



## Kevin Schenk

July 27, 1968 - October 19, 2021

Kevin was the youngest of John and Willy Schenk's seven children, born July 27, 1968, on his sister Barb's 4th birthday. During his life Kevin was a giver and teacher of love, compassion and forgiveness. One of his favourite songs was Amazing Grace, and he was an example of how to live fully and gracefully with the limitations and gifts he had.

Kevin died on October 19, 2021 at Meadowview Villa in Petrolia, Ontario. He was assured he would be greeted in heaven by those who went before, including his mother Willy Schenk/ Bos (2005), father John Schenk (2016) and oldest niece Melanie (2018),

Kevin will be dearly missed by his only brother William (Diana), and sisters Cathy (Steve), Margaret, Yvonne (John), Sharon (Sid) and Barb (Glenn). Kevin cared about every one of his 20 nieces and nephews, their spouses, and their children.

In his early 20's Kevin moved into a supported independent living home in Sarnia where he was richly blessed by the support of his Christian Horizons family. Kevin counted on and trusted staff. Special people in his life were his house 'brothers' Raymond (who is waiting in heaven) and Daryl.

Staff and family were always being introduced to new friends in Kevin's huge circle. There are too many for us to know, but each one's contribution to Kevin's life was valued.

Kevin's lifelong participation in his community has been astonishing and admirable. When living in Wyoming he went to High Hopes Nursery School, was supported by Lambton County Developmental Services, a member of Wyoming Christian Reformed Church, a 4H member, went to Wyoming Public School and then LCCVI, and participated in Special Olympics.

In Sarnia, Kevin's community involvement with Christian Horizons included fundraising on Team Hoyt in the Ride for Refuge, and from Christian Horizons he received the Award of Excellence (2015) and Award for Community Participation (2019). For many years Kevin

was a person with lived experience on the Board of the Sarnia Association for Community Living and he enjoyed going to their monthly dances. Kevin held part time jobs at the Dutch Market and Stokes Restaurant, He was politically active in election campaigns, a member and helper at Sovereign Grace Community Church, and he met weekly with the Full Gospel Businessman Fellowship. He attended the annual Mayor's Breakfast. Being a helper for baseball was a highlight of his summers. Kevin attended meetings at Sarnia Legion Branch 62, and he routinely cheered on the Legion's Pipe and Drum band, the same band who played at Kevin's epic 50th birthday party.

If heaven provides everything he loved in this life, Kevin will be sitting in a comfortable chair in a Dutch tulip field, wearing an orange shirt, drinking a cup of black coffee, eating donuts and Dutch mocha cake, working on his paperwork, watching a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game, and he endlessly talking on his phone to family and friends.

A private graveside service will be held at the Wyoming Cemetery. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:30 am and can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/NeedhamJay>. Kevin's family will receive friends at his brother William's home at 4706 Confederation Line, Wyoming on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m., Masks are required and social distancing is expected when visiting with the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Christian Horizons (<http://www.christianhorizons.org>). Arrangements by Needham-Jay Funeral Home <http://www.needhamjay.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Wyoming Cemetery

Isabella Street

Wyoming, ON, N0N 1T0

# Events

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**OCT 23 Funeral Service Live Online 11:30AM**

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[www.Facebook.com/NeedhamJay](http://www.Facebook.com/NeedhamJay)

ON, CA

**OCT 23 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM**

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William Schenk's Home

4706 Confederation Line, Wyoming, ON, CA, N0N 1T0

# Comments

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“ Just heard of Kevin’s passing. My condolences to the Schenk family and all of Kevin’s friends. I grew up in the same church/school as Kevin’s family—this was back in the day when people didn’t always use loving words or open themselves up to people like Kevin. But for a short time while I was in college we “clicked”, and Kevin and I would arrange to spend Sunday afternoons together. We’d just hang out and have some fun—for years he’d remember me as the guy who gave him rides on my motorcycle. Kevin expanded my understanding, and he helped my heart grow, blessing me so much more than I ever did him.

Clarence Deelstra

Clarence Deelstra - October 25, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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“ To The Schenk Family: I was saddened to hear of Kevin,s passing my condolences to The Schenk Family at this time.

Terry Fletcher - October 24, 2021 at 10:02 PM

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“ I met Kevin as a fellow board member at Community Living Sarnia Lambton. He will always be remembered as a wonderful and willing participant in our meetings and events. Whatever the task, Kevin was the first to raise his hand with an unequivocal 'I'll do it!'. An inspiration to all of us, my sincere best wishes to his family for someone who will be truly missed.  
Warmest regards, Paul Stevens.

Paul Stevens - October 24, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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“ My condolences.

Mason Vye - October 23, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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“ We would like to send our sincere condolences to all the Families. Kevin was always a special guy for us too. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

web and Rennie

**Rennie Boersma** - October 23, 2021 at 10:47 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. You will miss him.

**Donna & Don Pierce** - October 22, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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“ Kevin was very involved in the life of the church. He frequently gave testimonies. He was very active in politically promoting what he believed in. He was very much a " people person "  
(Rick Boer) He will be missed

**Rick Boer** - October 22, 2021 at 11:54 AM

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“ Words cannot express how much I will miss this one very special dude. Who could have imagined that when one extra microscopic chromosome is added to the mix of a human being, it could explode forth with such an enormous amount of love! O, to have one more Christmas Puffio at Sissios, followed by a visit to the live nativity scene at Redeemer Church! O, to have one more playful karate session downstairs at Germain, with of course, Kevin getting in the last chop! And of course, O, to have Kevin talk me into one more Tim Hortons session down on Indian Road. There, between gulps of coffee and a bite of a frosted cinnamon bun, he would always mention that he and his dad met there often. Well, can't write a book here (which would be easy regarding Kevin), but suffice to say, I will miss him dearly for the remaining years I have on this planet, but man O man, am I ever looking forward to seeing him again in our true home.

**Brother in the Lord** - October 22, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ That is meant to say 'Brother in the Lord' at the bottom.

**Brother in the Lord** - October 22, 2021 at 11:54 AM

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“ Kevin was a true reflection of the love of his family

Lyn & Dave Rose and Family - October 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ Dawna Erickson lit a candle in memory of Kevin Schenk



Dawna Erickson - October 22, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ I had the honour of working with Kev for about 15 years. He never failed to bring a smile to the conversation and was one of the most caring people that I have ever met. He was very active in the community and it was very difficult not to bump into someone that didn't know Kev. Even though a void has been left with his passing I know that an even larger void has been filled in heaven. Rest in Peace my friend.

Chris Courtis - October 22, 2021 at 08:47 AM

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“ Chris Courtis lit a candle in memory of Kevin Schenk



Chris Courtis - October 22, 2021 at 07:59 AM

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“ I did not know Kevin very long only few weeks but I would like to give my condolences to Kevin’s family and to everyone that loved Kevin. Heaven gained an Angel. My deepest sympathies.

**Sherry Thompson** - October 21, 2021 at 10:58 PM

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“ I remember how happy Kevin was after making his confession of faith in Wyoming CRC in 1986. He gave a loud cheer and we everyone in the church clapped for him. We will all miss Kevin and will have our own memories of him.

**Tony Boer** - October 21, 2021 at 09:21 PM

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“ We remember Kevin fondly. When he was a member of First CRC in Sarnia, we picked both Kevin and Raymond up for the services. After the service, and coffee in the fellowship hall, we often would continue with a bit more conversation and fun at our house which was right across from the church, before returning them to their home. Those were good times.

**Corrie Speelman** - October 21, 2021 at 07:16 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. I was on committees at Christian Horizons with Kevin and always appreciated and enjoyed our time together. He will be missed.

**Eugene Versteeg** - October 21, 2021 at 05:41 PM

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“ " Whenever I see the orange colour it reminds me of Kevin Schenk. It all started when he saw me wearing an orange winter coat. He told me how much he love it. He ask for the coat but unfortunately it was a little bit snug to fit him. We both had a good laugh, because he tried so hard to fit into it. We had a lots of fun driving to and fro to his sister out of town. Of course, he love his Tim Hortons coffee. It was always a part of our ride. Thank you Kevin and to your family. It was a privilege to have known you and walking along beside you.

L. Reyes

**Lehrend Reyes** - October 21, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ It is a sad day for us on earth, but a glorious one for those in heaven! Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your brother and uncle. It was an honour to know Kevin, and his life is a shining example of truly belonging in and to his community. A few years ago (2015 I think) Kevin hosted our Annual Community Meeting for Christian Horizons. His words that he shared with all of us about his life were an inspiration to each one of us. Rest in peace, Kevin. You will be missed.  
Sincerely,  
Janet Noel-Annable  
Christian Horizons

Janet Noel-Annable - October 21, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ All Your Friends at LCDS purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kevin Schenk.



All Your Friends at LCDS - October 21, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ Schenk family,

We are extremely saddened to hear of Kevin's passing. We have so many fond memories of fun and laughter when thinking of Kevin - a great soul! The support of John and the entire family over the years is not lost on us. Please accept our sincere condolences. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

"Death leaves a heartache nothing can heal. Love leaves a memory nothing can steal."

All your friends and Board Members at LCDS



**Nick Salaris** - October 21, 2021 at 12:18 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to all of Kevin's family. Always remembered as a loving & caring boy and man, with wonderful smiles & greetings.  
Mary Detailleur & family

**Mary Detailleur** - October 21, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Kevin,s extended family and all those who so lovingly supported him during his time here on earth.  
Kevin,s love for life, others, and his Lord is a great example for us all.  
Praying for comfort and strength as you mourn his loss.  
Hennie and Ralph Moesker

**Hennie Moesker** - October 21, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ To the Schenk family,

I had the pleasure of first meeting Kevin as an attendee at the “Mayors Breakfast”. Those times that I was in attendance, he would always speak to me, and he even sat with me to have his breakfast on one of those occasions. Kevin’s volunteering will sure be missed in the community! Deepest sympathy to his family at this difficult time.

**Judy Krall** - October 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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“ Kevin... I read this with disbelief... Over the years I have watched you through media and shared stories with friends and colleagues where your name would appear in our conversations... You have been an ever present contributor to our community. My memories of you lie during the time we shared together - during the early days of the Lambton College Nursery School - the then lab school for the Early Childhood Education Program. You were one of our first students..Your presence was a gift....you brought joy and provided us with lessons and better understanding of the potential and possibilities for all children... Your parents were dedicated to their family, vividly evidenced, when they proudly enrolled you in our program.. I recall one special off-campus moment, when your family brought you to visit me at home with my first born. Somewhere there is a photo of you showing such tenderness to our little baby. I will always treasure my memories of you and your family. Love “Miss Mabel”.

**Mabel Higgins** - October 21, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ He was a hero

**Denise Corda** - October 21, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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“ Mark And Irene Richards lit a candle in memory of Kevin Schenk



**Mark and Irene Richards** - October 21, 2021 at 08:37 AM

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“ Ahhh ! sorry to read this ..I will remember Kevin for his courage..to stand up and speak when something bothered him..I remember Kevin at Branch 62 , when hotdogs were being sold ..boy he could eat those..RIP Kevin ..

**Scott Elliott** - October 21, 2021 at 07:24 AM

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“ Thinking of the Schenk family at this sad time. So sorry for your loss.

**Marcia Vanderwal** - October 21, 2021 at 04:12 AM

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“ I am very sorry for your lost. Kevin was a great person very happy He enjoyed the dances with community living he will be deeply missed

**meghan coates** - October 21, 2021 at 12:58 AM

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“ Sending my condolences to his family and friends !  
Growing up on the 2nd line with Kevin, you were always guaranteed a big smile and a hug !

Thinking of you all .

**Sarah J** - October 20, 2021 at 09:51 PM

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“ I remember Kevin very well at Br. # 62 RCL. He loved to get involved in almost anything to help. He especially loved leading the bands or Pipers. RIP Kevin-your friends Marg. & Bill Douglas

**william Douglas** - October 20, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Kevin’s passing. “His” ball team (Sovereign Grace) used to play in the two-pitch league at NLA in Petrolia and he took his coaching job from the sidelines very seriously. My sympathy to his family.

**Cathy Shaw** - October 20, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ Thinking of all the Families of Kevin. Kevin enjoyed every visit that anyone who came to see him and also our Uno Card Games him and I played last year during Covid. I too only knew Kevin for a short time but he always wanted you to stop and chat which I did . Kevin will be missed by so many ! Maureen Bailey



**Maureen Bailey** - October 20, 2021 at 08:36 PM

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“ I am fondly remembering the days I had opportunity to support Kevin through Christian Horizons, and getting to know his family. He was one very special guy and well known by so many people. I will always treasure the retirement gift he gave me - his painting of two tulips - one red and one orange.



**MaryBeth Edgar** - October 20, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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“ Kevin was so fortunate to have such a large caring family and he proudly shared their many achievements. I believe Kevin had his best celebration with his 50th birthday party and kudos to the family for making it all about his history, his passions, and having such a successful life! I'm grateful Kevin was healthy and happy and able to appreciate the love of his many friends.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Schenk family.  
Cheryl and Dorothy Card (and Daryl when we are able to tell him)

**Cheryl** - October 20, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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“ Kevin will be missed greatly as he always brought energy into a room. He was a joy to be around. He made me that realize that life was not complicated - it was a simple. He was eternally grateful. He just needed a coffee and somehow I bought 98% of the time even if said he was buying. He was kind and sweet to those he met even if he didn't know them. He always asked what your name was. And could remember the first time he met you and who you were related too. What a gift. We enjoyed having him at our Christmas parties and fall barbeque because he made everyone feel special. He would volunteer to start the meal off in prayer and was sincere through it all. I can just imagine in Heaven how he has met so many people he knew on earth calling them by there name and has connected all dots as to who is related to who. Wow what a blessing he has been here on earth and know is in Heaven.  
My condolences to the Schenk family.  
Charlie - Dutch Market

**Charlie** - October 20, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ My condolences to the Schenk family, I only knew Kevin for a short time but got to know the love he had for his family, friends and the Maple Leafs. While drinking his black coffee he would always be happy to share his eventful life stories. Every time I hear bagpipes I'll remember you Kevin and how you touched so many hearts!  
Darlene Derbyshire

**Darlene Derbyshire** - October 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ Whenever we saw Kevin he always gave Ken the biggest hugs and it was always great to see and talk to him. You will be missed Kevin by your family and loved ones. What a blessing you were to many. May God give strength and comfort through these difficult days. Our condolences.  
Jennifer and Ken

Jennifer - October 20, 2021 at 07:10 PM

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“ We knew Kevin during his boyhood years. He always was polite and very friendly. Femmy had the priviledge of doing some volunteering at high hope nursery school when Kevin attended.  
Our deep sympathy to the family with the passing of your brother and uncle.  
Joe and Femmy Anjema

Joe and Femmy Anjema - October 20, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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“ Oh kevin. Where do I begin. I love nothing more than coming in to see you and talking about the Leafs and how your day was. Saying you will be missed is an absolute understatement. You gave to warmest hugs and made me laugh with your quarks. You will forever be Tavares' #1 fan. Fly high buddy! With love, Taylor



Taylor Preece - October 20, 2021 at 06:45 PM

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“ What a tremendous loss to the Sarnia Lambton community. I've known Kevin since our early years at Wyoming Public School. We spoke about it recently and he lit up with memories of his teacher Mr Saul.

There was never a time that I ran into and spoke with Kevin that I didn't leave with a big smile and a warm heart. He was truly a caring, generous, genuine and loving person overflowing with heart and soul.

Rest In heavenly peace Kevin.

My sincere condolences to all of Kevin's family and friends and to everyone he touched along the way.

**Aaron R** - October 20, 2021 at 06:42 PM

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“ Kevin I hope the grand entrance to Heaven was what you always thought it would be. There must be the party of parties going on up there. My friend I will miss you and so will my girls. Until we meet again Kevin rejoice.

Love always Jennifer and family

**jennifer snelgrove** - October 20, 2021 at 06:37 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Schenk family. I remember Kevin and he will be missed by those who knew him!!

**Charlie Elliott** - October 20, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the entire family,,Kevin was a very special man

**cheryl Kaldewey** - October 20, 2021 at 06:04 PM

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“ Condolences to your families and all of Kevin's friends. From Len, Joann and Emma, the Wiltenburg's.

**The Wiltenburgs** - October 20, 2021 at 05:55 PM

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“ Simon and I got to know Kevin when he enthusiastically volunteered to play a role in our staged Advent readings. He learned his lines and delivered them with energy and conviction. Kevin's excitement was infectious and his profound faith shone through.  
We will miss him!

Condolences to his family!

**Esther Van Eek** - October 20, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ Yvonne and family  
Pat and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow  
Elaine Masse and Pat Kelly

**Elaine Masse** - October 20, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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“ Wow! That's a life well lived. Take comfort in the memories and keep sharing the stories of all Kevin accomplished in his life.

**Robin Rigby** - October 20, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ I taught Kevin at Wyoming Public School, he was in my first class! I loved him!

Jacquie Walters....Miss White

**Jacquie Walters** - October 20, 2021 at 04:44 PM

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“ I remember Kevin from public school. He was a sweet young man who was always happy, cheerful and loved to square dance. Condolences to his family!

**sandra cameron** - October 20, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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“ I first met Kevin in high school at LCCVI. I have warm memories of him - he definitely stood out from his class as being personable and easily interacting with all students and staff in the school. I was happy to re-connect with him on FB a couple of years ago. The news about his passing makes me very sad. My sincere sympathy is extended to his family and friends. RIP Kevin, the world is a little less bright today.



**Deanna Huff** - October 20, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ We loved Kevin when we were serving the Wyoming CRC and we have such good memories of him . We know he is Home with his Lord and Savior, may that be your comfort. Love pastor Bill and Ann R enkema.

**Wm.Renkema** - October 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ I fell in love with my two year old student as his nursery school teacher. I taught him how to swim, to do art projects, sing in circle, it goes on and on. I know he was an ardent believer in Jesus and I can just picture his face when he saw Jesus yesterday!!! I have never met anyone who touched my heart the way Kevin did. I was always his "Miss Cathy" and he beamed whenever we saw each other. He loved it when I called him. Was there ever a better example of God's love than that which was within Kevin Schenk? He was completely selfless. would not wish him back as I know he is at complete peace with our Lord.

**Catherine Mitchell** - October 20, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ I met Kevin in high school and he was such a joyous fun loving young man every single day! He literally lit up every room he was in, he was a man of God and always demonstrated that. My sympathies to all. Cheryl McBean Bugler

**Cheryl McBean Bugler** - October 20, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ I only knew Kevin a short time and have not seen him in awhile but he made one feel they were loved and appreciated. I have only a few, but very fond memories of him. My condolences to his family and friends.

**Ruth Ann Doupe** - October 21, 2021 at 01:39 AM



“ Sympathy to Kevin's family. I remember Kevin coming ito our Store with one of his sisters, he was always such a friendly

happy young man.

Lois and Paul Marley.

**lois** - October 21, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ I have such fond memories of my first years teaching at JKCS and Kevin walking over to the school at the end of the day to have a chat with me and to carry my many book bags to my car each day. Although I was older than Kevin, he informed that he was going to marry me someday and every birthday back then he would tell me he was catching up! Such

special memories! Our sincere sympathy to Kevin's family. May you find comfort in knowing that Kevin is home with Jesus.

Louise Noorloos and family

**Louise Noorloos** - October 26, 2021 at 04:32 PM

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“ Deepest condolences to the whole family



**Angie brooks** - October 20, 2021 at 03:17 PM