



## Miles Groeneveld

May 29, 1992 - May 29, 2010

Miles Joseph Groeneveld, 18, of Iron Mountain, died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 9, 1991, in Iron Mountain, the son of Robert and Jean (Agnessi) Groeneveld.

Miles was a very fun loving, charming, and generous young man, who touched the lives of many. He was a very talented artist, and liked skateboarding and biking. Due to his quick thinking ability, Miles was an excellent rapper. Miles was also very fond of his cat, Benny. He was a student at Iron Mountain High School. He was also a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where he served as an altar server.

Miles is survived by his parents, Robert and Jean; his brother, Joel Groeneveld; his sister, Elisa Groeneveld, all of Iron Mountain; his grandparents, Marilyn and Duane Fayas, Mark Agnessi Sr., and Gus Groeneveld, all of Iron Mountain; his aunts and uncles, Margi Sanderson of Kingsford, Anne and Tony Amicangelo of Iron Mountain, Mark and Tischa Agnessi Jr. of Iron Mountain, Ron and Joann Groeneveld of White Lake, Mich., and Joan Recla of Iron Mountain and many cousins, and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Bella Groeneveld.

Private family services will be held at this time, with a public memorial service to be announced at a later date. Monsignor James Kaczmarek will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he's gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

Condolences to the family of Miles J. Groeneveld may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
500 Blaine St.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ *I miss you so much Miles*

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**Kelsie Essendrup - Friend** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Dear Jean, Robert, Joel, Elisa and extended family,*

*We think of you often and continue to pray for your family at this difficult time. We wish we could be there today for the service for Miles but please know you are in our thoughts and in our hearts.*

*God bless you.*

*Denny and Deb*

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**Denny & Deb Chartier - Scottsdale, AZ - IMPS supt./teacher, retired** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Cousin Robert & family,*

*Although we are unable to be with you today, you continue to be in our daily prayers.*

*Love,*

*Jerry, Marguerite & Eric*

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**Jerry Querio - Pewaukee, WI - Cousin** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *i miss you miles <3  
but i know that you're finally happy, xoxo*

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**Kelsie Essendrup - close friend** - July 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Miles, Matt, and I were together almost every day. Whether it was playing video games at my apartment, or just going for cruises in the little blue Honda. I think about him everyday. And to the family, I am just a phone call away, If there is anything you need don't be afraid to call. You have been in my prayers for a while now and I will be praying for you for quite some time. He will be forever missed by me. Take care Groeneveld Family.*

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**Mike Murra - Best Friend** - June 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Miles,  
I remember way back when I was in 6th grade, you were in 8th. We ran into each other in the hallway and your books went everywhere. I helped you pick them up and you smiled. A few years later, we started hanging out often. Whether it was you sneaking out of your house to come meet me, or me doing the same. I haven't seen you in quite a while, but i wish i could have.*

*I am very sorry for your loss Mr. And Mrs. Groeneveld.*

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**Kimberly White** - June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ your life has ended before your time,  
but forever your memory will brightly shine.  
we will cry, and we will grieve,  
but in your memory we will always believe.  
your contagious smile will live on,  
even though you have moved on.  
your presence will be dearly missed,  
but by an angel you have been kissed.  
i guess that God Has called you home,  
at least we know you're not alone.  
you have touched us all in different ways,  
you made us smile, even on our lowest days.  
a brother, a son, a friend,  
we will ove and miss you until the end.  
may you rest in eternal peace,  
and on your memories we will feast.  
you were always such a happy fellow,  
never quite, and never mellow.  
we hope on day to see you again  
but until then, goodbye, my friend

by: Sydney Fletcher

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**sydney fletcher - kingsford/iron mountain, MI - friend** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ WE MISS YOU SOOOOOOO MUCH REST IN PEACE MILES WE  
LOVE YOU

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**Karen Proudfit - Iron Mountain , MI - Friendship** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ WE LOVE YOU MILES

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**Karen Prouditi - Iron Mountain, MI - Friendship** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *My prayers are with your family at this sad time...may God wrap you in his arms and grant you comfort and peace.*

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**Robyn Kazianka** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Jean and family,*

*I didn't know Miles, but from what I hear, he was quite a wonderful young man. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child, but may you find comfort in knowing that the Lord will guide you through.*

*Our thoughts and prayers,*

*Carla Hiatt and family*

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**Carla Hiatt - Kingsford, MI - Marquette Medical Clinic** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Jean, Robert, Joel and Elisa. My heart is breaking for you at the loss of your wonderful son and brother. Miles was a pleasure to have around! His smile could light up the room. He was always a polite, and caring young man. I remember when Miles and Chelsae were dating, I always made sure there were Hot Pockets in the freezer for him. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. I know you have great faith and I hope that will help sustain you through this most difficult time. Tina Carl Chelsae and Dylan.*

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**Tina Baravetto Kassin** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ walking down A Street at seminar and him telling jokes and making me laugh even when i was in the worst mood. i will miss you miles, you were such a good friend...i love you

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**Sydney Fletcher - kingsford/iron mountain, MI - friend** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Hey Miles i met you when i was younger and your dad was working at smeesters with my grandfather michale conery ever scince i knew from then i we didnt talk much but when we did you were really nice and very funny and i am gunna miss your jokes and all the timews i saw you cant wait to see you again some day Miles Love and Miss You!!!

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**Erin Conery - iron mountain, MI - friend** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Groeneveld family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son & brother, Miles. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jean, you shared with me your kind heart years ago when we first moved here. I would welcome the opportunity to share it back with you now. You, your family, & Miles will be in our prayers now. God Bless, Love, the Schultz family, Steve, Mary, Mark, Greg & Natalie.

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**Mary Schultz - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Bob, Jean, and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss, and our prayers are with you all.

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**Dawn Griggs and Bernice Erickson - family friend** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Jeannie and family,  
I am not able to find any words that will express how deeply sorry I was to hear about the loss of your son, Miles. I know that the love and compassion of your family and friends will guide you through this. Please know that I care so deeply, and will pray for all of you every single day.  
Sue Scott Reiten

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**Sue Scott Reiten - Seattle, WA** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My daughter and I wish to send our condolences. It's a shame to pass at such a young age, but now he walks with God.

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**Sue and Megan Kafka - My daughter/school** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ miles was a good kid we at the iron mountain school well miss him alot and we well always have him in are hearts we hope that all the good memories stay with you forever.

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**jordan chambers - friend** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dearest Groeneveld Family,

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Miles has touched so many lives, and left an imprint on so many hearts. Our favorite memory is of Miles and our son Nolan, simply walking side by side, that alone brought so many smiles to our faces. We will forever miss Miles and always remember the joy he brought to our lives.*

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace." John 16:33*

*Jenny and Kirt Wedin  
Nolan and Megan Wilinski*

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**Jenny & Kirt Wedin, Megan & Nolan Wilinski - Iron Mountain, MI - Family friend**  
- June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Jean & family,  
*my heart aches for you. I can't imagine what this must feel like.  
Praying you feel God's comfort in some way.  
love, Shawna & Jason*

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**Shawna Holmes - friend of Jean** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *To Miles family, you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of this most wonderful young man. I cannot express the sadness I feel for you all and the sadness I feel for Miles passing. He had the potential to be what ever he wanted, he had a great sense of humor, was kind, and heartfelt. I will pray for you all and for him daily. I understand your pain.*

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**Holly McCarthy - Kevil, KY** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Jean, Robert & Family:  
We are so sorrowful for your loss.  
Sending all our love, friendship, and prayers to you.  
Miles was very dear to us as he was to so many. He is forever in our hearts.  
God's Peace be with you all.  
Tom, Cathy, Jess & Josh Menza

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**Menza Family - Dear Friend** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Groeneveld Family.we all are deeply saddened by Mile's passing.he was a good friend to our son Matt Vincent and our daughter Kate.We enjoyed having him at our house he was always so polite ,kind and funny.know that your son was loved by many god bless you all you are in our prayers

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**shelly alexander - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Dear neighbors, Our hearts go out to you, such a tragedy. I remember him skateboarding in front of our house. Such a nice young man. You are in our prayers and hearts. Our deepest sympathy to you. The Fiorucci's

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**Yvonne & Vince Fiorucci - Iron Mountain, MI - neighbor and church member** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Bob, Jean and family,  
So sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you daily. God Bless you and your whole family. Tina, Bob, Miranda, Patrick & Nikolas

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**Tina Flood - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend/Classmate** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dearest Jean and Bob,  
We deeply care about your well-being. Should you need help in any way, please do not hesitate to ask us. We send our empathy and sympathy with along with many blessings for the strength and true peace to overcome your grief. With love and affection... J & L

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**Jeff and Lana Smith - Friends** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Bob, Jean, Joel, and Elisa,  
We were devastated hearing your tragic loss of your son, Miles.  
+ Eternal rest grant upto Miles, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him for all etenity, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
As a family, you have served the Lord at His altar for many years.  
+ May Our Lord, Jesus Christ, comfort each of you with His love and His fulfilled promises.

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**Jeff and Lana Smith - Friends** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Jeannie, Anne, Marilyn, Margi & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My heart aches for your whole family. Know that we will be lifting all of you up in prayer. Love you all.

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**Kim (Koller) Ristau & Family - Brentwood , TN - Friend of the family** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bob, I am really sorry for your loss.

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**Jim VanLaanen - Friend of father** - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Groeneveld/Agnessi Family...please know that you are all in our family prayers. Our hearts ache for you during this tragic time. We pray for the heartfelt peace that only God can bring. You may never have an answer for the reason why, you may feel uncontrolable, overwhelming anger, and you may never understand Gods reasoning, but know that Mlles is wrapped in His arms, safe, protected and at peace. His memory will live on through you, your family and friends. We pray God carrys you and gives you strength. Our deepest Sympathy, Todd, Sandie, Erick and Kelsie Essendrup

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**Sandie Essendrup - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend/co-worker/classmate - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JC

“ Robert, Jean and family,  
We are deeply sorry and have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.  
Blessings and Love,  
John and Dianna Jamar

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**John and Dianna Jamar - Iron Mountain, MI - friends and coworker - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

CM

“Groeneveld Family, I am deeply sadden by your loss and our deepest thoughts go out to you at this time.

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**Carrie Canavera Backlund - Iron Mountain, MI - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ Dearest Jean and family,

*Miles was such a handsome young man, and a fine person. Please know how much your family is loved and will be held up in prayer. Jean please hug your mom for me.*

*Paula Johnson*

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**Paula Johnson - Iron Mt, MI - friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My Dearest Groeneveld Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you!! I wish there was a way I could ease your pain. Please know that you have many people that love and care for you!! There are so many prayers being lifted up for you.....feel the warmth, comfort and unconditional love of Jesus. Please know that our family is here for you.*

*I will always remember Mile's infectious smile. He always made a point of saying hello to me!! (Always friendly and polite)*

*God Bless, Much love, Tammy Tomassucci & family*

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**Tammy Tomassuci - Friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. We could never imagine what it would be like to lose a child. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless,  
Your Friends at Appliance and Furniture Mart*

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**Appliance and Furniture Mart - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We have loved Miles and your whole family. There are no words to express the sorrow that is felt. Know that you are all being held up in prayer. Our love to you all.

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**Julie, David, Megan and Sam Santi - iron mountain, MI - neighbors and friends -**  
June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Robert and Jean and family,  
We are deeply sadden by Miles passing and our deepest thoughts go out to you at this time. Our son, Barry and Miles have been friends for quite a few years, going back to the Soccer teams with Pete F. to sharing Art class and more recently Welding Block at the Voc Tech Center. They shared the love of the music, Bob Marley together. Miles will be missed by many....he was loved by all.

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**Gene and Cindy Levenburg - Our son's classmate -** June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ G-Man, Jean and Family  
God Bless Miles and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. Your faith in God will help you heal.

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**Mari Leigh Lindstrom - Friend -** June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

K"

“ A&W, favorite cereals, and snacks, Nintendo, Mini Golf, screaming in the tunnels...memories shared of summers past. A special journey was the Iron Mountain Iron Mine tour and then "storm chasing" through Dickinson County...Miles and I both enjoyed the journey, the conversations, but most of all being able to be caught up in the adventure seeking and sharing it with someone firsthand. Robert, Jean, Joel, Elisa and family....I want to express my deepest sorrow on hearing about Miles. What an adventure seeking journey he's on now. Just know that I have had you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Karen Powers - "T.B.S."** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Groeneveld Family,  
Words will never adequately express the thoughts and memories of Miles for me! He left an indelible mark on the lives of everyone he touched. His passing is a tragedy. Know that I cared for him and about what happened to him, on a daily basis.  
He is finally at peace and with no problems!  
My prayers are with you all.  
Love and strength of others will see you through this horrific time.  
Cheryl Wender

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**Cheryl Wender -Menghini - Teacher/friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ i am so sorry for you loss of you wonderful son ....you are wonderful people and my words cant express how much i feel for you and your family god bless you all and god will be with you tammy willman

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**tammy willman & boys - friends with Jean** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ We are very sorry for the loss of your son. Miles was a good friend of our son/stepson and will be deeply missed. He has been heavy on our hearts since this tragedy happened and will be on our minds for a very long time. Our fondest memory was the building of the Dog Wash for Science Fair at Central School. Our thoughts are with your family and hope the hurting heals with time.

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**Tim and Kelly Wilinski** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Heather Plemel - The Miller Agency** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Robert and family, Miles has left behind a thousand moments that will live in your hearts forever. Please know, at this difficult time, that you are in so many thoughts and prayers.  
Thinking of you,  
Melanie Mendini

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**Melanie Mendini** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Jean & Family, I am so sorry for the heartbreaking loss of your Son. I can't imagine what you are going through at this time but I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

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**Lori Runsat** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family very sorry for your loss

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**Ward Mitchell Jr - Kingsford, MI - Friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Jean and family,  
We are so saddened by your loss of Miles. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May he be at peace in heaven. Our hearts are heavy. God bless you all.

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**Liz Slajus - friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Jean and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Miles and it has been heavy on my heart and mind ever since. Please take some comfort in the knowledge that you are in the hearts and prayers of many at this difficult time.

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**Carrie (Trumble) Raymond and family - cousin** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Bob, how truly sad to read of your son's passing.  
There are no words I can offer to ease your sorrow. Hopefully knowing others are praying is some small comfort. May he rest in peace, and God bless you & your family.

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**Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC - friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jean and Robert and family, words can not say what I feel for you. Such a great loss. My family and I want you to know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, and holding you up to the Lord. God Bless you all ! Caroline Sullivan and family

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**Caroline Sullivan - Iron Mountain, MI - friend of family** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My niece was a friend and schoolmate of Miles and will miss him deeply. All of our prayers are with your family.

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**Jenni Giguere** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jean and family, We are so sorry for loss. We hope that you find comfort in God, family and friends that will be around you in this time of need. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Michelle, Dawn and Tracy, Sunshine Travel and Tours.

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**Tracy Schultz - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jean, Robert, Joel and Elisa,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you have people who love you and are there for you for whatever reason. Reach out to your family and friends. Cherish your family and look up to the skies for the stars, birds, trees and clouds more and know that Miles is well taken care of in God's hands.

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**Kim Curtis** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family.

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**Mark and Jean Bosley - Iron Mountain, MI** - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are very sorry for your loss and he was such a goog kid and always liked mine. Everyone always like to see him. He will be greatly missed and A&W.

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**Johanna Sirovy and Family - co-worker** - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I remember picking you up after school when you were in 8th grade and bringing you home. You were never very talkative but you were always very polite.*

*I am sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers.*

*Jill*

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**Jill Laitinen - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM**