



Brandon Walker-Rocha

September 12, 1991 - December 25, 2025

Brandon J. Walker-Rocha, age 34, of Holland, passed away in his sleep on Christmas morning, 2025.

Born on September 12, 1991, Brandon was truly an angel and a cherished sidekick to his family. With a loving, caring nature and an unwavering smile, Brandon had an incredible ability to brighten anyone's day. He was known for giving the world's best hugs and his favorite saying, "You Make My Heart Happy," perfectly encapsulated his uplifting spirit.

Brandon found pure bliss in the water, whether it was swimming in pools or lakes or enjoying boat rides. His love for animals, tractors, firetrucks, and trains showcased his playful and adventurous soul. A proud graduate of Sparta High School, his journey continued at the Lincoln Developmental Center, and he was most recently active in Preferred Employment and Living Supports.

Brandon is survived by his mother, Kathleen (Walker) Bailey; his father and step-mother Rosendo and Dania Rocha Jr.; his sisters: Maria Rocha, Melania Rocha, and Kaitlyn and Brad (Bailey) Burns, and his niece, Hadley Burns; grandparents: Ronald and Linda Walker, Maria Madica, and Rosendo Rocha Sr.; aunts and uncles: John Rocha, Renee Rocha, Tony and Barb Walker, Scott and Jennifer Walker, Renee and Brian Race, and Ragina Walker;

cousins: Gabriel, Renee, and Luis Rocha, Lucas, Logan, and Tessa Walker, Asa, Sam, and Stella, Walker, and Molly Race; also surviving is his step-father, Shawn and Kathy Bailey as well as many extended Bailey family.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at St. Jude Catholic Church, 1120 4 Mile Rd NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, January 2, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Additionally, there will be visitation beginning at 10:00 AM at church on Saturday, prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to Special Olympics of Grand Rapids (<https://www.somi.org/>) or to Preferred Employment and Living Supports (<https://preferredsupports.com/>). To leave condolences online, please visit www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
1120 4 Mile Rd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
1120 4 Mile Rd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brandon Walker-Rocha*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 28 at 11:43 AM

MS

“ *My heart is at a loss. Praying for peace for your family. I did not know, and my daughter asking daily, why was he not coming to program. She loved him with all her heart, telling me one of best friends. Brandon was a angle on earth, greeting Ashley every morning at preferred. Holding her hands n telling everyone his best friend. He was such a joy and always loving and caring. My heart is with your family. N my peace come to all of you. We will miss his big smile n greeting to make our days complete. 💕💕*

Mary and Ashley Sharpsteen - January 07 at 10:46 AM

ZS

“ *I am so sad to hear of Brandon's passing. It was an honor to get to care for him. His bright smile will be greatly missed at our office. Praying for your family.*



Zoe Simaz - January 03 at 12:33 AM

TQ

“ The Quaye's purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



The Quaye's - January 02 at 10:43 PM

TQ

“ The Quaye's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

The Quaye's - January 02 at 10:43 PM

FM

“ From Melanie and Bill Myers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



From Melanie and Bill Myers - January 02 at 08:10 AM

RJ

“ 10 files added to the album Rosendo 1



Rosendo Rocha Jr. - January 02 at 01:51 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



January 01 at 10:03 PM

J(

“ *Jorge and Hilda (Hula)Valdez* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

Jorge and Hilda (Hula)Valdez - January 01 at 10:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



January 01 at 08:09 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



January 01 at 06:13 PM



“ James, Nikki, Hector and Gabrielle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

James, Nikki, Hector and Gabrielle - January 01 at 06:13 PM



“ The walsh family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



The walsh family - January 01 at 05:29 PM

L“

“ Love Patti, Allison & Kaili “Dalrymple” purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



Love Patti, Allison & Kaili “Dalrymple” - January 01 at 05:17 PM

SJ

“ My heart sends wishes for Brandon and family....to keep your memories dear to your hearts. I enjoyed waiting on him at BFM whenever he came in. Always cheerful and polite. Sally Joldersma - cashier at BFM

Sally Joldersma - January 01 at 02:35 PM

KF

“ Koppenaar Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



Koppenaar Family - January 01 at 10:42 AM

KF

“ Koppenaar Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

Koppenaar Family - January 01 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ Kath,Kaitlyn and Shawn,
Our hearts are broken with yours over the loss of Brandon. May the memories of our families as youngsters forever be etched in our minds! Cozy Coupes are the best especially when you're 10ft tall! That will always bring a smile to our faces and yours as well. Rest in peace your little man. Love, laughter, and tears galore, Brenda and Frank

Brenda Smiser - January 01 at 08:28 AM

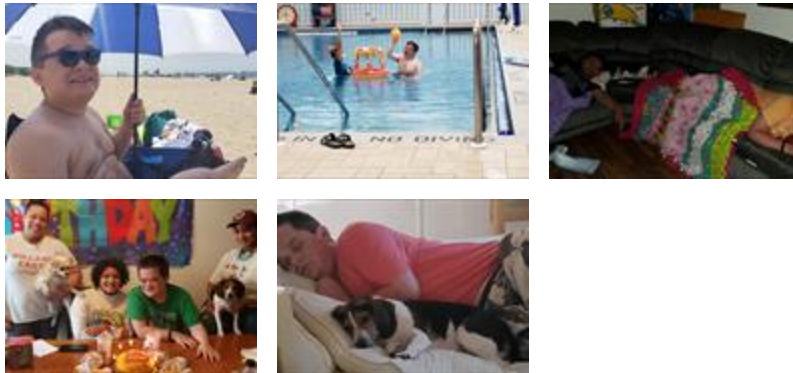
RC

“ oh where to start I have a lot but my favorite is when he would ask me to put Kenny Chesney on and we jam out in the car or at the program. another was you crack me up or I crack you up. he was such a great , funny person I'm glad I got to know him..

Robin calvo - December 31, 2025 at 11:20 PM

RJ

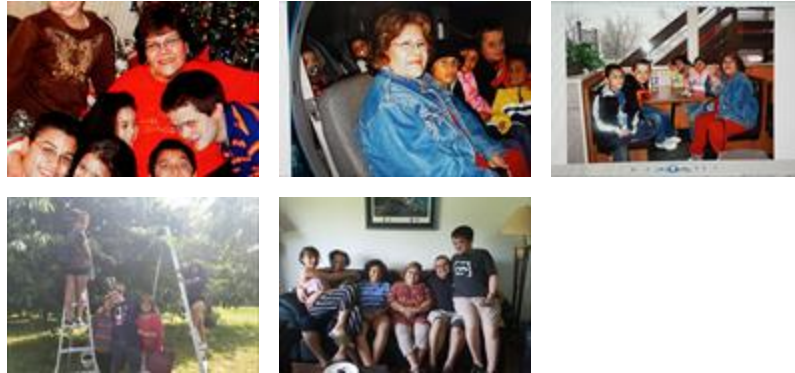
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Rosendo Rocha Jr. - December 31, 2025 at 08:00 PM

RJ

“ 10 files added to the album Brandon



Rosendo Rocha Jr. - December 31, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JF

“ Jeff, Raye and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



Jeff, Raye and family. - December 31, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JF

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Jeff, Raye and family. - December 31, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



December 31, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



December 31, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ Nicolle, Amy, Katie, Kristin and Emely planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

Nicolle, Amy, Katie, Kristin and Emely - December 31, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



December 31, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MP

“ Monica, Jess and Joel Paauwe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brandon Walker-Rocha.

Monica, Jess and Joel Paauwe - December 31, 2025 at 01:50 PM

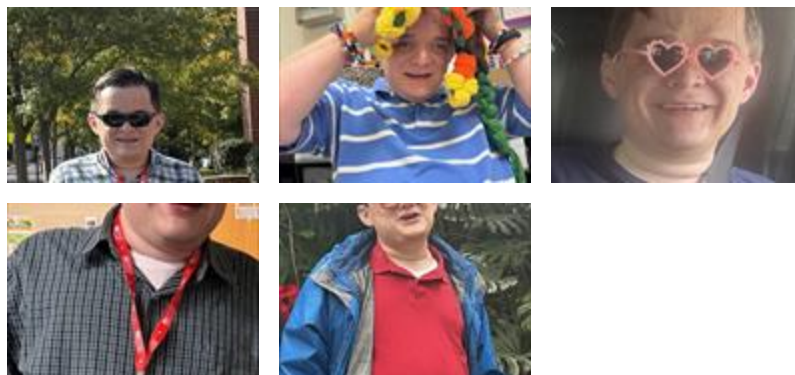
CB

“ I will always think of Brandon on his tractor. I lived across the street from him. He loves to ride his tractor around the block. My memories will be of Brandon with a great big smile riding down sidewalk on this tractor.

Cheri Burler - December 31, 2025 at 01:38 PM

KC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Kara Casetta - December 31, 2025 at 01:14 PM

MB

“ Working at Sams gas station he was the joy of my day each and every time he came when his dad. I will never forget his big waves when hd saw me and the big hugs. I am so sorry for his family's great lost but he truly is a young man who will forever live in the hearts and minds of all who met, knew, and loved him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Mary Breuker - December 31, 2025 at 12:14 PM

JS

So many happy fond memories of Brandon and our family time. He loved hugging "grandma and grandpa, talking out Erin's kitty Tiger, all of his fans at school. One funny moment I recall when I was helping in the band room during class, and was in charge of sorting the music library. Brandon was responsible for picking up recycling from the classrooms. The band director was talking with the band and beginning playing a music piece, when Brandon burst into the room and announced his presence by yelling" Recycle ". Needless to say we all got a laugh over it. Loved seeing him ride his tractor throughout his neighborhood when I was there to do daycare. Loved the many Halloween costumes my brother Shawn made for him with lights and sound. Everyone at school was always excited to see what costume he would be every year for their costume parade! My heart goes out to the family, and all who knew and loved him so much. Kaitlyn take some peace in knowing how you were a great sister to him and understanding. Kathy, a great mom to him and patient and understanding. Our tears will flow for a moment, but we look forward to our heavenly reunion when we all meet again. This isnt goodbye, its see you later.

Janice Shanahan - December 31, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kaitlyn - December 31, 2025 at 12:09 PM

KA

“ 3 files added to the album Brandon



Kaitlyn - December 31, 2025 at 12:04 PM

PW

“ Patrick and Holly Williams purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



Patrick and Holly Williams - December 31, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SS

“ Scott, Jenn, Sam, Asa and Stella purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Brandon Walker-Rocha.



Scott, Jenn, Sam, Asa and Stella - December 31, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ My favorite memory will always be jamming out to Bohemian rhapsody in the car ❤️



Jasmine Petersen - December 31, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CM

“ *Confiance Mbuyu lit a candle in memory of
Brandon Walker-Rocha*



Confiance Mbuyu - December 31, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carrie Turrell - December 31, 2025 at 10:59 AM