



Derek Raether

May 31, 1984 - August 12, 2021

Derek Louis Raether, age 37, of Sterling Heights, Michigan; passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 12, 2021 in Clinton Township, Michigan. Derek was born in Rochester, Michigan on May 31, 1984 to Mary Elizabeth and the late David A. Raether. Dear baby brother of David "Rae" (Danielle) William Raether, and Sean Philip Raether. Proud uncle of: George, Liam, Luke, Estella, and Coramina. Beloved grandson of Mary Annette Lang. Beloved and proud godparents, Annette Minicilli and Philip Lang. Also survived and loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Derek was a very talented artist. He loved to write poetry. He had a passion for cooking wonderful meals. He enjoyed kayaking, bicycling, and shooting hoops with his friends. He was known for his big heart and compassion for others. He truly loved his family, especially his nieces and nephews. He loved playing like a kid. A Memorial Gathering will be celebrated on Saturday, August 28th from 9:30 a.m. until the time of his Celebration of Life Service at 10:30 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke Avenue), Utica. Please share a memory with his family at: www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.* ”



August 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Brown families (Patty, Chad, Todd) purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Derek Raether.* ”



Brown families (Patty, Chad, Todd) - August 26, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *David you have our deepest condolences. I lost my brother in June so I totally empathize. Take it one day at a time. Ebony Warmack Sea, Thompson k-8* ”

Ebony Warmack - August 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.* ”



August 25, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KS

“ Derek was my brothers good friend growing up and I remember him always being kind to me, even though I was the annoying little sister. As we got older my now husband would occasionally catch a UFC fight or play disc golf with them. He remembers how ecstatic Derek was one time they went out frofing, Derek had just bought a new disc that day and he got a hole in one with it. He was vibrant and full of life. I'll remember him this way. Rest in peace, Derek. You were taken too soon.

Kristy Shoaf - August 24, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.



August 24, 2021 at 06:04 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss ! Sending love and prayers for him and all his loved ones. 💕🙏 Rosalie Debeaussaert (Aunt Rosie)

Rosalie Debeaussaert - August 23, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.



August 23, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.



August 22, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Victor Oddo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Derek Raether.



Victor Oddo - August 22, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ Derek was a very special individual. He had such intelligence, talent, and charisma! He could get anyone hyped up about just about anything! He was an extremely loyal friend that was always there if I needed him. I feel blessed to have spent so much time with him starting in 6th grade. For a time, we did everything together. We lived together, worked together, went to the gym together, got into a little trouble together :) We were so close in fact that we bickered like a married couple! To this day I feel like he was a brother to me and I will miss him dearly. I will cherish all of the fond memories, which are more than I could ever count. I love you with all my heart Derek. Your pal, Victor ❤️

Victor Oddo - August 22, 2021 at 09:44 AM

DH

“ ESOS is keeping you in our prayers and sending heartfelt thoughts to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Dawn Hodges - August 21, 2021 at 12:43 PM

TD

“ I love you Brother. May you Rest In Peace .
Tommy D.

Thomas Denek - August 20, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.



August 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM

DT

“ Dr. Jennifer Green & SPS Executive Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Derek Raether.



Dr. Jennifer Green & SPS Executive Team - August 20, 2021 at 12:48 PM

FC

“ Sending hugs and prayers to the Raether family at this most difficult time.

Frank Czapski and Thompson K8 School

Frank Czapski - August 20, 2021 at 11:35 AM

TH

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Raether family!
Tonya Hickman and Stevenson Elementary School

Tonya Hickman - August 20, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ One of my most cherished memories of Derek is playing GI Joe's with him and Sean and playing Super Nintendo together at a family party when we were kids. I loved being “one of the boys” with the Raether cousins and “Uncle Dad.” Always well spoken, intelligent and kind, Derek is so loved by all of us and will be dearly missed.

Elizäbeth Claire - August 20, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derek Raether.



August 20, 2021 at 11:15 AM