



## Michael Kraska

December 29, 1969 - December 20, 2014

Michael John Kraska, age 44, of Salisbury, NC formerly of Portage, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 20, 2014 at his residence after a period of declining health.

Michael was born December 29, 1969 in Kalamazoo, Michigan the son of Joanne and John Kraska of Portage, MI. He was a 1988 graduate of Portage Central High School and received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Michigan State in 1992 and his Master's Degree from Western Michigan in 1994. He was a social worker for many years in Michigan and in North Carolina. Michael was an avid sports fan and loved the Detroit Lions and the Michigan State Spartans.

Those left to cherish his memories in addition to his parents are his wife Jennifer Basal Kraska whom he married February 23, 2008; mother-in law and father-in-law Robert and Carolyn Basal of Marquette, MI; brother Robert Kraska (Ellen) of San Carlos, CA; sister Susan Dragt (Dirk) of Kalamazoo, MI.; grandmother-in-law Mary Downey of Marquette, MI; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Julee and Michael Kaurala of Marquette, MI; also many numerous family members and friends.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Kraska family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, to lose the one you love is so painful!  
Know that you are in my prayers. Carol McGlynn

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**Carol McGlynn** - January 05, 2015 at 05:18 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your son's death. I know this must be a difficult time for you and your family  
Maggie Bresz.

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**Maggie Bresz** - December 28, 2014 at 02:17 PM

KK

“ Dear Kraska family,  
My deepest sympathy to you all for the loss of Mike. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Korrey Kooistra

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**Korrey Kooistra** - December 23, 2014 at 07:18 PM

BD

“ My condolences in Michael's loss. A friend of my brother through high school in Portage, I always looked up to Mike in those days. My heart goes out to all of you.

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**Brad Dancer** - December 23, 2014 at 11:51 AM

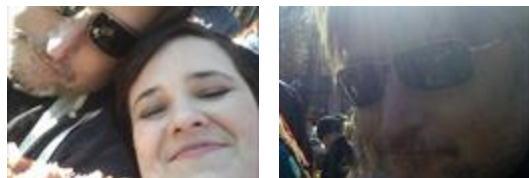
MH

“ *My sincere condolences in the loss of Michael. I remember him fondly as a sweet little boy living next to me on Schuring Road.*  
*Mary Harrison*

Mary Harrison - December 23, 2014 at 06:10 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - December 21, 2014 at 03:24 PM

CZ

*Joanne and John, and family,  
It is hard to find words to express the genuine sadness and sympathy we feel upon reading of Mike's passing. Our hearts go out to all of you. Prayers for God to sustain you all through this grief and bring you peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Claudia and Steve Zimmerman.*

Claudia Zimmerman - December 23, 2014 at 09:10 AM

VK

*John, Joanne, and family, we were deeply saddened to read of Mike's passing in today's paper. Please know that you have our deepest sympathy, and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Vil and Janet Krastins*

Vilnis and Janet Krastins - December 23, 2014 at 08:35 PM

LB

*Jennifer I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers. And remember he loved you very much.*

Linda Butlr - December 24, 2014 at 10:08 PM

KZ

*John, Joanne, Susan, Bob and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a kind person and touched many people during his short time here on earth. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Kristin Zimmerman*

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**kristin zimmerman** - December 25, 2014 at 11:10 AM

KA

*Jen and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and Michael's family. Words cannot express how saddened we are by Michael's unexpected passing. Our thoughts, prayers, and love is with you at this difficult time.*

*With Love and Sympathy,*

*Gary, Pam, and Kate Aho*

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**Kate Aho** - December 29, 2014 at 05:44 PM