



Raphael "Ray" Alan Klein

MAR 15, 1953 - MAR 13, 2019



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Raphael "Ray" Alan Klein, age 65 passed away March 13, 2019. He is pre-deceased by his parents, Raphael and Beatrice Klein. Dear brother of Randy John Klein. Also survived by many cousins and close friends. He belonged to Deer Lane Hunt Club in Alpena, MI and enjoyed hunting and fishing on his property in the U.P. He was an avid outdoorsman. Visitation Sunday 3pm - 9pm, Funeral Monday at 10:30 am at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, MI.



Events


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Visitation

 **Sunday**, March 17, 2019


 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071



Funeral Service

 **Monday**, March 18, 2019

 10:30 AM ET

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Tribute Wall

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LS

Laurie Stone posted:

Randy, So sorry to hear of your loss. Saw this in Sunday paper and wanted to reach out. It's been a long time but my thoughts and prayers are with you. Laurie (Steiner) Stone (Town Center)

March 18 at 5:37 AM

ER

Ena Ross posted:

Still having a rough time believing he's gone. Rest in peace my dear Buddy. I will so miss connecting with you on Facebook. Will see you again for our Viking reunion in Heaven.

March 17 at 11:00 PM

TR

Tracy posted:

I enjoyed years of family get togethers, chats about gardening, life, fishing, recipes. Ray was very kindhearted and will be missed. Condolences to Randy! With Love, Tracy & Adam Thomson

March 15 at 5:08 PM

KB

Keith Brewer posted:

So sorry to hear this sad news! We need more people like Ray in this world! He was a genuine person. I looked up to him on the wrestling team at HPHS and in college. Ray will be missed by all who had the blessing of knowing him. Keith Brewer

March 14 at 7:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket to the Klein family.



March 14 at 6:07 PM

LB

Linda Belkin posted:

Ray was so kind and such a gifted athlete. I always enjoyed his FB posts and will miss hearing about his adventures. He always stood out at HPHS and it was always nice to see him at the reunions. My condolences to his family and friends. Linda Ignatius Belkin

March 14 at 5:12 PM



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JZ

Jerry Zacharczuk Phd posted:

Ray is and will be a great friend to me. From the day I met him he was my adopted big brother. He took me fishing and hunting. He taught me how to properly clean fish. If I ever had a question about anything I knew I could ask Ray and he would give me his wisdom. I looked up to Ray as a big brother. Ray was always there for me. Ray was patient and took time to listen and provide guidance. Ray you will always be with me in my heart. You will never be forgotten. I will always talk to you through my heart. I will remember the cooking on the spit, fish fries, corn beef, baked beans, the talks about guns, bows, and crossbows. Ray I know you are with aunt Bea and uncle Ray. You are looking down on us. When my day comes we will go hunting and fishing again. Jerry Zacharczuk Phd.

March 14 at 3:44 PM

LD

Lou Deciantis posted:

Shocked to hear such sad news. Chatted often w Ray he grew up down the street hew was in my bro class always heard good things about Ray. Followed him on FB often Deer season won't be the same for all his friends.

March 14 at 2:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Klein family.



March 14 at 2:06 PM

MB

Michael Boivin posted:

Ray was my friend and teammate at Spring Arbor College from 1973 to 1975 when he graduated with a major in Biology. Although the toughest athlete on campus in the toughest sport, he was also a dedicated student and had a quiet and sincere love of learning. He was a gentle spirit and considerate friend. Ray, may you now enjoy your love of the outdoors as never before, side by side with Jesus. Sincerely, Michael Boivin

March 14 at 1:08 PM



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Michael Boivin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Ray was my friend and teammate at Spring Arbor College from 1973 to 1975 when he graduated with a major in Biology. Although the toughest athlete on campus in the toughest sport, he was also a dedicated student and had a quiet and sincere love of learning. He was a gentle spirit and considerate friend, although without question the toughest wrestler to every step on the mat at Spring Arbor. My freshman year in our inaugural year as a program, our most memorable moment was when Ray defeated Mark Law from Hillsdale College, who was defending NAIA national champion at heavyweight. Ray was also 3rd that year in the Michigan Collegiate tournament, which was state-wide competition with representation from all colleges and universities in Michigan competing in wrestling at that time. Injuries kept Ray from achieving the all-American status in that sport that he most certainly could have earned. Yet, no one but a very few of his team mates knew this about Ray, because he would be the last person to ever talk about these accomplishments himself. He was always there as a friend during my Arbor years, good times and bad. Ray, may you now enjoy your love of the outdoors as never before, side by side with Jesus. your friend, team mate, and brother in Christ always, Michael Boivin

March 13 at 12:32 PM



Deb Ozment March 17 at 8:54 AM

Such a beautiful post! I love hearing about Ray during his college years, before I had the pleasure of knowing him.



Maria J. sent a Serene Retreat to the Klein family.



March 14 at 12:13 PM



Gerard Walters posted:

Great friend, classmate, teammate (football and wrestling) and neighbor. Lived down the street from me on Caledonia growing up.

March 14 at 9:26 AM



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LL

Linda (Tsuchiyama) Lesnau posted:

Knew Ray from HPHS...what a kind soul gone from this earth. May you now be at peace in God's arms. May God comfort your family during this difficult time and in the coming days. RIP Ray 🙏

March 14 at 8:49 AM

GW

Gerald Wegner March 17 at 12:11 PM

I coached Ray many years ago at Hazel Park High School. He was on our JV football team He was an outstanding young man So sorry to hear of his passing sending my prayers and thoughts to his family. Also many comments the last few years on facebook from Ray on his outdoor trips up north.Gerald (Coach Wags) Wegner

DH

Dr. Ray Husband posted:

I was ahead of Ray at Hazel Park HS but followed his successes from afar and was an avid fan. When Ray attended Spring Arbor College and helped Coach Steve Anzur start the wrestling program I became a fan up close. From a long time fan...Ray, I will miss your gentle spirit and great heart...with greatest affection.

March 14 at 8:45 AM

BA

Barb posted:

We are so saddened by the passing of our fishing buddy Ray.Thoughts and prayers, for family and friends.Capt. Larry and Barb Sanderson

March 14 at 7:28 AM

SP

Steve Parker posted:

Ray was a great college friend! Always remember him fixin a steak and maybe searing it for two minutes on each side! Sorry for your loss Randy!

March 14 at 7:18 AM



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RV

Robin Viau posted:

You were a wonderful friend and neighbor. I always enjoyed making the recipes you would find for great desserts. Watching "The Wheel" and "Jeopardy" will not be the same without you! Rest in peace Ray!

March 14 at 6:00 AM

BH

Bev Hamilton posted:

So very sad to hear this news.... Ray and I went to elementary school together and all the way thru HS... so sad RIP Ray...

March 14 at 5:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Klein family.



March 14 at 4:44 AM

PP

Patricia Johnson Powers lit a candle in honor of Raphael "Ray".



March 14 at 3:09 AM

DO

Dean Ozment posted:

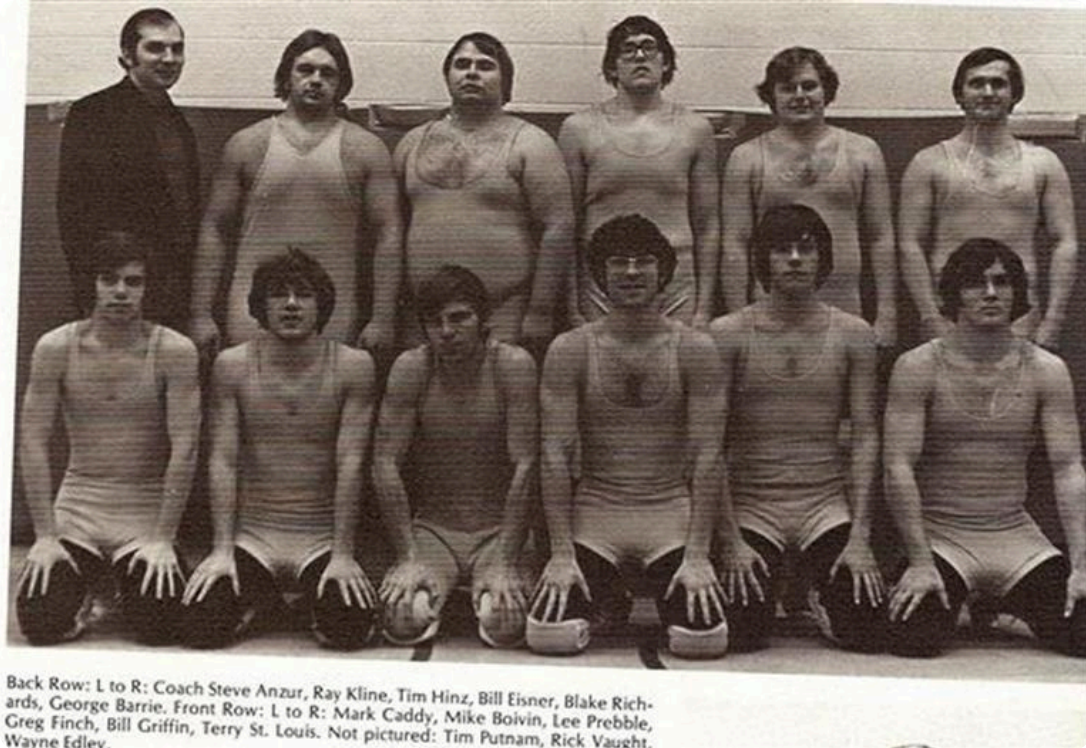
Loved you buddy... I will miss you!

March 13 at 12:32 PM



Michael Boivin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 14 at 12:27 PM



Back Row: L to R: Coach Steve Anzur, Ray Kline, Tim Hinz, Bill Eisner, Blake Richards, George Barrie. Front Row: L to R: Mark Caddy, Mike Boivin, Lee Prebble, Greg Finch, Bill Griffin, Terry St. Louis. Not pictured: Tim Putnam, Rick Vaught, Wayne Edlev.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raphael "Ray" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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