



## Wesley J. Atwood

April 9, 1977 - June 1, 2009

Wesley J. Atwood, age 32, of Hazel Park, died June 1, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born April 9, 1977 in Royal Oak. Wesley graduated from Ferndale High School and attended Oakland Community College. He was employed at Oakland Dodge in Madison Heights. He enjoyed painting miniatures and loved to do art work. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie L. Strzalkowski Atwood, whom he married March 25, 2000 at Calvary Baptist Church in Hazel Park; children, Madison Atwood age 8 and Zane Atwood age 7; parents, Raymond and MerrieChris Atwood; siblings, Wendy Richard Mathews of Clawson and James Atwood of Ferndale; father- and mother-in-law, Thomas and Charlene Strzalkowski of Ferndale; sisters-in-law, Rachel Strzalkowski and Clara Strzalkowski; grandmother-in-law, Carol Stokes; and his best friend, Virgil Niggemeyer. Visitation will be Saturday 5-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-9 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. The service will be held on Monday 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jeff Andridge officiating. The family would appreciate memorials to the Madison and Zane Atwood Educational Fund. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

CV

“ I also remember Wesley from Calvary Baptist Church when we were young. I also went to Ferndale High School with him. I conquer with the gentleman that described Wes and Virgil. They made church and Sunday school very fun at an age where most young people are getting involved in "all the wrong things". Wes contributed to a positive atmosphere and helped young people seek a better way to live as a result. What a guy what a guy ! If you need something Steph, please call and leave a message or shoot an e-mail if you think I can help.

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**Chad Vestevich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Stephanie, Madison, & Zane It is so evident that Wes was loved by everyone of every age.I liked him instantly the first time we met.God's plan is not always something we understand and is often hard to accept. Wes was a Christian man and lived life to the fullest. He touched many lives in many ways. Madison & Zane, you will take your Dad's character far in your lives. His goodness will stay close in your hearts. He will always be with you there. Love, Charlie & Gerri Sturgis, Mi.

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**Gerri Comden** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Atwood family;As the former owners of My Car Care in Troy,I had the pleasure of interacting with Wes,he was a wonderful person,who help me out more than once.He always had a smile and a helping hand to offer.My heart broke when I heard of his passing.May God give you peace during these trying times.For his children,you have your own special angel looking out for you now.May God bless and keep you.Vance & Debbie Dykes

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**Debbie Dykes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Zane and family, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. I know how difficult this time must be and I offer my most sincere condolences. May you come to find peace in your heart with the help and support of your family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Leah Sobecki 2nd Grade Student Teacher

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**Leah Sobecki** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for the sad loss of your loved one, Wesley. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, Melissa & Bruce Schwartz

Melissa & Bruce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am sorry for your loss Stephanie, Madison, Zane and family. I'm going to miss Wesley's handshake...I always tried squeezing harder, but never could as well as his contagious laugh and humor. He is just one of those people that you just smile when you think about...that says so much about the man Wesley was.

Dustin Stockel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ To Our Atwood Family, We send our love and prayers to each and everyone of you. What great joy we have had being included in family events. Fond memories of Wesley - like Wes & I running across Larry's lawn after his graduation party, holding the tent down, and then falling in the grass and laughing at each other! How happy Wes was on his wedding day and how proud and excited he was to have a daughter and son. To watch the family grow and share in the Christmas events, camp fires, and all the crazy Atwood fun - those memories of Wes will be cherished. His laughter and outlook were the best! We share in your sadness as he will be missed. Wesley was an amazing person with lots of talent. We are blessed to have known him. May the Lord give you strength, comfort, and peace in the days to come.

Larry & Jan Majerus - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dearest Zane and family, There are no words to express my sorrow for you young man. I just know that you always talked about your dad with pride and loved him so much. Everything in life has a purpose, Zane. That may be hard for you to understand at this time of your life. As time goes on and my memory fades into the background, always remember this, "Whatever in life doesn't get you down--- can only makes you stronger". Hang in there buddy. God Bless You, Zane and family! Mrs. Rassega 2nd Grade Teacher

Linda Rassega - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear MerrieChris, Ray, Sephanie, & family; I want to express to you my most heartfelt sympathy on the lose of your loved one, Wesley. I can only hope that your years of happiness and your many good memories will enable you to live with this sad loss. May God continue bless you. Linda

Linda Kent Buchanan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Stephanie, As your sister I am entitled to say that I am there for you whenever you need it even though you are the eldest. I love you and remember that you can always call me. Seeing the pictures of you and Wesley together made me cry. I will always remember how much you made each other happy.

Clara - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Stephenie, As your sister I am entitled to say that I am there for you whenever you need it even though you are the eldest. I love you and remember that you can always call me. Seeing the pictures of you and Wesley together made me cry. I will always remember how much you made each other happy.

Clara - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dearest Stephanie, We remember when Wesley invited you to his graduation party. Dad said NO because your friend backed out and we didn't want you to drive to Troy Uncle Bill & Aunt Kathy's house alone. You had a fit, so, Dad said O.K. When you came home that night, you said "He's not my type, but, he is so funny and he made me laugh all night". He invited you to go shoot pool the following weekend and you said O.K. The rest is history. Everyone that has met him has been touched by his personality and jolly demeanor, but, we were blessed to call him family. We will miss his smartass remarks and he will always be in our hearts.

Mom & Dad - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZA

“ Dear Daddy, All the wonderful things that you taught me, and the things that you bought me when I was a baby, and helping me do my homework, and fixing my bike when it was broken. I love you Dad. Rest in peace.

Zane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My heart goes out to Stephanie and the children. A true tragedy to lose such a warmhearted person like Wes.

Dorian Stockel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am very sorry for the loss, Wes was a great person and an even better family man, I only have positive memories of Wes, and I will never forget watching Stars Wars with him every Christmas.

Marcus Schulmeister - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Wesley, You were always like a big brother to me, and I'll forever love you for that. You are forever held in our hearts, and dearly loved. Oh yea, say hi to grandma for us. R.I.P

Kellie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Atwood Family, My sincere condolences. I keep with me great memories of Wesley. I'll never forget the time spent with Wesley growing up through the years, and his great laugh. Our love and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Michael, Katie & Liam Majerus

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

JK

“ DEAR PARENTS OF WESLEY ATWOOD MY NAME IS JOE KEYS, OWNER OF CORRECT CAR CARE. I USED TO WORK AT OKLAND DODGE MANY YEARS AGO AND NEW YOUR SON, HE WAS A WONDEFUL MAN. GOD TAKES PEOPLE LIKE WESLEY FOR NO RERASON AND WE ALL DONT NO WHY. MY HEARTFELT FEELINGS GO OUT TO YOU AND HIS FAMILY, HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. I HAVE LOST MY SISTERS TO GOD ALSO AND NO HOW I FEEL, SO I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW YOU FEEL AND MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DAILY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SINCERELY JOE KEYS CORRECT CAR CARE

Joe Keys - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ remembering all of our Friday fishing events. Always had a wonderful time. Love always Kathy

Kathy Morfino-Lewis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I was one of the leaders on Wes' Sr. Trip with Calvary to Myrtle Beach. I will never forget on a beautiful sunny day trying to talk him into heading to the pool with us - he was laying on his bed watching cartoons. He was watching Tom & Jerry. The cat was walking across the yard and you could tell he was going to step on a rake and have the handle hit him in the face. Wes laughed so hard like he never saw it coming! Being happy and jolly was just Wes being Wes. I had the chance to chat with him online a month or so ago and enjoyed hearing about his children. I am sorry for those who are left here without Wes and will pray for his family, but can't help but be excited that he is healthy and walking the streets of heaven with his Lord, I'm sure laughing all the way! Thank God for allowing me to have Wes in my life.

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**Matt Eckel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ As Vigil's little brother, Wes was introduced to me @ a young age. Virgil @ Wes were in-separable! They were "brothers from another mother". Of all my brother's friends, Wes was the one I felt most comfortable around due to his jolly nature. Through Wes I met James and the same can be said of us. When we walk into church people approach us and claim that we are a splitting image of Virgil @ Wesley. Thank You Wes for giving me my "right arm", your brother!

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**David Niggemeyer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Wes and Virgil hung around together. Inside all the church functions and outside of church. I was a second mom to wes. He always called me mom. They were always up to something. Wes was the most kind, giving , thoughtful, sweet and loving person I ever knew. I can't imagine a world without him. He will be so very much missed. I have no doubt in my mind that He is there right now with His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will see you soon Wes. You will always be in our hearts and our minds. We love you so very much!! Love Debbie Hemak Ma

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**Debra Hemak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Our Dearest Wesley, You were our first born son. You brought joy and happiness into our lives. Your first walk was when you came home from the hospital, with aunt Shirley and Me. We have been tough on you, but it has made you the man you are today and will always be. You have been the greatest son ever. Even with all the trips to the hospital. I have always loved the summers of being the "kool aid mom" on East Oakridge. The joys of going on field trips with you; seeing your awesome drawings. The laughter, smiles, giggles and tears. The joy of your wedding and most of all, the gift of life of our grandchildren Madison and Zane. Both you and Stephanie have given us the best gift ever! I'm still waiting for your sister and Richie to do their part now. Just remember one thing, that your dad and I will never forget you. With all our love forever! Please Wesley, R.I.P, hugs and kisses forever. Love Mom and Dad

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**Mom and Dad** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Wes I love you so much. One day will all be with you. trying not to cry is so hard. I remember when you took me to go see Episode 1 the first show of the movie I will never forget that moment in my life it meant so much to me thank you for all the fun times Wes. your the angle on my shoulder thank you for everything I love you R.I.P

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**Baby brother** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Stephanie, Madison and Zane, Words cannot express our sorrow for your loss. Please let us know how we can help you through this difficult time. We will keep you in our prayers. God Bless, Mary and Allan Weeks

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**Mary & Allan Weeks** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM