



Angelo Romitti

June 17, 2009

NIAGARA, Wis. - On Wednesday, June 17, 2009, Angelo Raymond Romitti entered eternal life and peace in the loving arms of His Heavenly Father.

Angelo was born on Dec. 19, 1988, and was 20 years old at the time of his death. His passing is greatly grieved and he will be missed very much by all who loved him.

Angelo loved being outdoors, especially in the winter time and one of the things he enjoyed most was snowboarding with his brother Mario. One of his fondest memories was of the good time he had visiting his brother in Alaska with his mother. Angelo loved going off by himself to fish and thought the world of his dogs. He had many a good time riding four wheelers and doing tricks on his dirt bike.

For several years he played the guitar, which he was good at and also did write one special song. Angelo really cared about children and was always good to the little kids. He enjoyed watching them play and would often ask what was going on in their lives.

Angelo had a smile that could light up the whole day. His smile touched the people he worked with and also the customers he took care of as he loaded their truck or trailer. His skills as a heavy equipment operator were well

beyond his age and he was at peace when he was in his loader.

He had a big heart and talked about wanting to help people who were alone. It was one of his biggest prayers and hope that somehow those who suffered from mental illness could get the help they needed. It took great courage and strength on a daily basis for him to figure out and accomplish everyday normal tasks.

Every day was like climbing a mountain, a struggle without the tools or knowledge of a mountain climber. Through Angelo's passing, it is our hope others can become more aware of the severe impact mental illness can have.

He was so loved by his family and he will be so missed, but we firmly believe he has finally reached the top of the mountain. With that big bright smile and arms open wide he will be waiting for all his loved ones when we are called home too.

He is survived by his mother, Lori Schultz; his father, Kevin Romitti; one brother, Mario (Darlene) Romitti; maternal grandparents, Ray and Doreen (Vigo) Schultz; paternal grandmother, Janine (Farrington) Romitti; paternal grandfather, Peter Romitti; maternal aunts and uncles, Mark (Carol) Schultz and Craig (Chris) Schultz; paternal aunts and uncles, Jeremy Romitti and Barry (Mary) Romitti; maternal great-aunts and great-uncles, Donna (Carl) Plonke, Eva Vigo and Floyd (Gail) Schultz; maternal great-aunts and great-uncles, Francis Schultz; maternal cousins, Brandon Schultz, Dominic (Danielle) Schultz, Chad Schultz, Stephan (Catie) Schultz, Tyler Schultz, Danielle Schultz and paternal cousins, Josh Romitti, Niko Romitti and Bruce (Terri) Romitti.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Randy Romitti; a cousin, Chad Romitti; and many other great-aunts and great-uncles.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Fr. Paul Nomellini will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established to help children and families with mental illness.

Condolences to the family of Angelo Romitti may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *THE LORD TOOK HIM HOME*

Dear Angelo,

*Since I last seen you it?s been awhile
But how I?ll never forget your great big smile
Even though I won?t see you on earth tomorrow
I know I?ll see you in a better place in the years that follow
Although we can?t imagine the pain you?ve known
We must remember the Lord took him home
All in all he was a happy soul
And as his older brother it was nice 2 watch him grow
In the summer & winter months we always had a blast
Snowmobiling, snowboarding, dirt biking, just riding fast
He had a talent for all those things
But now he?s riding on angel?s wings
That?s something I have yet to see
But I know he?s fine, soaring high, & totally free
So please, don?t grieve and moan
Remember June 17th, Wednesday, the Lord took him home*

R.I.P Angelo

Miss you buddy!!!

Mario - December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Kevin, Danielle, and families,
I am so sorry for your loss. All of you and Angelo are in my thoughts
and prayers. Though I never met him, I was impressed by your
loving obituary. It is a beautiful tribute to him and his life.*

Alice (Ouimette) Reed - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ i'm very sorry for your loss. i did not know angelo but when i heard of your loss i felt the pain of loosing a child to depression. almost 2 years ago i lost my 18 year old son. someone gave me this poem that for days n months after i read over n over to try to ease the pain. author unknown: a message from heaven. perhaps you aren't ready yet to have to say goodbye... perhaps you've thought of things you wish you'd said--well so have i. for one thing, i'd have told you not to worry about me... i'm with the lord in heaven now-- you knew that's where i'd be. i'm sorry that your feeling sad, for i'm so happy now... i've asked the lord to ease the hurt and comfort you somehow. it's hard at the beginning, but i know you'll make it through... i hope it helps to know that i'll be waiting here for you. my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

sherry - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ To the family of Angelo Romitti. I am shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. My deepest sympathy. Kathy Windell

Kathy Windell - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ The employees of the Town of Florence extend our condolences on your loss. You all are in our thoughts & prayers.
Tim Bomberg, John Holbrook, Dennis Christian, Ray Steber, Jack Schuch, Shelly Tripp and Judy Gehlhoff.

Town of Florence - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Kevin and family, please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son. I am praying for your family during this difficult time.

Marge Carpenter - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Kevin, Lori, Mario and Family - Our love is extended to you now and always. We were unable to attend the services for Angelo last night but we do want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now and will remain for a time to come. We too are a family that knows all too well the struggle we as families have when being given the profound yet honorable gift of raising and loving a child with mental illness...Our hearts are heavy for you, yet we agree with you that Angelo's struggle with day to day life is now forever and eternally changed as he sits in the loving presence of God and all of those he loved that have gone before him. Our hope is that someday we will see him again. We are here if you want to ever sit and bounce things off of us, compare notes or even work together to bring to light a better awareness to our wonderful Community of mental illness and the effect it has on the dear soul who is affected, the families, friends and all of us who are blessed to have the privilege of knowing and loving the person who lives inside the illness.

Greg & Denise (Farrington) Christensen - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Angelo,

I have never expressed condolences online nor by any means of communication to ones I do not know.

Angelo's obituary captured my heart. We too lost a son, Nick, at age 18 in 1999 to mental illness and to depression. Like your Angelo, our Nick loved the great out-of-doors, music, work, his dog. He had a personality and smile that could illuminate a room. He so wanted and tried to help those less fortunate than himself. But, unfortunatley, he could not even help himself nor take advantage of the help that his family so desperately wanted to offer him.

Like Angelo, I believe that Nick was "climbing a mountain, a struggle without the tools or knowledge of a mountain climber" and I most definitely believe that "he has finally reached the top of the mountain" and that "with bright smile and arms open wide he will be waiting for all his loved ones when we are called home too".

My heart aches for you. My faith in God tells me that Angelo, like my son Nick, is finally home and without pain. My prayer for you all is that you can find relief and freedom in the relief and freedom that Angelo has now found in his home with God.

Please know that you and Angelo are in my thoughts and prayers. Should you need support, know that I (we) are here with open ears and hearts.

God bless you, keep you and shine his bright face upon you.

*Vicki & Tom Wills
906-774-4820
vhwills@charter.net*

Vicki Wills - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *i am sorry for you loss bobby*

bob nordell - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Kevin,Lori and family. I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to each and every one of you at this sad time. Please know my prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Amy Carpenter Barglind - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Lori, Kevin and family..My deepest sympathy goes out to your loss. Angelo was a great friend. I'll never forget him and he'll be in my heart forever. We've shared many fun, great times together..those memories will never be forgotten. I love Angelo, and miss him. He was a wonderful person.*

Colleen - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Kevin and Family. We are shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. May all find peace and comfort in dealing with the loss of a close one in the assuredness that your son is in a better place and at great peace.*

Ray & Janet Sladky - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Lori, Kevin, Mario, and Family,

Angelo had my heart the very first time I held him as a brand new baby! I've always kept he and Mario in a special place in my heart over the years. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Much love to you and the whole family.
Shelley (Pitsch) Pisarra and Family*

Shelley (Pitsch) Pisarra - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ *I only met Angelo once but he was a sweet kind person and was a very good friend to My son Jesse who suffers from depression alot but really loved Angelo..I pray He is at peace cause he was an angel..God bless your family*

Lucy Quick - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *im am really sorry to hear about angelo. he was one of the coolest and funniest kids to hang out with and he definatly had a smile to light up the room. dont forget that hes in a better place now watching all the people he cared about and loved.*

a friend - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *kevin and family. i'm so deeply sorry about the passing of your son angelo. my thoughts and preyers will be with you kevin at this most difficult time, god bless..... bill declark*

bill declark - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Lori, Kevin and family.
Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Rick and Jen Meyer Bonners Ferry, Idaho*

Rick Meyer and family - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Lori, Kevin, Mario, Ray and Doreen. My sympathy goes out to you all.
Angelo was a very-good person. He will be always be
remembered. Like we talked about -he is looking down and loving
you all, dont forget that. take care and remember of all the people
that are saying prayers for you all. God bless and take care.*

jeff garvaglia - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ True and deepest sympathy to all of those who knew and loved Angelo. As a coworker I had the honor of enduring the wonderful and genuine qualities that this man had to offer. Angelo was so carasmatic that he brought a smile to everyone he encountered in and outside of our office, even under the most stressful circumstances. He was hard working and always willing to admit to and fix any mistakes with true remorse. I always viewed him as on who had the true and rare abillity to go after and get what he wanted.

As one who has been diagnosed with depression, I too know the dark paths and obsticals that are encountered. The darkness that is so dark that not even a glimmer of light is seen. I would have never guessed that our Angelo was stumbling thru one. He was a man who always seemed to be so together. I wish with all of my heart that I could have personally taken him by the hand and walked him to that light.

To our dear, sweet and loved Angelo:

I hope that you have found that light, the happiness, and the peace that you have been seeking. I don't think you were aware of how much you are loved. The affects of the loss of you is tremendous. You will truely be missed by so many. Rest in peace sweet man. We love you!

coworker - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Kevin, Lori and Mario,
There are no words to fully express our feelings of sorrow and sympathy. Please know that we pray for strength and peace over you and your family. Courtney, Cole, Beaux and Chelsea want you to know that they thought the "world" of Angelo - they always talked about how fun he was and each considered him a great friend.
With Sad Hearts and Much Love,
Natalie and Family

Natalie Teafoe and family - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Yeah when I get where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears
I will shed the sins and struggles
I have carried all these years
And I'll leave my heart wide open
I will love and have no fear
Yeah when I get where I'm going
Don't cry for me down here
So much pain and so much darkness
In this world we stumble through
All these questions I can't answer
So much work to do
But when I get where I'm going
And I see my maker's face
I'll stand forever in the light
Of his amazing grace
Yeah when I get where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears
Hallelujah
I will love and have no fear
When I get where I'm going
Yeah when I get where I'm going

from Brad Paisley w/Dolly Parton "When I get to where I'm going"

Rest in Peace Angelo, Rest in Peace!

A Friend - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Your in our thoughts and prayers.Its hard to lose a loved one expecially a child.We will miss our paper boy.Our daughter Brittany will miss a friend.She will miss taking thier dogs for walks.God Bless You All.Rest in peace Angelo your now a ray of sunshine!*

Staedt Family - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Sincere Condolences to the Romitti Family
My sincere condolences to the whole Romitti Family. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this difficult time. Angelo will always be with you and will help guide you through all of the bumps in the road. His memory will live on in each of you. God works in very strange ways, but he will take care of Angelo. Again, my sincere condolences are with all of you. Mike Powell & Family*

Mike Powell - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Sincere Condolences to the Romitti Family*

Mike Powell - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ TRIBUTE TO ANGELO?.MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

I met Angelo Romitti for the first time nearly 6 months ago. He had taken a job delivering newspapers for The Daily News. The route assigned to him had lots of responsibilities as it is one of our more demanding routes. Six days a week he would be required to make deliveries to stores, vending machines and to more than 200 customers throughout city and rural Iron Mountain. He would need to travel hundreds of miles, face all types of inclement weather and manage his time wisely. I admit considering all the demands placed upon him that I was more than a little concerned with his young age of only 20. However, Angelo quickly dismissed my concerns and I am proud to report that Angelo not only did a good job, he did a GREAT job.

Angelo took on all the duties of his new role with eagerness and determination. He learned his route faster than most and took tremendous pride in providing exceptional service. On numerous occasions he volunteered to help others during emergencies. Whenever Angelo was given new instructions he listened intently and he never complained. He did exactly what he was told to do -- he was very obedient. Angelo could always be found going above and beyond never asking for special consideration or compensation. Angelo's dedication to service and strong sense of integrity proved my initial judgments to be premature. I am certain that I was not the first nor last to underestimate Angelo, especially now.

During the short time that I came to know Angelo he proved to me that he was extremely responsible and much more mature than others his age. I had no idea that his presence in my life would be so short-lived. I now know that his presence was a pure treat and a gift from God.

I will forever miss Angelo's boyish grin, the twinkle in his eyes, his adorable laugh, and the way he lit up the room every time he entered. I will miss his curiosity and his innocence. I will miss miss

honesty, his charisma and the way he stood tall when he walked. Did he walk or did he float? He seemed to do both. Angelo had an aura about him that's hard to describe. You couldn't really appreciate it until you experienced it for yourself. Angelo was truly one-of-a-kind. Angelo was a kind and gentle soul. He was always willing to give to those who needed help never asking for anything in return. He had so many more wonderful qualities. He reminded me of my own son.

I will always remember the last day I saw Angelo. It was June 2nd 2009. He came to my office where we visited for a bit. He told me how he loved to cook and how he wanted to go to school to become a chef. Angelo had a sense of determination and drive that made me believe that one day his dream would come true. He always had a positive attitude along with a strong belief in himself. I am deeply saddened at the turn of events which now prevent him from realizing his dreams. He had a promising future ahead of him.

I never talked to Angelo again after that day. I don't know what events occurred during the last two weeks of his life that would have caused his dreams to be shattered and his life to be in such despair. It is an absolute travesty that such a beautiful child should be forced to leave this world before being able to chase his dreams. I have no doubt that he would have become a terrific chef had he been given the chance.

Rest in peace Angel-o. You were (and will always be) an absolute delight! You will be missed by many and deeply missed more than you will ever know.

*Becky Rose
Circulation Director
The Daily News*

Becky Rose - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are very sorry to hear about Angelo. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Angelo will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Sue, Mike, Stephanie, Trais and Robert Mikolajczyk

sue mikolajczyk - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Kevin, Mario, Lori and Auntie Janine.....my arms are wrapped tightly around each one of you and my heart prays for your healing and strength. I am so so sorry!

Mary Rose Farrington & Johnny Freeman - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Kevin and family, Sorry to hear about Angelo. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
We deepest sympathy

The Kellner Family - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Lori, Kevin, Mario, and Friends & Family of Angelo...We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know our Prayers and thoughts are with you.
Chris Rusin

Chris, Dean, Brittany & Alyssa Rusin - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My sympathy goes out to the Romitti family. My heart is aching for everyone. Angelo was an amazing friend and I will never forget him.

Shainna Flynn-McCarthy - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Fly with Angels ~j~ {{{{ Angelo }}}}....Namaste'

A friend - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Kevin, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry about Angelo. May he feel peace and comfort in the arms of God. Love and prayers, Billie White, Anaheim, CA

Billie White - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Kevin and family, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.
Tom and Barbara Aderman
Teague Tx

Barbara and Tom Aderman - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Lori, Kevin, Mario and family and friends of Angelo~
Please know you are in our thought and prayers during this time of loss. We love you and are thinking of you!
Love,
The Brish Family~Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Sara, Corey, Coy and Autumn

Sara Brish - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Kevin,
I am soo sorry for your loss. I, too, have children in Heaven and know the ache of a parent's heart when a child dies.

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, now and later.
Huggggggggs,
Susan :)*

Susan Bradbury - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *To Angelo's Family,
We can't imagine the pain you must be feeling. Please know that we will pray for you all during this time of sadness. We wish you peace at the end of this long journey.
All our Love,
Shelly & Chico*

Shelly & Chico Giguere - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *So sad to lose a child. Our family recently lost our 14 year old son who suffered from the Neurological effects of Autism and Epilepsy. The brain is such a mysterious organ. I believe I met that Handsome Angelo while looking for my lost horse. Our children lined up in similar age groups. I am so sad for both of our families to experience such sudden loss of our children. It is quite painful. My compassion to you. Grace*

Grace Michaud - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Schultz & Romitti families,

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Angelo. He was a very hardworking, kind, caring person and we hope you have peace knowing he is finally at peace and in a better place.

Eric & Michelle Schneider - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. I will miss Angelo's smile so much... I will keep your family in my prayers. I know Jake was waiting for him with open arms!!*

Kary Edwards - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Lori, Klevin and Mario,
We can not begin to understand the pain and loss you feel on losing Angelo.
Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

Marcy & David Schmidt - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your son. He was a great person to hang out with, the few times i did spend time with him a few years ago. He will be missed by many. Your family is in my prayers.*

Jena Stropich - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your child. Please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of many. This message is sent with love.*

A Parent - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Lori, Kevin and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Angelo. Although no words can help you
at this time please know I am thinking of you and praying for your
family. My heart goes out to you.*

*Joyce Hoskins
Eagan, Mn*

Joyce Hoskins - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Kevin, Lori, and Mario. Please accept our deepest sympathy in your
loss of Angelo. Although we hadn't seen him in recent years we
certainly have some very fond memories of him as a young boy
when he would come out to the farm. Please know that you are in
our thoughts and prayers.*

*Doug and Barb Weber
Aurora, Wisconsin*

Doug and Barb Weber - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM