ahola Family and The Entire Miracle League Family I am so sorry for your loss. Brendan was a fierce competitor on and off the base ball field. He will be missed by the entire Rochester Granger Family. We all learned a lesson from not only Brendan, but the entire Miracle League. They are all true All- Stars. For The Love of the Game. Very Sincerely, Jerry "Lefty" Wynne Rochester Grangers

Jerry - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Ahola Family, I really enjoyed seeing Brendan every day at Royal Oak Middle School. His smile truly made a difference! I will miss him dearly. I am sorry for your loss. With sincerest thoughts,
John Grzywack

John Grzywack - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

UB

“ Anne and Cliff, We are so sorry to hear about Brendan. Brendan was blessed to have had you two as parents for his short 15 years. Losing a child has got to be one of the worst possible experience. i can not imagine going through something like that . God be with you both. Love Una and Brian Bonner.

Una Bonner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Ahola family, God bless your son Brendan. How lucky he was to have such a loving family. Love to you, Nurse Kay, NICU

Kay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Anne,Cliff and Donna, We are so very sorry to hear about Brendan. Please accept our deepest sympathies. I will always remember his smiles when we were together at Cub Scouts. He was always my trooper scout. May he rest in peace...let perpetual light shine upon him. May God Bless you all... Love, Joan, Perfecto, Nathan, Peter and Amanda Devera

The Devera Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To Ahola Family, Our condolences from everyone here at State Farm. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Michael E. Pikora

Michael E Pikora - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. Austin and I will miss Brendan's mischievous smile and sense of humor. He was very loved not just by us, but everyone who had a chance to know him. 1 Cor 15:35-14

Rona & Austin Moss - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To Ahola Family- As Brendan's counselor at ROMS for 3 years, I enjoyed seeing him in the hallways almost everyday and saying hello. One of the best days ever with Brendan is when he did Challenge day with his peers. He will be missed, such a great young man.

Michael Betman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Hello, Although I never met Brendan I heard such amazing things about your son by many of the staff members at ROMS. I was so looking forward to working with him. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Lori Ellis

Lori Ellis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Dear Anne & Cliff, words cannot express the sadness I felt when hearing about Brendan. I'll miss his great face and personality - thank you for sharing his baseball picture with us all. He is comforted in God's arms and will continue to inspire us all. Carla

Carla Kennedy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Anne & Cliff, No words can console you. Just know you are loved and held dear to so many hearts. Our prayers go up to heaven. We shared so much when we were in Poland together. Those memories will be held dear to our hearts. You all have become a part of our family. We think of you all the time. Brendon will be missed by us all. Just know that he will suffer no more, and God has him in his loving arms. We will all see him some day.. Love Debbie & Steven Hazzard

Debbie & Steven Hazzard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Dear Anne, Cliff, & Donna, Although I just wrote you a card, I also wanted to say how much I enjoyed being with Brendan in your home. Brendan and I often played with your cat and dog and we laughed a lot. He was so much fun to be with and very smart, too. I was truly inspired by him. Please know that you're all in my heart today. Gaye Tischler Former JARC Respite Person

Gaye Tischler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Oh, How I loved you Brendan! You were much more than a patient of mine. I felt like part of your family and so cherished your smile. We had lots of time together trying to figure out your dosing and trouble shooting your pump. It was an HONOR to be a part of your health care team. I know you are hitting a home run up in heaven, touching every base as you round the corners. We all are cheering for you down here. Your time on this earth was short, but God had other plans for you. He needed you on his team !! Love, Nurse Debbie

Debbie Bush - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My son, Kevin, played on the A's with Brendan. Despite his severe physical issues, it was always clear that he got great joy from participating in Miracle league baseball and that he loved you dearly. No words can adequately express how you must feel or my wishes for you. I hope to be there tomorrow evening, but wanted to send you this to tell you that you are in my thoughts should I be unable. Jon F.

Jon Fishel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Anne & Cliff, In life we meet so many people. I had to travel an ocean to meet Anne and Brendan. Our days together in Poland brought us so very close. Josh always said Brendan was the little brother he never had. I will always remember celebrating Brendan's Birthday and the excitement he had when I gave him a gift of money. He laughed and giggled, chanting "money, money, money". I will always remember his tiny little body working so hard at his therapies with the vigor of a Champion. I will miss those yearly photos of Brendan at Christmas and seeing how much he has grown and matured since the previous year. I have everyone of them and will cherish them dearly. I will miss the phone calls hearing of his accomplishments. Though the distance between NJ and Michigan have kept us from seeing each other I think of you as family, My Poland Family. I know Brendan brought much joy and love to Cliff and your life. I mourn deeply with you for the loss of your wonderful son.

Denise Gargano - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Anne and Cliff, Our hearts go out to you during this difficult loss. May God be your refuge and a source of comfort. May he hold His loving arm around you. May the fact that Brendan is with Jesus now bring you peace. 1 Corinthians 15:19-20, 22, If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. With deepest sympathy, The Bala family

Mariola Bala - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Ahola Family, We are deeply saddened by the news of Brendan's passing. He was a sweet and talented athlete with such ambition. We know that he is in God's hands. Love, Mike, Camille and Clara Thompson

Camille - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Dear Ahola Family, Brendan was a very important part of the Miracle League family. I cherish my memories of his spirit and enthusiasm, his love of baseball, and his joy at being part of our program. I wish you strength and peace.

Vic Doucette - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ To the Ahola Family, As the coach of the Miracle League A's team, I had the pleasure of coaching Brendan for the past few years. He brought so much joy to our team and the game. My family and I will miss him terribly. Our condolences to you all and our thought and prayers are with you now and always.

Charles Zwierzchowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Ann, Cliff, Mac, Princess and family, Brendan and his parents have been an inspiration of love and courage. When Brendan smiled it lit up the entire room. It has been a privilege working with him these past few weeks. He was a brave and warm soul. My thoughts are with you. Anita Heap

Anita Heap - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Anne, Cliff, and Family, Steve and I are so shocked and sad about Brendan's passing. It's been such a joy and privilege having you all in the Miracle League of Michigan family. Your loving and fun spirits have left indelible imprints on us and so many in the League. Praying for comfort and peace in your family and circle of friends,
Rachel Eckert

Rachel Eckert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM