



## Robert Scott Alkema

August 7, 1958 - January 20, 2021

Robert Scott Alkema of Eagle passed away January 20, 2021. Scott was born August 7, 1958 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Robert A. and Helen L. (Babick) Alkema. He graduated from West Bloomfield High School Class of 1976 and went on to attend Michigan State University, graduating in 1980. Scott was a retired Claims Manager with AAA Insurance in Lansing. He was a pretty handy guy and enjoyed yard work and maintenance work at his homes or cottage. He had a great love of dogs and had rescued numerous dogs through the years. Scott also enjoyed the ride with his dogs to the cottage at Canadian Lakes where he would treat his favorite companions to a day at the lake.

He is survived by his best friend and partner, Dena Ellis; son, Robert Justin; sister, Susan Taylor; niece, Ashley (Eddie) Clegg; great nephew, Nokoa along with Dena's sons, Cameron Freund and Christian Kebler.

A private family Celebration of Scott's life will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions in Scott's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>) or the American Cancer Society, Mid-Michigan Office, 1755 Abbey Lane, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 ([https://donate3.cancer.org/?lang=en&\\_ga=2.189224811.1934751009.1611678550-199819873.1611678550](https://donate3.cancer.org/?lang=en&_ga=2.189224811.1934751009.1611678550-199819873.1611678550)) Arrangements by

the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Today would have been Scott’s 63rd birthday. He was four months to the day younger than me, and an inch taller. I was really shocked to learn of his passing. I found out only recently (via Facebook). I remember fondly the many boat trips his family was gracious enough to invite me on (I lost my dad at 11; he was 50), and this sort of thing was very helpful to me.

Scott and I were on the basketball team, starting in 5th grade, and knowing him led me into the world of wind instruments, which ended up being a defining facet of my life (I’ve played saxophone for 48 years now, and might not have if it were not for Scott). I previously played only Hammond Organ. We actually did a “band” for my recital with Mrs. Raynor.

I was just thinking the other day of our trip to Denver to see his sister Sue, with the free K car that Mr. A won by sitting on the “right” seat at some AAA meeting. The topic of the “clutch” was brought up recently, and this K car had a manual transmission, which I didn’t know how to drive! All was fine until those hills in Colorado ... at least no accidents (but close!).

Then there was my 21st birthday. Scott was at MSU but I was at Oakland University. Magic & crew were on the way to winning it all, and the campus was crazy. Scott invited me up for the weekend, which was fun. I ended up transferring there, which enabled my acceptance at the University of Michigan Law School afterwards. None of that might have happened without the visit!

The last time I saw Scott was in Rochester, at the park, before he moved to the West side. We stayed in touch on FB for a while, but then he seemed to disappear from the platform.

So, Scott was an important person in my life. RIP, my friend.

- Jeff Newton

**Jeff Newton** - August 07, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ I met Scott at Dearborn Claim Center when he worked with the AAA claims trainees, a long time ago, late 80's I think. Fast forward to Claims Reinspection Unit and our fun day in Niles MI. Our job was to go to a shop in Niles and then the insured's home by some little lakes to look at the car. We got so stinking lost I think he threw the map out (or maybe just the back seat)! Somehow we found the expressway and ended back in Benton Harbor with the rest of our group 2 hours late. Never will forget the look on his face while I was trying not to laugh! Scott was always such a great guy, he will be greatly missed by so many people. RIP Scott.  
Julie Huntley

**Julie Huntley** - February 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM

SP

“ I was lucky enough to have Scott as a Manager and friend when I worked at AAA in Bay City. It was a short time but he made such an impact on the Branch when he came in. He was always kind and cared about each one of us.

*Praying for his family.*

**Shelly Pomaville** - January 28, 2021 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ I was so saddened and surprised to hear of Scott's passing. I had the great pleasure of getting to know Scott through our work at AAA. He was such a wonderful, kind man. He spoke often of his love of his family and pets, and his dislike of dress shoes, which he usually took off as he laughed about. He had a great sense of humor.  
Sincere condolences to all who loved him.  
Beth Simmons

**Beth Simmons** - January 27, 2021 at 05:05 PM



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**Dena Ellis** - January 27, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JE

*Even though I never got to meet him, I think that picture tells a lot about him.*

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**Jennifer** - January 29, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JH

“ *Scott was a great, professional and very kind Manager. More importantly, he was a good friend. I'm sure Huey is thrilled to see his favorite human again!! Rest my friend.*  
*Janet L Hawkins*

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**Janet Hawkins** - January 26, 2021 at 08:36 PM

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**Dena Ellis** - January 26, 2021 at 08:17 PM

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“ To Scott's family,

*I am so sorry to hear of Scott's passing. I worked at AAA many years and had the pleasure of knowing Scott from meetings, gatherings and hallway conversation. He was a fine person and I know you will miss him greatly.*

*When my mother passed in 2011, I had been gone from AAA for two years, but Scott was one of the very few that was kind enough to write on her tribute wall. I will never forget that.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Peace and blessings,*

*Sydney Zaremba*

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**Sydney Ann Zaremba** - January 26, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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“ Sydney Ann Zaremba lit a candle in memory of Robert Scott Alkema



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**Sydney Ann Zaremba** - January 26, 2021 at 08:07 PM

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**Dena Ellis** - January 26, 2021 at 06:48 PM