



Grant Robert Waitz

March 7, 2004 - February 22, 2021

Waitz, Grant Robert, suddenly February 22, 2021 age 16 of Plymouth. Beloved son of Colleen Elliott and Dan (Laura) Waitz. Loving brother of Sophie & Aria Waitz, and Clint & Porter Audet. Cherished grandson of Kent & Mary Elliott, Jon & Pat Waitz and Jim & Joyce Krohl. Dear nephew of Amy (Don) Stanton, Bill (Michelle) Waitz, and Cindy (Cliff) Maschke. Dear cousin of Kyle & Zach Waitz and Lainey, Jordan, & Tanner Maschke. Also survived by many dear friends. Grant had many passions including a love of hockey, skate boarding, snow boarding, photography, design, water sports, and cars. Grant attended the Plymouth-Canton Schools, where he developed many dear friends. He was a member of Northridge Church where he was baptized at the age of 14.

Visitation Friday, February 26th 3-6 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday, February 27th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307, New Hope Center for Grief Support, 133 W. Main Str. #113, Northville, MI 48167, or American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 199 Water St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10038. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this web page.

Funeral Service will be live streamed from Risen Christ Church 11 AM

<https://vimeo.com/517308859>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
46250 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170

Funeral Service

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grant Robert Waitz*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mabry Family lit a candle in memory of Grant Robert Waitz*



Mabry family - March 05, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *I was Grant's 10th grade ELA teacher at Salem and have grappled with what to write in memory of him ever since I heard the news of his death. Grant always greeted me with a smile and was one of the few students who took the time to say "have a nice day" once the bell rang at the end of the hour when most students' only goal is to get out of class as quickly as possible. I cannot even fathom the pain his family and friends are experiencing at this time, but know that I have kept you all in my prayers and will continue to do so. A happier memory is that of Grant and his friends getting me to bend my "no food" rule for the first time--as they would always enter class with that morning's breakfast regardless of what I said! Grant seemed to always enjoy not only that breakfast sandwich or bagel each day but also that time socializing and chatting with his friends. He truly seemed like such an affable, friendly, and caring young man. The outpouring of support from our community during this tragedy tells me that he was so, indeed. God bless all of you who were touched by Grant, whether family or friend, and may you all be comforted by your wonderful memories of him--I know that I am.*

David A Krzisnik - March 01, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



March 01, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *So very saddened to hear of your beautiful son's death. I don't know you personally, Colleen, but share a life here at Westlake Christian church with your parents, Mary and Kent. Lovingly, Bobbie Aubuchon*

Bobbie Aubuchon - February 28, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy for the family of Grant Waitz. I live 2 streets away and remember seeing Grant skateboarding while I walked my dogs, I do not know your family personally but feel this tremendous loss nonetheless. Please know you are being thought of and prayed for during this surreal time.*

Jody Firreno - February 28, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *And the heavier writing of today*

Why do you grieve today?

*My head overruled my heart
I did not live beyond today
My pain spoke too loud,
I thought I could no longer stay*

*I carried your heart in my hands
But my head won the war
And now you are reeling inside
Because I exist no more*

*It was a moment in time.
I didn't think of the pain I would cause
I was ending deep sadness I felt
I forgot to consider your loss.*

*I don't know why I matter
I don't understand why you care
Why did you come to my funeral?
What are these memories you share?*

*But I'm glad you came
I wish I could be here too
Why did I leave this world?
I am really missing you*

*If I was here with you now
I would know what to say
The first thing I'd ask is
Why do you grieve today?*

*Written for a young man I did not know. Thinking of the family of
Grant Waitz!*

Jennifer Chinitz - February 27, 2021 at 08:13 PM

AS

This is heartbreakingly beautiful. My deepest condolences.

Angela Sienko - June 05, 2021 at 08:41 AM

LO

“ *i never knew grant personally, but pcep is one big family. my heart aches for you and your family. i've been praying every night for you and your family. on behalf of my entire family, we send our biggest condolences and love. may grant rest peacefully.*

- Lily O.

Lily Okon - February 26, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ *Colleen & family, Sympathy and prayers on the shocking death of your precious oldest son! As friends of Ken and Mary Elliott, we heard so many great stories of grandparent pride when telling of your visits here with the kids, and of their times with you there. The heartbreak of losing his presence in your lives now and of grieving all that would yet have been in his promising future is a heavy grief. We pray for God's healing for parents, siblings and grandparents. He is in God's loving arms now for eternity.*

Norma Johnson - February 26, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RW

“ Grant was a student in one of my classes at West Middle School several years ago, and I remember his generous spirit and positive attitude vividly. In his short life he touched many others with his kindness, and surely will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of many at this time of such a deep loss. May Grant's light shine on in many fond memories of him!

Robert Watson
West Middle School Staff

Robert Watson - February 26, 2021 at 02:47 PM

AF

“ Armando Reyes & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



Armando Reyes & Family - February 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM

TF

“ The Schembri Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



The Schembri Family - February 26, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 26, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ *GerylAnn Garris lit a candle in memory of Grant Robert Waitz*



GerylAnn Garris - February 26, 2021 at 06:47 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 25, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Sherri Carson-Soave lit a candle in memory of Grant Robert Waitz*



Sherri Carson-Soave - February 25, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Isabel sent a virtual gift in memory of Grant Robert Waitz*



Isabel - February 25, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *I wish I had known him better. He randomly came up to me on halloween and asked me "are you isabel torres?" I said "yeah" in a nervous tone because i've never seen him before. He said "nice to meet you." and smiled and shook my hand. Complimented me on my halloween costume and walked away. I walked away in confusion. The next day I see him again and he makes funny noises and said goofy things. This was last year before covid. He was a funny guy if only I had gotten to know him more.*

Isabel - February 25, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 25, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Randy & Cheri Kipfer and Ryan & Brenda Stopher purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



Randy & Cheri Kipfer and Ryan & Brenda Stopher - February 25, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Russ Parish and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



Russ Parish and Family - February 25, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Cindy And Allen Eaton lit a candle in memory of Grant Robert Waitz*



Cindy and Allen Eaton - February 25, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ -Cal O'Donnell purchased the *Tranquil Seas* for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



-Cal O'Donnell - February 25, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ James Nolta Sr purchased the *Lovely One Spathi phyllum Plant* for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



James Nolta Sr - February 25, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 25, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Colleen and family - our hearts break for your loss...
Lou & Judy Weitekamp & family*

Judy Weitekamp - February 24, 2021 at 10:25 PM

DS

“ *Dear Colleen, my boys knew Grant only as an acquaintance and we have not met, but I am heartbroken for you wanted to reach out and let you know that you and your family are in my fervent prayers.-
Kelly Voelker ... Dear Colleen, my youngest daughter was acquainted with Grant in passing from her time at West and the skate park, and we have not met, but filled with thoughts of Grant's pain and yours, I am praying over you both.-Grace Stanczak*

Debora-Grace Stanczak - February 24, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 24, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 24, 2021 at 07:32 PM

KB

“ My dearest Colleen and family. I am so sorry and saddened by your loss. Colleen, you are there for everyone and please know that I'm here for you with anything you need. I love you, my friend.

kelli Myers Blake - February 24, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 24, 2021 at 06:18 PM

CS

“ Grant contributed positively to the West Middle School community during his time in middle school. He had good friends and a positive presence. He is gone too soon but will be remembered by the WMS staff and all those fortunate enough to have known him.

Clint Smiley - February 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 24, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 24, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 24, 2021 at 01:31 PM



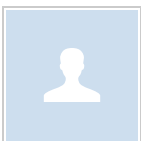
“ *My sincere condolences for the whole family. So sorry for your loss.*

Randy Bateman - February 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



We're so incredibly sorry for your loss. It's absolutely heartbreaking. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Amy Phillips - February 24, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 24, 2021 at 10:04 AM

RY

“ Colleen, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for you and your family. Thinking of you during this time of sorrow.

Renee Yarcho - February 24, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 24, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 24, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.



February 24, 2021 at 08:16 AM

JM

“ Collen I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful son. I am thinking of you and your family and sending strength and prayers your way.

Jan Mouch - February 24, 2021 at 07:04 AM

PC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Grant has such a beautiful smile and I loved reading about all of his interests. What an amazing young man.
My heart breaks for your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Pamela Carter - February 24, 2021 at 06:43 AM

CF

“ Colleen there is not a time that I can remember being with you or seeing your posts that there wasn't a huge smile on your face. The love you have for your children glows in person and pictures. There are no words to comfort you now. I only know that no parent should lose a child. I can only pray that God wraps his love around you and your family and carries you all through this. God Bless you all.

Celina Foskett - February 23, 2021 at 09:26 PM

CP

“ Colleen we are heartbroken. Grant's smile and huge personality will shine forever. 💜💜💜

Christine Porada - February 23, 2021 at 08:30 PM

SK

“ I am so very sorry and so heartbroken to hear this sad news. My love to Clint and Porter, Colleen and family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Shannon Kostrzewa - February 23, 2021 at 07:06 PM

KC

“ *Sending lots of love hugs prayers and condolences
We love you Colleen and family
Xoxox*



kristina candito - February 23, 2021 at 06:38 PM

JK

“ *Dan, Laurie, Sophie and Aria.... We love you so much and we know that anything we say to comfort you is so inadequate... No words can fully express our love and sympathy for you... We are thinking of you and will be there for you any way that we can. We will always love Grant and hope that he feels at peace. Love Rob, Jenny, Melina, Olivia, Cullen and Brooklinn Krohl*

Jennifer Krohl - February 23, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Grant Robert Waitz.*



February 23, 2021 at 06:16 PM