

## Raymond Patrick Harris

June 21, 1978 - February 18, 2011

### RAYMOND PATRICK HARRIS

Raymond Patrick Harris age 32 of Grand Ledge passed away on February 18, 2011.

Raymond was born in Mineola, New York on June 21, 1978, the son of Raymond S. and Alice Harris. He attended school in the Hempstead School District, graduating from Hempstead High School in 1996. He later attended Sullivan County Community College where he pursued a degree in the culinary arts.

Raymond was a chef at Flap Jack Restaurant in Lansing, and also worked in the Meijer warehouse.

While his true passion was cooking, Raymond was also a sports enthusiast, particularly enjoying basketball and participating in many community and pick-up leagues. He was devoted to his family and loved ones, always willing to listen to and comfort others, and gave freely of himself in many ways.

He is survived by his parents, Raymond and Alice Harris; sister Madge Jeanine Harris; fiancé Jessie Smithwick; stepdaughter Averie Johnson; many

loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 10:00 am until the time of the memorial service at 11:00 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 517 S. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 with The Reverend Richard D. McKenzie, officiating. Interment will follow at the Delta Center Cemetery, Delta Township with a meal to immediately follow at the church. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Online condolences may be made at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

“We love our son, but God loves him best.”

# Cemetery Details

## Delta Center Cemetery

7382 W. St. Joseph Highway  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
517 S. Clinton St.  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ I met Raymond at Sullivan County Community College in 1996. He was one of my closest friends and housemate in our third semester. One of the things that stood out about Ray was, he could make you laugh. He was a great friend, I miss him. I met his mother one time at Sullivan and I knew right away from their interactions, Ray came from a great and loving home. God bless the Harris family and his fiance at that time as well.

*Just spreading some love from a good friend of Raymond Harris,*

*Brian White*

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**Brian White** - January 03, 2021 at 05:41 AM

DH

“ Ray was such a wonderful, kind and considerate man. Unfortunately, that time that he spent with us was so very short. I know we all feel cheated, family, friends, and loved ones alike. We are now approaching one month since his death and at times it still feels like yesterday that we lost Ray. My heart aches for this terrible loss to Ray's parents, his sister, his fiance' and all of Ray's family & friends. All my thoughts & prayers are with you in the months that lie ahead. May God bless you and give you all that you need to make it through.

*R.I.P*

*In loving Memory*

*Deena Hart*

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**Deena Hart** - March 17, 2011 at 07:39 PM

Kristi  
Cardwell

“ *Kristi Cardwell lit a candle in memory of  
Raymond Patrick Harris*



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**Kristi Cardwell** - March 09, 2011 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ *Deena Hart lit a candle in memory of  
Raymond Patrick Harris*



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**Deena Hart** - February 27, 2011 at 09:49 AM



“ *In Memory of Raymond Patrick Harris. Mother  
Alice and Father Raymond I share in  
the Sorrow of the Loss of Your Loving  
Son...May the Memories that you hold so  
dear*



*Live on Forever in your Heart.....May you find strength from above  
as well as from the Prayers*


*of the many Love Ones who Surrounds you.. MAY YOUR  
BLESSINGS NEVER CEASE!!!!!!.*

*Love you All.*

*Clementine Vann Houseton & Family*

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**Clementine Houseton** - February 25, 2011 at 12:23 AM


 Betty L Hoffner

“ *Betty L Hoffner lit a candle in memory of Raymond Patrick Harris*



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**Betty L Hoffner** - February 24, 2011 at 02:41 PM

 Betty L Hoffner

“ *We never had a chance to meet, Ray, but if you were anything like your father, you had to be a fine gentleman. R.I.P.*

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**Betty L Hoffner** - February 24, 2011 at 02:41 PM



“ *If you could describe the perfect man. The best kind of man. You get Ray. He was my bestfriend, my lover, my hope and my happily ever after. I love him forever and always. My best memory is when we drove to New York. The entire 15 hour drive there was the longest worst drive ever after hour number 6. Ray was so anxious and excited to get to New York that he rushed the entire way there. If he had to go to the bathroom or was hungry we stopped, and very quickly. If I was hungry or had to use the bathroom it was frustrating to him to have to stop. I was so mad. I actually thought about just going home. He was being so snappy and mean. Right when we got over the bridge and seen the welcome to new york sign the song empire state of mind came on. Ray got so excited and started laughing and singing so loud that all I could do was laugh. I couldn't even be mad at him anymore. He had this way of making me feel complete happiness. I fell in love. I'll miss him always and carry him in my heart.*

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**Jessie Smithwick** - February 24, 2011 at 12:02 AM



“ *My cousin Patrick may be the nicest and easy going person whom you've ever meet. Not to mention, he's also very handsome and charming. You left here too soon. R.I.P. Love, your eldest cousin Sharon Matthews-Lewis*



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**Sharon Lewis** - February 23, 2011 at 11:33 AM