



Kevin Robert Rodriguez

December 29, 1983 - February 7, 2019

Rodriguez, Kevin Robert, February 7, 2019 age 35 of Canton. Beloved son of Fernando and Lorraine Rodriguez. Loving brother of Raymond (Charlotte) Rodriguez. Proud uncle of Hayley, Julia and Emily. Also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Gathering on Saturday, February 23rd 12 - 3 PM with 1 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ABRAKADOODLE Art for Kids, 8016 Sheldon Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Robert Rodriguez*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I know I'm late, but I just found this page and wanted to say that I was in one of his art classes at Abrakadoodle and he really inspired me to go further with my art and he really showed me that I could do anything I put my mind to, I'm very thankful for him and all he did for me.*

:) - February 02, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *I am a little bit late. I can't put into words what the world loses when someone like Kevin leaves us. I have not, and will never be the same. I love you, brother. I miss you like you'd never believe.*

P - August 27, 2020 at 04:12 AM



“ *You're guarding from above. You are loved, forever, by all of us. Your family will stay in prayer, always. Grateful our paths crossed at CCS. You always had a big heart..full of creativity and wisdom. Miss you, friend. See ypu when our paths cross again. -Jenn H.*

Arie Hart - January 20, 2020 at 01:18 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Robert Rodriguez.*



February 23, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ *The first day that our daughter, Fennel, met Mr Kevin he was dressed like a pirate. She was nervous to have her first art class but by the time she left she could not wait to see Mr Kevin again. That feeling remained the same every day since. Under his mentorship, Fen learnt to work hard, take risks, embrace mistakes, be unique, find her artistic voice and follow her passions. These gifts of wisdom and the love and generosity of our dear Mr K will remain with Fen, her brother, and us, always. Thankyou so much. We miss you. Love always.*

Fen (age 10) says: you inspired me to follow my dreams of becoming an artist. You impacted my life in amazing ways. You didn't only teach me art, you taught me how to take criticism and bounce back even in the bleakest of times. You are a wonderful person with a heart of gold and I shall treasure you forever.

R. H. - February 22, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Charlie Craven - February 22, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Robert Rodriguez.*



February 21, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ *Kevin was a good friend of mine through most of our yearly years of high school. He was fun, caring, and a talented artist. I remember the phase of him trying to look like one of the Backstreet Boys, and his "doodling" in notes that would put famous artists to shame. Once, he helped me get through a bad breakup with genuine words I carry in my heart to this day. Sending love and support to his family and friends. - Dawn*



Dawn Lobkowitz - February 17, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *JMS Coworkers: Lisa, Lashonda, Andrea and Judi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kevin Robert Rodriguez.*



JMS Coworkers: Lisa, Lashonda, Andrea and Judi - February 15, 2019 at 06:30 PM

DD

“ Absolutely stunned, and heartbroken. So sorry to hear this sad news. Lorraine and Fern we go back a long way. We all simply loved Kevin. Prayers for you all....I know how tough this is and how your heart is simply breaking. Many prayers for you with Blessings.

DARLENE DOWLING - February 14, 2019 at 11:15 AM

MH

“ Kevin was amazing....not much else to say when I first met him i immediately was drawn to his style and the way he held himself...we clicked immediately and he was one of the sweetest guys I met.in my.journey...rest in paradise kev

Morgan Hatfield - February 13, 2019 at 03:33 PM

MD

“ Thoughts and Prayers for Lorraine, Fernando and the rest of the family. So many fun and hard working practice and race day memories with Kevin and the Rodriquez family. God bless and comfort you.

Mark Laws (the Dad) - February 13, 2019 at 12:27 PM

EE

“ Sending my deepest sympathies and prayers to Kevin's family. Please just know that Kevin, just being Kevin, touched so many of us for the better. He truly had a generous and loving spirit that will cling to the hearts of those he knew, forever.

Erika Erickson - February 12, 2019 at 05:27 PM



The tv Erika Erickson? wow.. Very cool.

Greg Vollink - February 22, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ *Miss you dude, I can't believe you're really gone, well entertain and be your awesome self up there, I love you man Rest in Heaven, Will miss our talks*



Renee Reske - February 12, 2019 at 04:29 PM



You were truly unique in all that you did. We shared some epic times together, even just soending time watching movies are some of my favorite memories. The thrift shop times with Marc and Regan! I will miss your crazy laugh and the way you always looked like a million dollars! I will always remember you!
-Rabbit

Rabbyt Colbert - February 12, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Kevin and Ray's friends at Gehring LP purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kevin Robert Rodriguez.*



Kevin and Ray's friends at Gehring LP - February 12, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Lisa Marie lit a candle in memory of Kevin Robert Rodriguez*



Lisa Marie - February 12, 2019 at 10:54 AM

KS

“ *Katie Smith lit a candle in memory of Kevin Robert Rodriguez*



Katie Smith - February 12, 2019 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ *God speed to you Kevin on your next journey, and blessings to your parents and brother you leave behind. You are all amazing people, and in my memories forever. -Clint McDermott*

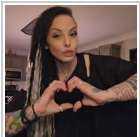
Clint McDermott - February 11, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ *Hollie Acord lit a candle in memory of Kevin Robert Rodriguez*



Hollie Acord - February 11, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *You were super Rad. And you always wanted time of mine I could never hardly give you. Yet you saw my son at a late night restaurant and gave him star treatment like he was famous for being my kid. You made his day. And my made mine when you told me all about thd encounter. You were truly a good friend. And I will miss da funk out out of you. Kk*

Kristen Krash - February 11, 2019 at 01:15 AM

MA

“ I'll never forget the day we met. I'll never forget the things you said. I'll never forget the smiles and laughs. I'll never forget the memories past. I'll always cherish the quality time spared. I'll always hold dear all the hugs we shared. I'll always remember the jokes we exchanged. And I'll forever morun the day all our lives changed.



Mani - February 10, 2019 at 06:18 PM

CM

“ Mr. Kevin changed our lives. My little boy met Kevin and met his mentor. They had such a bond and kindred spirit. Mr. Kevin believed in Eli and encouraged him to step out of his safe place and take risks. Yes, Mr. Kevin taught Eli how to do his best work but he also inspired Eli to believe in himself. I'll forever be grateful to Kevin for his friendship and mentor ship.

Charidy Mata - February 10, 2019 at 05:31 PM

CT

“ I remember one of the first times I met Kevin... he came up and started fixing my cloths and talking like not only had we been friends for ages, but we were family. And never, since that day, has he ever acted like that was not true.

Couple weeks ago he came to my house, and started... fixing things around the house. Like everything... he went to the bathroom then came out and said. "yo... I need some towels, cause the sink here is clogged, and I was plunging it and now there's water all over the floor."

Then he took off his wet socks, put em in the dryer... And it's who we were... He know where i lived is where he belonged... Family... pure and simple.

I miss you so much already...

Brother... Love... always

Cixtian Trybe - February 10, 2019 at 03:09 PM

RD

“ I was fortunate to have been able to coach Kevin many years ago when he speedskater. He was a tough kid and hard worker with a great sense of humor. He always gave it all he had on the track. I'll always remember him as a great kid who made those around him laugh and he was well liked and respected by his teammates. Rest in Peace Kevin.

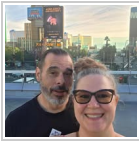
ROBB DUNN - February 10, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *We've known each other since 8th grade. You have become one my dearest friends. Im gonna miss the laughs hugs and time together and the joy you always brought with you*



Stephanie Wolf - February 10, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Teri Kukla lit a candle in memory of Kevin Robert Rodriguez*



Teri Kukla - February 10, 2019 at 11:56 AM

 Brett
Gregory

“ So many memories, it's just incredible, to me, that he kept on being the same happy-go-lucky best-friend to EVERYBODY he knew. He was a genuine beacon of happiness, and an inspiration for seeking out happiness in life no matter what's got you down. When we met at Plymouth Canton, I was the new kid (as usual) and he could tell I lived my life in a hole pretending I knew how to be happy with life or myself. He pulled me right into his circle of life, friends, acceptance, love etc. I felt like I didn't have a choice; he was my people or I was his people. Like a band of misfits who were proud to be. He actually invited me to go to his cousins wedding with him after we'd only met 3 days prior at school. I don't think he wanted to leave me alone with myself. That's EXACTLY the type of person he was to everyone around him. He was the ambassador to the next chapter of my life. I counted on him to pull me up- and he always did. I tremble with sorrow and angst-writing this- I couldn't be more thankful for having him in my life, the times we've had, the memories, friends, and the impact he's had on everybody around him. Words CANNOT do him justice, to say he had purpose is a vast understatement. His personality defined unconditional and brotherly love. Kevin, you're missed like crazy, brother. See you on the other side.

Brett Gregory - February 10, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Samantha Moore lit a candle in memory of
Kevin Robert Rodriguez



Samantha Moore - February 10, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ We met in 9th grade on the 2nd floor of Salem in our 4th hr english class. I had severe social anxiety and didnt know how to talk to anyone new. I just remember Kevin turning around and sayin something goofy and making me burst out with laughter in the middle of class! Of course the teacher didnt appreciate this but after that moment, where you could find one of us, you could find the other. It stayed this way for a couple years and then, of course, life takes hold and pushed us in different directions. But we never stopped being friends and it was always like it was just yesterday every time we saw each other. You are the brother i never knew i needed and you will never stray from all of our hearts. My deepest condolences to the family and may God always be with you 💜

Samantha Moore - February 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ In the few years i have known him He was like a brother from another mother. While no one in this life is perfect...NO ONE but the Good Lord. We had many talks on many things. Many plans for this summer and laughs about past summer trip uo north. I needed a little help and he came and got me last wed. Was really nice having some time with my brotha. Little did i know how short it would be. :(He definitely made some long lasting memories of him in my heart. : (Love ya brotha. :(

Greg V. - February 10, 2019 at 09:04 AM

KG

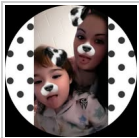
“ Art studios can have some interesting things. One of which were these stupid rubber molds that are in the shape of FISH!! The kids paint them and press the fish on paper to get a printed stamp. I hated the way they felt and they were so weirdly big and floppy. Kevin would ALWAYS find where I hid them in the studio and come running out at me yelling “SILLY SALMON!” And chase me with it trying to hit me with it. Just your everyday shenanigans at work with Kevin! You definitely brought a smile to my face and a good laugh when we worked together! You’ll be greatly missed.

Kristen Gibson - February 10, 2019 at 12:34 AM

SR

“ I have so many memories with Kevin I wouldn't even know where to begin on sharing them.. but I do know the one that will always stick with me now and that is when I seen him Sunday night. And his last words to me where i love you bro.. and my last words to him was I love you to brother. I could have asked for any better last words.

Shawn Robert - February 10, 2019 at 12:17 AM



“ I saw him the night before and he was happy and singing like he always did. Last words to me were "i love ya mama ill see ya tomorrow"
I'll hold those words tight til I see him on the other side. ♥R.i.p sweetheart. Forever loved n never forgotten!

Chelsey Billingsley - February 09, 2019 at 11:30 PM

 Aurora
Gallagher

“ Kevin asked how my day was going and I told him "kinda crappy", he told me he was coming to get me. I said no, that I didn't want to be outside. He showed up, told me to get up, get dressed and we're going to have some fun. Shenanigans ensued! He always knew how to cheer me up. I will forever miss his voice and hugs, and the way he "itched his inner ear" with that funny noise.

Aurora Gallagher - February 09, 2019 at 10:31 PM

 Danielle
Muncie

“ Kevin and I have so many memories together. I will never be ok with not having him in my life anymore. I still can't believe it's true. I'm sorry that I haven't seen you in a little while and I will always regret that! I miss you so much love, please watch out for me and show me you're there <3

Danielle Muncie - February 09, 2019 at 07:08 PM

JB

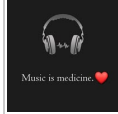
Although ive known u for about 15 years ,i have only recently begun to really get to know you .and ill tell you what. Kevin was a real person never trying to be someone he was not .he had a great heart and a great talent and he has truly touched my heart .i will never forget you kevin ,the life of the party ,the light in the darkness ,the all around fun guy that wasnt afraid to express your self .love you brother ,we will see you on the other side.

Jeremy bussey - February 09, 2019 at 07:32 PM

 Ryan
Daleo

Kevin was my friend my brother and truly and great all around person we had a lot of good time and rocked out and wrote some great music.. Even though I only knew you since 2015 you were like a brother to my and touched my heart I will never forget you.. Fly high bro I love ya my friend..

Ryan Daleo - February 09, 2019 at 07:42 PM



I am 3000 miles away and not able to attend, sadly. However, I will not forget you. I will not forget that quirky sense of humor and sideways grin. I will not forget how you always had your head up even when your chips were down. Although its been a decade, wish we could jam one more session. We May not have been the closest friends but it always seemed like our friendship never dissipated even when we didnt talk for a long period of time. No matter how long in between, it felt like nothing had changed. Its so often that can't be said of long distance friends. Thanks for making my day meme warring last week. Again, so glad I had the opportunity to speak with you once more. I will continue praying for your family throughout this sad time. The world lost an amazingly beautiful and will forever be a not darker without you in it.

Ren Lucy - February 09, 2019 at 09:44 PM



I'm so sad to hear the news of your passing! You has the sweetest heart! I wish I could afford to fly back to Michigan to pay my respects but sadly won't be able too! I'll never forget you my friend or the kindness you showed me! ❤️💕❤️💕

Kelli Sheridan (Hunt) - February 10, 2019 at 12:09 AM