



## Kevin J. Kopack

May 24, 1982 - February 28, 2022

Kevin Joseph Kopack, age 39, was called home to God on February 28, 2022. Kevin was a graduate of Valparaiso High School, Class of 2000. Kevin is preceded in death by his loving father, Keith M. Kopack. He is survived by his loving and devoted mother; Debra Kopack, brothers- Keith II, Nicholas (Nicole), and Patrick, sister- Natalie Kopack, nephews- Tyler, Dominic, Brady and his niece- Ellie. Kevin lived life to the fullest, which included his love of motorcycle riding, boating, four wheel riding, traveling, hunting and camping. When Kevin was in a room full of people his exceptional charisma was in full exhibit. When Kevin laughed you would find yourself laughing uncontrollably, because he laughed with his whole body and his mouth wide open. To know Kevin was to love him. He loved to make people laugh at any cost. He definitely had a personality all of his own and to be loved by Kevin was to be forever. Burns Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ I think of you often. I miss your crazy laugh and antics, even if I wanted to beat you at times, I hated to love you. You were the most unique person I've ever met. I remember playing demolition derby on Division Road with you with our personal vehicles, like in a Hollywood chase scene, destroying our cars in the process and laughing about it. I remember driving around with you in my car with Michael Meyers masks on with the Halloween theme blasting through neighborhoods, scaring the life out of the residents when we just stopped and stared at them. I have too many, countless good memories with you. I'll always miss you and never forget you for as long as I live. Until we meet again my friend

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**Eric Dres** - October 15, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MG

“ I met Kevin in rehab in 2019. He was one of the most interesting and intelligent people I have ever met. And funny. He kept telling the same "story" to other people at Rosecrance about a girl he had dated, which was actually an elaborate joke, and every time he would tell is just a bit more elaborately. He knew how to command the attention of those around him, and if you said something that could make him laugh you knew what you said was funny. His vices were truly a tragedy, and took him from us well before he left the mark on the world that we all know he was capable of making. I know everyone of us was in his corner for him to turn his insane genius into something productive for society. Even though he lost his battle with his own demons, he inspired me to be critically honest with myself and how it's possible to use comedy to cut directly at the truth of a topic. I know we never could have been "real" friends outside of Rosecrance, but I've thought about him often and can only imagine what he meant to others in his life.

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**Michael Gardner** - September 02, 2022 at 03:46 PM

NK

*Hey Michael!! I'm Natalie; Kevin is my Brother. I was only 13 months older than he was. I stumbled across this tonight while thinking of my Brother. Your words were so genuine, and it was very apparent that you really got to know the "real" Kevin. I always said, and still do that Kev was smarter than myself; and to be completely honest, the smartest of all 5 of us. He could have been anyone He wanted, and done anything He put His mind to. So many times with addiction when a person passes, they're true qualities are overlooked. He was extremely loyal; fiercely so. He was hysterically funny...I'll never forget His laugh. We would often start to laugh at something, and before you knew it, we were just laughing back and forth to the point of your stomach cramping and out of breath. I just wanted to let you know how much your words meant to me. And, please know that you were a "real" friend more than you know. Unfortunately, all of those "friends" of Kev's gave up on him a long time ago. To no fault of their own, many people just don't understand addiction; and I know how important you more than likely was in Kev's journey. Be well...*

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**Natalie Kopack** - January 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM

MG

*I was thinking about him today for another reason. I have a nerve injury near my right hip from a nasty fall on some ice that I suffered in 2018. It limited my movement severely, and at that time I couldn't go up and down the stairs without a severe amount of pain, couldn't really exercise, and Rosecrans couldn't do anything for me really because they didn't do physical therapy.*

*For whatever reason, Kevin took the time to try and figure out what was wrong with me. During our daily group exercise time, he took like 5-10 minutes to stretch the muscle group out and made me hit the treadmill immediately after. If I limped a little on the treadmill, he told me to try to walk as normally as possible until the pain goes away. And like a miracle, for the next hour or so after exercise my leg went from nearly immobile to almost 100% normal. It would stiffen up again because of my nerve injury and the blood not getting to the muscles, but Kevin showed me that it wasn't something that I couldn't fight through. I told him "Hey, you could easily be a physical therapist if you wanted", and then followed that up with "well, I don't know why you'd need to though, you've got a dozen other things you could choose before that." I suspect he had some sort of overactive brain or something, definitely ADHD but not exactly the right way to describe his intelligence. I still have problems with that leg, and as I was stretching just now I thought about how he'd stretch me out in rehab and how just by observing my reactions he figured out what was wrong with me. He really was such a weird and special guy, and I was fortunate to cross paths with him.*

Michael Gardner - March 01, 2024 at 03:28 PM

KA

“ So very sad to hear...so young...so many memories...my condolences to all the Kopack families...He's with his Dad and will be looking and checking on all of you. They will always be at your side. 🥹🙏❤️ God BLESS



Kare-Bear ..aka Karen Abner - March 04, 2022 at 07:48 PM

GC

“ So sorry for you loss Debbie.

Greg Chiri - March 04, 2022 at 10:03 AM

KM

“ So sad to hear about Kevin. He definitely loved to laugh and to make people laugh. He was too young and will be missed. Love you all and will be praying for you! Love- kelly mccorkle

kelly mccorkle - March 04, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" was purchased for the family of Kevin J. Kopack.



March 03, 2022 at 05:50 PM

KK

“ We express our deepest sympathies for the loss of Kevin Kopack. Gone way too soon but take solace in the fact that he is now in the presence of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Love,

Kris, Deborah and Kolton Kopack - Austin, Texas

Kristopher Kopack - March 03, 2022 at 05:49 PM