



## Erik Mohammed Ahmed

December 23, 1954 - August 5, 2009

Erik Mohammed Ahmed, age 54, a 13-year resident of Royal Oak, formerly of Pontiac and West Bloomfield, died August 5, 2009 at Odyssey Hospice in Southfield. He was born December 23, 1954 in Nazaret, Ethiopia. Erik owned Nice and Easy Landscaping in Oakland County. He was a professional soccer player in Egypt, France and Ethiopia, where he played against Pelé. He was an avid cyclist and runner, and loved to travel, especially to the Traverse City area and Mackinac Island. Erik had a love for older cars, especially the 1970 VW mini bus and his Austin mini and fastback. He was also well known at Starbuck's in Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. But most important, he was a loving father. He is survived by his wife, Helene; sons, Calum Ahmed, Alex Kokesh and Palmer Kokesh all of Royal Oak; his daughter, Netsanet Teklu; and grandchildren, Hamerti 2-1/2 years and Katie 3 months. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ali and Medina Ahmed. Visitation will be Friday 4-9 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of service 11 a.m. in the chapel at Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery West in Redford. The family would appreciate memorials to Calum Ahmed's college fund. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ He was a good man with a beautiful soul. I am grateful to have met him.

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**CoCo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I always loved seeing Mohamed each year on Kellys Island at the VW camp outs, and we would "brother-hug" upon each meeting and departure. A kind, and gentle man with great words that always made me smile. Caleb was always there too with his buddy from home and they are great kids. The last time I saw Mohamed on Kelleys he had just finished a round of treatments but he assured me he felt good as ever, even though I could tell it had wore him out. I have to admit when I read the news of Mohamed's Crossing I cried last night, knowing I would not get to see him again in this world. Mohamed will be greatly missed, but always loved and remembered in our hearts. Happy Trails, Brother Mohamed!

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**Howie Snyder** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ The first time I met Mohammed was at the LEAKOIL Kelley's Island Campout about five years ago. I instanly felt that this man could be my friend. Every year after that when he came back, we would start off where we left off like we never missed a beat. He was probably the kindest most gentle man I ever met and I will missed him deeply.

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**Ken Krol** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My friend Mohammed – Dear God, don't let him go WRITTEN  
WHEN MOHAMMED WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED He's a lover of life  
and people too They love him back and so would you He's a warm,  
kind and gentle man But also very self-disciplined He holds his  
friends near and dear to his heart I knew I would love him right from  
the start He's Ethiopian – no surprise that he loves Espresso and  
soccer I'd like to see him dribble and shoot like a Rocker He's  
American - you'd never know he'd been a refugee With the way that  
he smiles so sweet and carefree He'll ride a bike or run just for fun  
He's a dad and a mom to his son and everyone He'll pick up your  
wounded child with abandon He'll listen to them and get to the root  
of their problem Then, in his gentle way he'll talk to them and help  
them solve it He's been very sick and looks so sad as of late He  
needs some comfort, to know of his fate He loves his son CALUM  
with every ounce of his breath I pray to you dear God it's not time  
yet Please let us keep him right here on this Earth Because we  
haven't had time to discover all his worth All my love dear friend and  
BIG HUGS and KISSES Don't give up – I haven't! Tina

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Tina Cardamone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. May  
the love and support of family and friends bring you comfort,  
strength and peace. In Jesus name I pray, love, Carol

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Carol Beaulac - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ On behalf of all of Mohammed's many friends in the LEAKOIL Lake Erie Area Kombi Owners Involvement League community, please accept our sincere condolences. We will all cherish the memory of his presence with us in our many camping trips together on Kelleys Island. All of us are better people for having known him and the pleasure of his hugs and friendship. [www.leakoil.org](http://www.leakoil.org)

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**Keith Price** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My prayers are with you. He was a very special man, a gentle and kind spirited man. I'll remember Mr. Ahmed to always be surrounded by loving and caring friends and family that were always attentive. May he be in our memories forever and ever to come. He will be truly missed. God Bless, Anita

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**Anita Haymon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mohammed was one of the finest person I have ever known. We met at Caribou the coffee place many years ago. We have talked about a lot of things and one thing I can tell you about him is that he was a man who loved his son Kalem and loved people around him. He had a lot of tough cards dealt him and did his best under these circumstances. I will miss him and our conversations. Kalem can be proud that Erik was his father and all of us who have know him can be happy to have had him as a friend.

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**Terry Brozek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I share your grief and sorrow at this very difficult time. He was a wonderful and compassionate man and I was glad to have briefly known through my daughter Renee Woiderski and the soccer team and parents. God Bless Sharon Daniels

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**sharon daniels** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Helene, Calum, Alex, and Palmer, You are in our thoughts and prayers as is Erik. May happy memories come easily and often to mind and comfort you during this difficult time. We are here for you all if you need anything. Sincerely, Randy & Cathy Fall and family

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**Randy/Cathy Fall** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dear Helene, Calum, Alex, and Palmer, You and your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers. Eric-Dad sure ran the race and put up the good fight. He was a fine example to all those whose lives he touched. God's Blessings to you all during this difficult transition. With Love, Shirley and Christal

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**Shirley Esse** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Helene and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Eric was such a kind and loving man, he will truly be missed. All of us were lucky to have known him. All our love, Sonia, Elena, Marisa and Norene

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**Sonia Bassin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I am so sad that such a beautiful man has left this earth. He was truly one of the finest people I have had the pleasure of knowing. His amazing life journey is a reminder to all of us that every minute counts. He died just as he lived -- with dignity, grace and courage. I wish his family and all who have known and loved him comfort in his memories. I know that I will never forget the powerful, positive aura that surrounded him. I always felt comfort in his presence. Helene - I wish you peace and strength in the years to come. Calum, I pray that your life will be surrounded by love and happiness. My family has been blessed to know your father.

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**Laura Ortiz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Helene and Family, I am so sorry for your loss of Eric. I didn't know him, except through you, Helene, but I know he was a very special person and will always be in your heart. My sincerest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Diane Plitz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ The Davids family wishes to express our deep sorrow upon hearing the news of Erik's passing. We shall always remember his gentle spirit.

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**Judy Davids** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Helene and family, I am saddened by the news of Mohammed passing, but am comforted to know he is no longer suffering. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will remember Mohammed as the gentle spirited and loving and devoted father that he was. He touched and will be missed by many.

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**Katrina Brunette** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Helene and family. I am so sorry to hear of Erik's passing. It has been a long journey. Know that my heart and prayers are with you at this very sad time. Hold the memories of all the happy times shared close in your heart. Trust that they will bring you comfort and peace.

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**Joanne Cwiklinski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM