



Kim Francis Bray

July 5, 1956 - September 10, 2015

NORWAY- Kim F. Bray age 59 of Norway, died unexpectedly Thursday, September 10, 2015 at his home in Norway.

He was born on July 5, 1956 in Norway, to JoAnne (Carlson) and the late Andrew Bray.

Kim attended the Norway public schools and later attained a degree in criminal justice from NWTI in Green Bay, WI.

After working various jobs in this area, Kim moved to California where he helped build many homes for 10 years with his good friends Patrick Coci, Ron Zuegner and Jim Owen.

After coming back to Norway he married Diane Marchetti on July 18, 2004 in Norway.

He was currently employed at SGI in Pembine.

Kim had a great sense of humor, a big and loving heart and generous spirit. His love for animals was evident and he and Diane spent many hours with their dog Sophie out at the Bray Camp, hunting and enjoying the beauty of the woods.

Kim is survived by his wife Diane; step-daughter Dana Blichmann and Brenda (Jeff) Gurchinoff; his mother and step-father JoAnne and Ken Rohde; sisters Mary Jo (Pete) Malaney, Tracey (Chris) Nunez; mother-in-law Bev Marchetti; sisters and brothers-in-law Maria (Gary) Gardipee, Lisa (Jeff) Becker, Gina (Pat Boivin) Marchetti, Mark (Sharon) Marchetti, Bill (Beth) Marchetti and Janet Bray; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends.

Kim was preceded in death by his father Andrew Bray; brother Mark Bray; grandparents; special aunt Marianne Mattson; cousin and good friend David Larsen; father-in-law Bill Marchetti; and step-mother Mickey Bray.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, September 26 from 10:30-12:30 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Memorial Mass

SEP **26.** 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kim Francis Bray.*



September 25, 2015 at 04:26 PM



“ *Kim was the most kind, gentle, funny person I have ever known. He was the brother I never had and I loved him dearly. The sun will never shine as bright without him in this world. JoAnne and my children, God bless you and give you strength..you all have suffered so much, so much more than I can ever imagine. I love you all so. And to Ken, what would we ever do without you..you are the glue that holds it all together..we would be lost without you. And finally Dianne. Kim loved you very much. He was lost way too young. I hope you can find some solace in that you were loved by an incredible person.We will forever be family and if you need me i will always be your soft place to fall...love you all, Rainie*

rking - September 20, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ *Joann Diane and family so sorry to hear of Kim's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.*

Faith (Bray) Peterson

Faith Peterson - September 17, 2015 at 03:03 PM

BA

“ To the Bray family we would like you to know how much your family has meant to us throughout our friendship . It is never easy to lose someone you love as it hurts my heart so i know what it does to yours . Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time . Love always Brian and Cheryl Adams

Brian Adams - September 17, 2015 at 01:54 PM

MM

“ What sad news. I send my prayers and condolences to all the family. I only knew Kim through work. He was a committed employee and a pleasure to work with. He was exceptionally helpful in the performance of my job duties for which I am eternally grateful. May it be of comfort to know that others considered him a very great man and a truly kind person.

I send my regrets as other commitments will not allow me to attend the funeral.

*Mike (Doda) Momont
Senior Process Engineer (retired),
SGI*

Mike (Doda) Momont - September 15, 2015 at 11:26 AM

HM

“ My sympathy to Diane, Joanne, family, and friends. Kim was a sweetheart. Kind, gentle, and liked everyone. He had a great sense of humor and used it well. I know he will be greatly missed by all.

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - September 14, 2015 at 06:23 PM

SL

“ On behalf of the Norway High School Class of '74, I offer condolences to Kim's family for this "too soon" loss of a friendly, peaceful guy. I am so glad that Kim stopped by our 40th reunion last year to greet classmates and catch up with some of the "out-of-towners" who so appreciate when the "locals" are there. I shared the sad news with classmates on our Facebook page so that they would know we lost another good guy. I am sure more than just me are now wondering why we called him "Kimmy J" when his middle name didn't even start with a "J"..?!



Personally, I will miss bumping into him downtown with his dog and his quiet, gentle way of saying Hello.

Rest in Peace, Kim and may God grant peace & comfort to your loved ones.

Sheri (Lardenoit) LeBombard
on behalf of NHS Class of 1974

Sheryl Ann LeBombard - September 14, 2015 at 01:45 PM

DD

“ Wishing peace and comfort to the family and friends. The first thing that comes to mind when I think of Kim is the smiling face waving from the Corvette! We will miss him!

Danielle Mott Dolfurd - September 14, 2015 at 08:46 AM

BB

“ My Uncle Kim is also survived by his nephew Andy Bray, his partner in crime, hunting, and life. He spent countless days with him and helped to mold Andy into the successful man he is today. Kim wasn't just an animal lover and avid hunter; he was a kind, charismatic, friendly, loyal, and creative soul who loved old cars and feeling the wind in his hair. He was a free spirit who would not let fear limit him or his abilities. He was courageous, strong, and truly one of a kind. He is also survived by two nieces Laura and Bethaney who spent countless holidays, weekends, and other special times with him. He took us for rides in the '57 Chev, his Corvette, and motorcycles. He let us drive when we were too young, eat too much candy, pick truck loads of cabbage at Pelligrini's farm, stop at the Last Lap for a soda and pickled egg, and gave us the hardest time he could. He told us to "scoot the loop", "not to put it in the pickers", "tease Angela (Andy)", "Kookamunga Dude", and countless other Kim-isms. His smile could light up a room. He was my Dad's best friend and always deeply missed his brother Mark. The comfort I take in knowing that My Dad and Grandpa Bray were there to greet him into his final chapter of "life" makes his death less damaging. He was a good man, a great Uncle, and a very special person that I will miss greatly. It would be impossible for me to put into words what My Uncle Kim meant to me and so many, but if you had the pleasure to be around him, you already know. Rest easy Uncle and know that there are so many that always cared about you and still do! Love you!

Bethaney Bray-Petersen - September 13, 2015 at 07:49 PM

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'56 Chev...Kim would be upset if I didn't correct that error!
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Bethaney Bray-Petersen - September 13, 2015 at 07:51 PM



I can feel your smile through your recollection of these amazing memories, the one's that truly make you who you are, an unbreakable Bray. I can imagine your dad, grandpa, and uncle standing by the riverbank as they speak of the same great times. While they then stand in silence, just like you and your family do, wishing for just a little more time together. Not a moment wasted though. I'm grateful for all the amazing family that have created such strong and good people like you and your siblings because you Bray's are undeniably true, good people. May your Uncle Kim embrace his new life knowing he lives on in so many unforgettable moments in your life, which have shaped you into the beautiful, successful person you are and will always be. I love you always and offer all my support to you and your family during this tough time. Your strength can only be compared to your unfaltering compassion for all of those you know and love. Thinking of you always!! But even more so on the 10 year anniversary of your dad's passing. I am so sorry, Bethaney. There really aren't words to describe just how sorry I am that these great men were taken from you so quickly.

Alison Heider - September 14, 2015 at 10:32 PM

MM

“*Dear Family,
Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to all! Kim will always be remembered as a man with a kind heart, full of humorous antidotes and a true "hill topper." I will cherish all the great fun times we had growing up. God bless all of you!*

mike moraska - September 12, 2015 at 09:11 AM