



Louis Ross Menendez

December 11, 1954 - September 12, 2009

Menendez, Louis Ross. Age 54. September 12, 2009.

Loving husband of Cheri Lynn Cottrill. Loving father of Rachel L. Bill Nicklosovich and Megan C. Marc Briggs. Dear son of Louis Cheryl Menendez and the late Elizabeth Menendez. Dear brother of Michael Maureen Menendez and Kim Roddy Meyer. Loving grandfather of Kelsey, Leyton and Dawson Nicklosovich, Gavin and Aden Briggs. Service Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Visitation Tuesday 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Memorials to the charity of donor's choice appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Cheri and family, I was sorry to hear the sad news about Ross from Rosemary Bennett McFadden yesterday. I remember you and Ross always together in the halls at Kimball I was also in the Class of 1973. Please accept my most sincere condolences and sympathy. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God bless you all. In Sympathy, Cheryl nee Rhoads Van Waterschoot 4 Lythgoe Lane Ajax, Ontario Canada L1Z1N6 cheryl.vw@sympatico.ca

Cheryl Rhoads Van Waterschoot - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Cheri and Family, Barb and I were very sorry to hear the sad news about Ross. We both loved him so much. Some of my fondest memories of Ross are when he and Greg would be goofing around over at the family house. Ross's sense of humor fit right in with the rest of the familys. My parents loved Ross just like all the other brothers and sister did. The last time Barb and I saw Ross was at Jake's graduation party. He was walking around LOOKING MIGHTY BUFF carrying one of his little grandchildren. He sure was a proud happy Grandpa!!! Your family is in our prayers. We will miss Ross very much.

Jim and Barb Rogers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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TA

“ Ross was my first boss at G.M. I loved him the first time I met him. He was fun, but a great person as well. Through the years as he was promoted, he never let it go to his head and was always the same steadfast person. He was a man of his word, but a wealth of knowledge. His family meant the world to him as he talked about them often. He will be missed by all. God bless you all. Tammy Armantrout Brown

Tammy Armantrout - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I knew Ross when GM was fun - and he made it that way! He was a good, true, real person, and he will be missed dearly....especially by those who knew him when. Cheers, my friend! Bless you, his family.

Debi Biffle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dearest Menendez family- we were so saddened by the loss of one of the best- he never grew up and this is such an endearing quality for a friend-funny and real. Ross may the angels carry you places we only dream of. Cheri may angels embrace you during this time of sadness- know that you have many friends who love you. Love always -Yves and Trina

Trina Girard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I grew up with Ross as another father figure. Picking up the "Bratt Pack" from school, skating, girls scouts, whatever we were in at the time, Ross teased us a lot, but always knew how to make us laugh. It was a pleasant surprise to see him in the office and the plant, even though he did tell my coworkers what I looked like in diapers. He has spent a lifetime sharing his wit, humor and knowledge with may people. I feel honored to have known him as long as I did. He will be greatly missed, but just the thought of him will always make me smile. Menendez Family, I love you.

Mandi Keener - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ To the Menendez Family, I was extremely saddened by the news I received yesterday. Ross definitely left this world a better place and will be greatly missed. I'll never forget the day he let me be his "queenie" for a day on the back of his Harley and running my first 10K with him. He treated me like one of the family and for a young kid that was somewhat lost...he was a great person to look up to and emulate! I am sure he was even a better husband, father and grandfather! Deepest sympathy, Corey

Corey Preston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ ROSS WAS A TREMENDOUS PERSON WITH VERY GOOD QUALITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO RELATE MY VERY FIRST CONTACT. EVERY MONDAY WE USE TO HAVE OUR TEAM MEETING IN WARREN AND I ARRIVE INTO THE ROOM AND WAS GREETED BY A PERSON WITH A PONY TAIL AND INTRODUCED TO ME. AFTER GREETING HIM I SAT BESIDE ONE OF MY TEAM MATES AND ASKED WHO IS THIS CHARACTER ROSS HAD A PONY TAIL THE REPLY WAS SSSHHH HE IS OUR NEW MANAGER. ANYWAY AFTER WORKING WITH HIM FOUND OUT THE APPEARANCE ARE DECEPTIVE AND NEVER MAKE A JUDGEMENT CALL, GOOD LESSON LEARNED. HE WAS VERY ENERGETIC, FUNNY, WITH CARING AND EMPATHY AND I AM SURE THE ALMIGHTY GOD WILL HAVE MERCY ON HIM, AMEN. HE WILL BE MISSED.

MOHAMMAD - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PU

“ *Worked with Ross off & on for many years in SQA. Just discovered he was gone & need to add my voice to the many others who told of his boisterous sense of humor & broad ranging business expertise. For both of those qualities you could always count on the mood of the room to lift when Ross came in no matter what was going on. I'm sure there is a special place in heaven that was just made brighter. To the Menendez family our sincerest condolences.*

Pat & Nick U'Ren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Ross was a great guy, and a breath of fresh air in the workplace. He will be missed greatly.*

Jeff Webster - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I had the honor of working with Ross when he was assigned to General Assembly in the Janesville plant. A great friend whom I will never forget. I remember one memorable morning after a rough startup. Ross walked into Charlie Hyndman's morning meeting where the rest of us were catching our breath. With a huge smile Ross exclaimed, "Ah, the smell of napalm in the morning!" Vintage Ross. Love ya. With deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Dave Roahen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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MS

“ I worked with Ross when buying in the Chevrolet Purchasing Dept.in 1980. Ross is truly a great guy and one of a kind. He helped Leslie and I move into two homes and was in our wedding. Although we lost touch over the years, he has often been in our thoughts. He and Cheri will live on in our wedding pictures and will be in our prayers.We share your loss. Mike & Leslie

Mike & Leslie Stock - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To the entire Menendez family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this very difficult time. Ross had a great sense of humor and will be missed by many. There are so many fond memories working with him at GM. So sorry for your loss

Jim & Dottie Goldenbogen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I, like many others, had the opportunity to know Ross on the road as part of the FST launch team. He made the long hours and airport layovers fun. His stories would have been unbelievable coming from anyone else. I thoroughly enjoyed our time together, talking - and laughing. Even though he spent much of his time on the road, his thoughts were always on his family. I'll never forget how he lit up on Thursdays – it was a constant running joke. He enjoyed his job, but his heart was always at home. His “no nonsense” style will never be duplicated or forgotten.

Loni Gass - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Ross was one of the best people I have ever known. He treated everyone with dignity and respect, and had a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Lisa Linton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Menendez Family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Terri & Greg Cauley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ross is one of those individuals you only meet once in a life time. I was fortunate to work for Ross on several Suppler Quality launch teams. He was an encyclopedia of information and he was gifted with the ability to teach and mentor with such ease. It was such a pleasure to work on his team. We worked our butts off every day and once a week he took us out to what he called "family dinners". He watched after each one of us as if we were his own. He nurtured us, scolded us, kicked us in the butt, complimented us and in the end made friends of us all. The best part of his friendship was when he shared his wickedly funny humor with you. I have laughed myself silly on many occasions with him and I will cherish those moments forever. Cheri you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers, God bless and keep you all.

Jane Stephens - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I knew Ross as a fellow racquetball player on Sunday mornings, and suffice it to say, he made such a great impression on me as a really nice guy who had a quick wit and was a great friend. His loss has impacted me as much as the memories of Ross will make me a better person. My deepest condolences to his family Gap

Gap Gammicchia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Ross was a stand up guy who always seemed to have a quick answer and a willingness to do the right thing. His support during our launches in Kansas City was invaluable. I enjoyed swapping motorcycle stories with him. May God Bless your family during this difficult time.

Kevin Barnes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I will always have fond memories of Ross. We worked hard together and enjoyed every minute of it! He was a key member of several of my teams involved in launching new products. When I knew he was to be on the team, I knew we would be a stronger team. I'll miss him.

Dick Weiermiller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ My deepest sympathy to the Menendez family. I spent a couple of years on the road with Ross, launching the Full Size Truck here at GM and he always had a way of making things right. His ability to get things done with that great sense of humor is already missed. May he rest in peace.

Phil Laperriere - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My condolences to Menendez family as Ross was a great man. I worked with Ross on several General Motors Full Size Truck launches and he was well respected by myself and the team. He will be missed.

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

AW

“ Rachel, my prayers are with you and your family. Regards, Adrienne Weiss

Adrienne Weiss - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ross - thanks for the memories. You were a mentor and good friend to me on the launch of the 820/830. Your sharp mind and quick wit made the team the best in the company. People at all levels of the organization asked for and respected your opinion. You were one of the "coolest" people I have ever met - the real deal - no time for nonsense when there's work to be done. Your strong will and character made you one of the best in the industry - and you insisted on excellence and helped others to perform at the best of their ability. With deepest sympathy to your family - the world has lost one of its truly great human beings. You are already missed. Scott Bucklin Focused Manufacturing Team Manager Spacesaver Corporation Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Scott Bucklin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I met Ross when we worked on the Epsilon Launch in Germany in 2008. He was the greatest man I met in GM and a great friend. He was so alive, I remember always his great sense of humor and attitude. Warm Hugs to all Ross' family regards David

David Liput - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family at this very difficult time. We are so sorry to heard of your loss. Ross was a great husband, an awsome dad and a fun uncle he will be missed. A Poem for the Family: We knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems to be the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Cheryl & Kellie Cottrill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ To Rachel Nicklosovich Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Quality Department Lansing Grand River Assembly

GM - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Ross was a wonderful man who will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Jill & Phil Trumpy and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

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Donna Canzoneri - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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JS

“ *Dear Menendez family, The courage and upbeat attitude that Ross displayed when we met with all of you last May in Gladwin was a source of inspiration to everybody present. To live with dignity is good; to die with dignity is God-given. May you be comforted in knowing that Ross sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the glorious resurrection. With love and deepest sympathy, Jerry, Penny & Kelly Stevens*

Jerry & Penny Stevens - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Ross was a good friend and a great & loyal co-worker who believed in teamwork. His leadership on vehicle launches was quiet but effective. We will sorely miss him in our lives, but have the consolation of many fine memories and stories. --Gomez*

John & Diane Martin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Uncle Louie, Cheryl, Cheri, Mike, Kim and the entire family, We are so very sorry for your heartbreak and only hope as time passes you remember only Ross's sense of humor and courage. Ross did you all proud in the way he lived his life right to his much too short time with us. We love you and will keep all in our prayers for you to have the courage and time needed to remember all he meant. Love, Tom and Diane*

Tom and Diane McNeil - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM