



## Kirk Owen Dethlefsen

August 24, 1952 - June 11, 2020

Kirk Dethlefsen of Grand Ledge passed away peacefully in his home on June 11, 2020. Kirk was born August 24, 1952 in Greenville, Michigan to the late Burnette and Lillian (Emslie) Dethlefsen. He graduated from Greenville High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. He is survived by his five children, Kristin Sfeir, Kara Brown and husband Bill, Kimberly Dethlefsen and boyfriend Ron, Matthew Dethlefsen and wife Trisha, and Katie Dethlefsen; grandchildren, Nicholas, Jason Jr. and Nathan Sfeir; sister, Zoe Mantlo and husband Steve, along with former wife and close friend, Barbara (Frazier) Dethlefsen. Kirk was preceded in death by sister, Rae Dethlefsen.

Kirk worked as a professional accountant for KEBS, Inc. and Clark Schaefer Hackett. He enjoyed the professional work he did and found fulfillment and accomplishment throughout his working career. Kirk was an avid fan of Spartan sports, a music lover, and enjoyed observing nature in his own backyard. He was a devoted father who loved taking his family on wonderful vacations (especially Disney World), as well as taking his kids to the movies with lots of popcorn, Reese's Pieces, and Peanut M&Ms. Kirk was always supportive of his kids in all their activities, from ballet, choir, to coaching their sports teams. He will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Kirk's life will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, 11:00am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. In lieu of flowers, please reach out to the family if you would like information on how to send

your personal condolences, memories, or stories of Kirk.

# Cemetery Details

## Rest Haven Memory Gardens

8690 Storey Road  
Belding, MI 48809

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Kirk Owen Dethlefsen*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - June 12, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Kirk Owen Dethlefsen.*



June 06, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *We remember Kirk taking such joy bringing his family to the movie theatre for an afternoon of picnicking while sharing a film. We went along a few times and it was fun. It was a happy atmosphere. He will live in the hearts of his family and that is another eternal life beside going home to our Lord Father. He passed peacefully and that is such a blessing. We wish and pray for the family to find comfort and joy in having had him.  
Our deepest sympathy to the Dethlefsen family.  
The Kramer Family*

Kramer Family - May 06, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kirk Owen Dethlefsen.*



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June 19, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *There are not many in life we can call a true friend, but Kirk was one of those few. He was both a mentor and a dear friend to me, and his passing has left a huge hole in many lives, including my own. He would be amazed at the number of people's lives he touched and how much he will be missed because that was the type of person he was. He had a huge heart and a kind soul and his family meant the world to him.....and what more would any of us want said of us? I will be forever grateful that he touched my life- Teresa, KEBS, Inc*

*A great man does not seek applause or place; he seeks for truth; he seeks the road to happiness, and what he ascertains, he gives to others. -Robert Green Ingersoll*

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**Teresa Gibbons** - June 18, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *I've worked closely with Kirk for the past six years and came to consider him a dear friend. He always did his utmost to provide the best service possible to our customers, taking an interest in their personal lives as well as the professional connection. He is sorely missed on many levels. I knew him to be a man of faith, so I am confident that he is resting in God's arms. Blessings and sincere condolences to his beloved family.*



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**Sue Jennings** - June 17, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PM

“ I have known Kirk for 10 years but had never met him in person. It started out as business phone calls but as the years went by Kirk always remembered something from our previous conversations, even when months had gone by. I looked forward to having an issue so I had an excuse to call him. Kirk always had time to chat and make you feel important. He will be so dearly missed.  
Paul Morrow

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**paul morrow** - June 16, 2020 at 10:03 PM

PL

“ I played basketball with Kirk at the Lansing YMCA for a number of years. We was always a gentleman while being a competitor. I will keep Kirk in my prayers. May God Bless Kirk and the entire family.  
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Pat Laughlin

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**patrick laughlin** - June 14, 2020 at 11:01 AM

TB

I worked with Kirk for the past 9 years. We enjoyed ordering pizza at least once a week, talking about sports and comparing our NFL picks every week. He was a true professional and I appreciated talking to him about professional matters. God Bless Kirk and his family.

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**Terran B** - June 15, 2020 at 07:26 PM

PH

“ So sad to hear of Kirk’s passing. He was such a kind man with a ready, warm smile. Rest in eternal peace Kirk. Prayers for his family at this most difficult time.

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**Patricia (Sims) Hanley** - June 13, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DG

“ I cannot tell you how sad I am. We went back 45 years to our Bank of Lansing days. We were able to stay in touch through our professional relationship with Kebs/Independent Bank. It was a privilege knowing him. Rest In Peace my friend. Dave Gillison

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**Dave Gillison** - June 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM