



Regis Philip Kleiss

April 18, 1984 - December 24, 2013

Regis P. Kleiss, age 29, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away December 24, 2013 at his home. He was born April 18, 1984 in Royal Oak. Regis was a 2003 graduate of Dondero High School, where he was the captain of the track team. He was formerly employed at the Sunoco service station, 13 Mile and Crooks, in Royal Oak and at the Detroit News and Free Press. He also was an Eagle Scout with Troop 1707 in Troy. Beloved son of Mary Miller and the late Dennis Kleiss of Royal Oak; dear brother of Cathy Kleiss of Royal Oak; loving uncle of Elizabeth Eubank; nephew of Beverly the late Jim White, Edward Sandi Kleiss and Francine Dave Schmidt; and also survived by his fur-daughter, Riley. He was a special friend of Michelle, Matt and Kristen. The visitation will be Friday 2-8 p.m. and the service Saturday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Inurnment at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorials to ALS of Michigan, Michigan Basset Rescue, Angela Hospice or Great Lakes Caring Hospice are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ May the God of comfort and tender mercy bring the family hope for Regis with his promise to have the dead stand again to life found at: Revelation 20:12 where he says: “And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. But another scroll was opened; it is the scroll of life.”

Geraldo Cafe' - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I planned to attend the service, but my internal clock was one day late. I am glad and honored to have known both Regis and Dennis. I believe my life is a little brighter for their having been in it. Sandy and my prayers are with you in these most difficult times.

Les Marhoff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ It's been years since I have seen the Kleiss family, but My son Josh Wren has kept me updated on the family. I am so sorry to hear of Regis passing I remember him from troop 1707 always had a smile and always so helpful . Mary and Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sue Wicklund formerly Wren

Sue - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I remember Regis as a really fine member of the Dondero community. I'm sorry he had to go through all that suffering. Mary and Cathy, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Rosa Tinetti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Regis, I remember sitting in a film class at Oakland Community College after loosing touch after you left St Dennis, and as the professor is calling of names he says Regis Kleiss, I popped up out of my seat looking around like he said Johnny Depp was in our class. By far, one of the nicest guys I have ever known. two quotes I feel sum up Regis are Self Pity by D.H Lawrence : I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself. A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself. Regis was so collected and didnt want people to pity or feel sorry for him and for Mary his mother: Find a place inside where thereâ??s joy, and the joy will burn out the pain." - Joseph Campbell

Adam O'Neill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am sending both my sympathies and admiration to Mary on the occasion of Regis' passing. I haven't seen your family in decades but my sister has kept me informed of your many triumphs and trials both with Denny's illness and passing concurrently with Regis's. One main triumph is your raising two beautiful young persons to be wonderful adults. A donation is being made to the Michigan Bassett Rescue in Regis' name. Mary, my prayers will always be with you and Kathy, too.

Diane Bolon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We offer our sympathies to all who love Regis. We always admired his willingness to spend time teaching the ways of scouting to the younger scouts. Everyone from young, to not so young, had a good time when Regis was there. Our love to Mary and Cathy.

Shirley and Neal Harris - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Regis was a good friend and was one of the best Asst. Coaches I have had, He would doing thing you asked him to do and he would go out of his way to help all of the Track Kids. Kind, Caring and Gentle was his style of Coaching and it worked for him.

Coach Steele - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Regis was my student at Lockman Elementary. I remember him as a hard-working, sincere young man. Very sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy and Mary.

Anne Ortel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I agree with you it is the hardest and saddest to have to see someone that you love is no longer here for you to touch, and yet there is a hope of being with that love one again. John 11:21-27 just keep the faith.

Martha Anderson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My heart goes out to the family as they cope with the loss of this wonderful young man, gone too soon. May a passage at John 5:28, 29 give us all comfort and hope during this time of sorrow.

Anissa Mixon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Regis u will be missed, you are the strongest person I have ever has the pleasure of meeting, enjoy your freedom now!

Rose-Marie Louise Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Regis was such a kind, caring, gentleman! Always had a smile on his face, and looked to the brighter/positive side of things, never the negative! Not only did I have the pleasure of going to school with him from elementary through high school, but also have lots of fond memories of hanging out on N. Altadena and at Lockman Park with him and all the other neighborhood kids, who were like a big family! I will cherish all our childhood memories forever! He will be greatly missed but never forgotten! Rest in paradise!*

JAMIE ALLI-BARNES - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Regis was one of the best young men to ever come along in Freshman and Mixed Choir. Always had a positive attitude and took choir seriously--as he did all aspects of his life--school, scouts, family,sports--and anything he was involved in. These past years have shown his true character--as his body declined his spirit increased--showing all of us just exactly what is important in life. It has been so hard for all of us to watch him become so confined--yet still inspiring to watch him be and do all that his body would let him do and be--right to the end. My heart goes out to Mary and Cathy as they deal with this final stage of his struggle--but we know he is the winner--not the loser. We will never stop loving and admiring his life--in all facets of it. He will be greatly missed!!*

Mr. Hartsoe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Guest - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our Father Jehovah promises to rid the earth of sickness and death forever, and he will awakin those that are in death.. Rev.21:4; Acts 24:15... May God be with you

Annie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Regis I will never forget our times on the track team or our class discussions in college. You will be missed.

Chris Leasia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Mary, We sorry for the loss of Regis and Denny at such a young age. Your family was such a inspiration and help during our many years of scouting. I guess our best memory is working on his eagle project at Dondero and the many summer camps and camp outs with your family.

Bill Bowman and family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Regis, you were my hero. You always had a smile on your face, even when times were tough. You will be missed!!

Vern - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will never forget the darling little boy that Gary and I met all those years ago at the Indian Center in Center Line. What a fine young man he grew to be! Regis achieved so much in his short life; more than he would ever realize in his humble heart.

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

TF

“ Regis I will never ever forget you or our times on the track or in choir together, I am honored to have known you and you will always be in my heart

Terry Faust - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I will never forget the laughs, choir, going to your sporting events and your overall outstanding care for everyone. You are such an inspiration and your spirit will live on in all of us. I miss you and our fb chats. You will be greatly missed. I'm speechless of your passing but grateful that you aren't suffering anymore. Take care old friend. See you on the flip side! ; ; Shannon Earle Messner

Shannon Messner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM