

Michael Paul and Keri Ann Chipman

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On August 25, 2020, Michael Paul Chipman (40) and Keri Ann Chipman (37) of Cottrellville Township, MI went to be with the Lord resulting from a car accident in Cottrellville Township. Mike and Keri started dating in 2003 and were married on August 24, 2007. They valued their marriage above all, making time to connect and have fun together. Keri brought her passion and fire for life while Mike brought his calm and cool approach making them a dynamic duo.

Mike was the son of Robert and Kimberly Chipman of Chesterfield. Mike graduated from Lakeview High School in 1998 and was an Eagle Scout, who proudly worked his way up to being a master scout in Marine City. Following high school he went to Michigan Tech and graduated in 2002. During that time, Mike went to work for Ford Motor Company as an Engineer for the past 14 years. He earned his MBA from Wayne State University in 2006. Mike was a loving husband and father, an avid car enthusiast, and never missed a chance to participate in a derby or go to a car show. He was also a scout leader and community volunteer, a true man of integrity, and was always being generous with his kindness and resources. Mike was always considering others and added something special to the ordinary. Keri was from Kahoka, MO and is the daughter of David Calamita of Cottrellville, MI and JonAnn Danielson of Chesterfield, MI. She graduated from Chippewa Valley High School in 2001 and earned her BA at Wayne State University in 2008. Keri was a dynamo and wore her heart on her sleeve. She loved her husband and family fiercely. Keri took advantage of business opportunities to sell her handcrafted items, kitchen creations, and boutique clothing allowing her to be in the home with her children and fill the passion she had for entrepreneurship. As the children started elementary school she began to substitute teach at East China School District. Keri made the mundane extraordinary while leaving the impression that it was effortless; as a result, all who encountered her felt loved.



Obituary

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Mike and Keri are survived by their beloved children; Ethan (12), Amelia (10), and Lucas (6). Their parents Robert and Kimberly Chipman, JonAnn Danielson, David and Kim Calamita; their siblings Susan and Paul Zakowski and their son Eli; Nicole Calamita, Danielle Calamita, daughter Skylar, and Carley Nichol and her children Braelynn, Thomas and Owen. Grandparents Betty Sawyer, Jim Paine, Janet Snar, Andrea Calamita as well as many special family members and friends.

They were preceded in death by brother David Calamita Jr., Grandparents Ernest Calamita, Dorothy Jobst, Gerry Dean Sawyer, Anita and George Chipman, Beverly Graham, and aunt Susan Calamita.

Cremation arrangements with Young Funeral Home, China Twp. A memorial mass will be Thursday, September 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, September 2nd from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home. and one hour prior to mass at church on Thursday. For the safety and comfort of others, masks are required to enter the funeral home and church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the wishes of the family to go towards a college fund for the children. The family thanks the community for the overwhelming support of love, donations, and many prayers. “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal” -Unknown To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

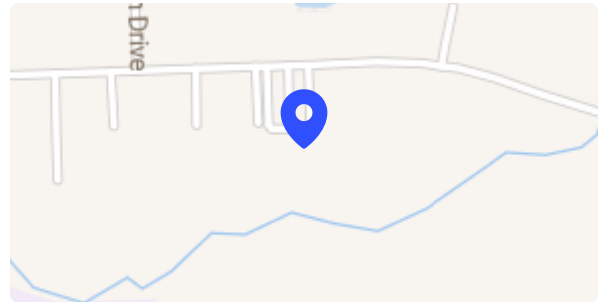
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Visitation

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

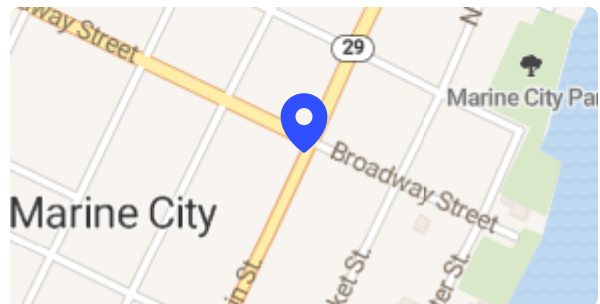


Visitation

Thursday, September 3, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Marine City MI

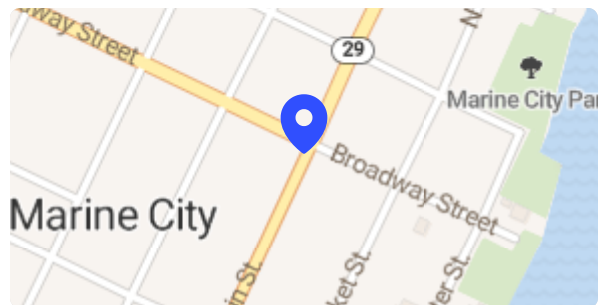


Funeral Mass

Thursday, September 3, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Marine City MI



Cemetery Details

Cremation



Tribute Wall

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Jamie Hagins posted:

JonAnn, my heart aches for you, Ethan, Amilea, Lucus, and your family! There are no words that can take away the pain and emptiness that you are feeling right now, so all I will say is that I am so very sorry, I love you and I am praying for all of you! God Bless you 🙏❤️

September 3 at 2:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Chipman family.



September 2 at 11:28 AM



Erin Land posted:

Sweet Keri - How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. The weight of grief is hard to carry but it's easier knowing that you are not gone, but only onto your next adventure. I will cherish our childhood memories and I hope one day to meet your precious children and share with them how wonderful and special you were. Sending love from back home. Erin Printy Land

September 2 at 11:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Tree of Life Memorial Urn Pendant to the Chipman family.



September 2 at 5:26 AM



Annie Wade posted:

I am so sorry for your loss!! God is always in need of Angels, and I believe He took two home with Him. Keri was our substitute many times and part of our family! Her love and spirit is something all of us should inspire to be. God Bless them, their children and their families through this difficult time. I know He has taken them home to watch over all of us! Annie Wade, Holy Cross Catholic School

September 1 at 2:57 PM



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PR

Pamela Ratke posted:

Kim and David Calamita,not my words, but when I read it I thought it was a beautiful prayer for the children for all of us to pray for them. Ken and I love you both and our family so much we will continue to pray for all of you. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ Dear Lord,Etha , Amelis and Lucas are precious children, Truly a gift from God. We praise you for them. We thank you for them as individuals and for them as a unit. We pray for them to remain healthy and strong as they grow into adults. May your hands of protection cover them today and for the years to come.Lord, We ask that you bless their relationship with one another. We ask that you allow each one of them to grow into an appreciation of what their brother or sister has to offer them. We pray that you give them an understanding of what a gift it is to have a sibling to share life with. Lord, help them to identify their brother or sister a blessing.Lord, we pray that when bickering begins, they have the ability to stop and realize that they have a choice. They can treat their sibling badly because they can get away with it, but we ask that they choose a different path. We ask that they choose to show respect and love to their sibling because they recognize that their sibling is who they get to share life with. And that is a gift to be appreciated instead of taken for granted.May you allow them to appreciate each other's differences instead of being frustrated by them. May you allow them to blend when their similarities may cause them strife instead of benefit. Give them insight to understand each other and themselves so that they know whom their sibling is both good and bad. And help them to choose love despite their sibling's flaws.We pray that they can be strong influences over one another. We pray that they can each be Godly (women/men) as they grow. And we pray that they lead each other back into a love for you when one is falling away.Lord, we pray that when one is falling into some kind of temptation that they can feel comfortable to talk with each other. And when that time comes, we pray that you give that sibling sound advice in what to respond and how to guide their brother or sister in a Godly way.We pray that when they need a friend that their sibling can be a sounding board for them. A person whom they can call or text and will take the time to care for them. We pray that they realize that even though friends can come and go, a sibling is always there.And lastly, use them as a team to make a big impact on this world. Use their individual gifts and passions to work together to shine your light. Whether that means they are championing each other on in their separate pursuits or if they choose to reach out and pursue something together, let them be each other's biggest fans as they seek to honor you.Thank you Lord for Ethan, Amelia and Lucas, May they always be thankful for each other too.In Jesus' Name,Amen.

August 28 at 1:40 PM

CR

Cheryl O'rourke lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.



September 1 at 9:30 AM



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IT

Isis Tomik lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman you raised a formidable son and an exemplary father of 3. It was an honor to have known him, worked with him and been his friend. His love for Keri and his family was his true compass in life. There are no words to properly express my condolences to Mike and Keri's children and their surviving families. I sit with you in the heart break and sadness. All of you are in my prayers, may God help provide comfort and strength. Keri's and Michael's love for their children will live on. Rest in peace Michael and Keri. - Isis Tomik



September 1 at 5:30 AM

DT

D. Testagrossa posted:

Danielle and family, I cannot express how sorry I am for you and your family. Your courage to face a new day despite your sadness is an inspiration to others who cannot handle such grief like you can. Remember the strength of your relationships with family and friends, they are sure to help during this difficult time. I am praying for Michael and Keri's children who are surely lost without their parents. May God help them find comfort in his arms and through those that love them so much. -D. Testagrossa

August 31 at 10:42 AM

SD

Seth Distler posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences.

August 31 at 6:41 AM

TO

Tom posted:

Keri was a great person always had a smile on her face. Everyone that knew her from meeting her at the Regatta as a cook or waitress, will miss her. RIP to you both.

August 31 at 5:45 AM



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RM

Rodger Mangold posted:

Mike, you were one of our finest. Always an exemplary leader, innovator, and problem solver. My heart breaks for your family, friends, and our fellow employees at Ford. Your contributions and team spirit will be greatly missed, but that pales in comparison to the void that is left in your family by you and Keri. Prayers go out for your precious children and family. Thanks for all you did for me personally. It was a blessing and a privilege to have worked with you. - Rodger Mangold

August 31 at 2:22 AM

CP

Christina Popso lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.



August 30 at 2:20 PM

AM

Ashley Morningstar posted:

Oh Keri, you will be so missed. How much I will miss our dinners, outings and girl time. I will miss out conversations and your honest opinion about things. I still remember when I told you I finally was pregnant how excited you were for me. I pray for your beautiful babies and family. I love you!

August 29 at 2:06 PM

DM

Diane Pagel Mack posted:

JonAnn and family - my heart breaks for your family. May you find peace through God in helping you through this horrific and devastating loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers, and have my deepest sympathies. Diane Pagel Mack and family

August 29 at 10:46 AM

CO

Chris & Bridgette Oberski lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.

This is a beautiful tribute to a beautiful family. Our hearts and prayers go out to the children and all the family and friends left behind. We pray God will give you all the strength and courage needed to get through this tragedy. Mike was my boss & an extraordinary person. His leadership was second to none. I am lucky to have worked with him. Chris & Bridgette Oberski



August 29 at 8:11 AM



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Gerald & Bonnie Dieterich lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.

Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. May the love of our Lord surround your family and take comfort in knowing others care.

August 29 at 7:16 AM



Carol And Jules Bougenoy lit a candle in honor of Michael Paul and.

August 29 at 7:06 AM



Sheri Lamberson (Stevens) posted:

What a beautiful tribute. Michael: I didn't know you, but if you got "this" girl, then you obviously knew what she deserved ❤️ Keri: You've always been a diamond in the sky and I know you'll continue to light our path through the dark.....buena notte, amore mio ❤️

August 28 at 2:36 PM



Karen Krajny August 28 at 6:36 PM

My heart breaks for this entire family... My thoughts and prayers are with you, all. "God bless you, and keep you in the palm of his hand... Always shine Your light Lord, along the path of Michael and Keris 3 children, Amen. 🙏"



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Marilyn Smith posted:

Prayers to the family and many many prayers to the children in the loss of both their parents. God Bless

August 28 at 1:40 PM



Elizabeth Rogers August 30 at 5:49 AM

Sincere condolences and prayers out to the family and children.



Keyna Bloom August 28 at 4:37 PM

Sending sincere Condolences of sympathy to the family and close friends. May God console and comfort you at this sad time.



Evelyn Durnell August 28 at 4:22 PM

Praying for those precious children that the Lord's love and comfort would just cover and surround them.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael Paul and by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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