



Eric Heins

July 15, 1951 - June 8, 2018

Eric James Heins was born on July 15, 1951. He entered the family of God through baptism in August of that same year. He was confirmed at St. John in Rochester, Michigan.

His love for children led him to become a Lutheran teacher. He served his Lord in the teaching and principal ministry for 40 years. He has taught at Detroit Urban Lutheran School in Detroit, Guardian Lutheran in Dearborn, and St. Paul in Royal Oak. He has served as teacher/principal at Trinity Lutheran in Berrien Springs, Holy Ghost Lutheran in Monroe, and Good Shepherd in Lake Orion.

Eric married Dawn Landmesser in August of 1974. He is the father of Chad Heins (Emily), Shay Heins (Ulysses Gomez), and Cali O'Neill (Christopher). The true loves of his life have been his grandchildren: Kayla, Austen, Vanyssa, Easton, Zoey, Dominic, and Spencer. He was especially looking forward to the birth of an eighth grandchild in the early part of 2019.

He entered his heavenly home on June 8, 2018. Eric always knew that the earthly path he traveled was a path that would lead him to the waiting arms of his beloved Savior, Jesus.

Eric is survived by his wife Dawn, his children (all six of them) and his

grandchildren. He is the son of Norma and the late Jim. He is the brother of Kevin Heins, Krista Heins (the late Jack), and Dayna (Zack) Matthews. Eric is also a beloved son-in-law to Dee and Cal Landmesser as well a beloved brother -in-law to Gary Landmesser (Nirian), DiAnn Hoke, and Amy Bedard (Dan). He is a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Eric will be held on Tuesday from 3-8 pm and Wednesday 2-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. His celebration of life will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak on Thursday, June 14, 2018. He will lie in state from 10 to 11 am, with funeral beginning at 11 am. A luncheon will be held at St. Paul following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials in Eric's name to St. Paul Lutheran School in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Burial

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Avon Cemetery
Between 1st Street and 3rd Street
Rochester, MI 48307

Tribute Wall

ML


“ You are so God damn ugly, that I cannot even fathom what your ancestors look like. I feel so bad for you.

Moe Lester - April 08, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JH

“ Attend St. John's with Eric, and Rochester High School. We had a few nightovers, sang in choir together, and was a good friend in our early years. Rest In Peace Eric!

jeff hemingway - October 28, 2018 at 07:45 PM

 Lindsay Reetz

“ This man was vital to both my education and my spiritual walk. I was blessed to have him as a teacher and principal at Trinity in Berrien Springs after I moved from Rochester Hills, where I attended school at St. John. He gave me a wonderful education and built my self esteem when I was a troubled young girl by being an adult who truly cared about his students. I will be grateful to both him and Dawn for helping me walk my path. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Lindsay Reetz - June 15, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Heins.



June 14, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ So many memories at Guardian. Also remember you only liking to grind your own coffee beans (I believe from Dunkin' Donuts!). Rest in peace.

Barbara Scully - June 13, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Your Pulse Broadband Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eric Heins.



Your Pulse Broadband Family - June 13, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Dawn and Family, you have our sincerest sympathy. May the Lord grant you peace as you mourn the death of your beloved Eric. We pray you are comforted by the knowledge that he will be waiting for you with open arms when you enter the Kingdom of Heaven when God calls you. We still remember the beautiful wedding when Dawn and Eric pledged to love each other until death parts them. But the love you shared never ends, it will live in the hearts of the entire family forever through the generations.
With prayers, Rita And Norm Sparks

Norm and Rita Sparks - June 12, 2018 at 02:06 PM

YO

“ *Your friends at Mercury Insurance-Valencia Office purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Eric Heins.*



Your friends at Mercury Insurance-Valencia Office - June 12, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Eric Heins.*



June 11, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Eric Heins.*



June 11, 2018 at 04:56 PM

KL

“ *Bruce and I praise God for the influence Eric had on our son Christian. Eric challenged him to take pride in working hard, and to love math. Christian is now an engineering student at University of Michigan. Dawn, you and your family are in our prayers.*
Krista Lucas

Krista Lucas - June 11, 2018 at 12:18 PM

KG

“ *A wonderful dry sense of humor, a puma shell necklace, and a sweet disposition this will always be Eric to me one righteous dude!! Rest In Peace.*

K Gilbert - June 11, 2018 at 12:11 PM

FS

“ *From your family at Trinity, Berrien Springs purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eric Heins.*



From your family at Trinity, Berrien Springs - June 11, 2018 at 10:10 AM

WP

“ *I remember the first time I met Eric. I was working on something in my wife's classroom (she worked at the same school), he walks in, no introduction and proceeds to give me pointers on the project in a sarcastic way only he could give. I luckily speak the same language. We didn't even introduce ourselves to each other until we went out into the hallway where our wives were. I think it says something about a man who can come in and be that giving and caring with a complete stranger. Every interaction we had from that point on went about the same way with one difference, I knew I would enjoy his company when I saw him. Any time I saw him with his students they came away laughing. He left an amazing legacy and will be sorely missed. Let Court and I know if we can ever do anything! We are praying for your family.*

Wes Pomroy - June 09, 2018 at 10:14 PM

DL

“ So sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Eric was a gem to our four children. He “got them” and understood and accepted both their strengths and their limitations. He loved math and made it come alive even to those who that subject didn’t come real easy... “Tough exterior/teddy bear” interior 🤔 Thank you for all you did for our four children who all utilize math in their careers 👍 Thankfully we will all be reunited in heaven. So this isn’t a final good bye-

Doug & Terri LeBeau - June 09, 2018 at 09:26 PM