



## Braxton Kalkman

October 16, 2003 - April 8, 2024

Braxton's funeral service will be live streamed and can be viewed at: <https://communityzeeland.online.church/>

Braxton Kalkman, age 20 of Zeeland went home to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, April 8, 2024.

He is survived by his parents Chad and Tressa Kalkman; his sister Brinzie Kalkman; his grandparents: Steve Kalkman, and Steve and Marie Grassmid; his great grandparents: Ardith Kalkman, and Lee and Judy Posma; his aunts, uncles and cousins: Heather Slenk (Teagan and Kipton), Matt and Stephanie Grassmid (Taylor and Travis Waterway, Bryce and Aubree Grassmid, Rylie Grassmid, Brayden Grassmid, and Vasanti Grassmid), Adam and Dana Grassmid (Jordyn Grassmid, Reese Grassmid, Austin Grassmid).

Braxton graduated from Zeeland West in 2022, he was a member of Community Reformed Church and was employed at Michigan Mill works in Zeeland.

Braxton loved hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and friends at Silver Lake.

Although Braxton's passing is a tragedy to his family, he was an organ donor,

and five lives were saved because of his decision to be an organ donor.

Visitation will be 1-3 and 5-8 pm Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service will be held at 1 pm Friday, April 12, 2024, at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland. Interment will be in Olive Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Helen De Vos Children's Hospital Foundation or Michigan Outdoors Wishmaker. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 South State Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

## Visitation

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 South State Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Community Reformed Church  
10376 Felch Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Braxton Kalkman*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - April 11, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *We met Braxton when Brinzie went to Eagle Crest with our kids. What a tough little dude who toddled around the school with such determination and freedom in his mini walker. The joy that he spread is unforgettable from that time all those years ago, through middle school and on to high school. He was such a light and encouragement to students and faculty alike. There was absolutely nothing in this life on earth that he allowed to stand in his way. He was such an integral part of everything that went on. I can only imagine him free of his chair praising God without restrictions. Sending love, prayers and hugs to the family as you process through this. ❤️*

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**Kristina Smith** - April 22, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Braxton Kalkman.*



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April 11, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



April 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Doug Lemoine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



Doug Lemoine - April 11, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Doug Lemoine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braxton Kalkman.

Doug Lemoine - April 11, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Gregg, Patty, and Alex Riemersma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



Gregg, Patty, and Alex Riemersma - April 10, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



April 10, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



April 10, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ Mark T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braxton Kalkman.

Mark T. - April 10, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ Susan, Michelle, and Sydney Willard purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



Susan, Michelle, and Sydney Willard - April 10, 2024 at 11:59 AM

SW

“ Susan, Michelle, and Sydney Willard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braxton Kalkman.

Susan, Michelle, and Sydney Willard - April 10, 2024 at 11:59 AM

KH

“ Steve and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers!  
Your cousin, Kristi Kalkman Hayes

Kristi Hayes - April 10, 2024 at 10:02 AM

KH

“ Kristi H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braxton Kalkman.

Kristi H. - April 10, 2024 at 09:56 AM

FH

“ Foundation for Hope purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



Foundation for Hope - April 10, 2024 at 09:41 AM

FH

“ Foundation for Hope planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Braxton Kalkman.

Foundation for Hope - April 10, 2024 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ *The Dan and Robin Posma Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Braxton Kalkman.*



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**The Dan and Robin Posma Family** - April 10, 2024 at 09:31 AM

TS

“ *In English 10 Braxton shared a few stories and memories of his hunting adventures. Through those stories his heart for his family and friends shined.*

*Here is an example from his writing: " The purpose is that hunting is something my dad and I can share together and allows us to spend time together as it brings us closer together."*

*Please know that you are all in my thoughts.*

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**Trisha Stevens** - April 10, 2024 at 09:14 AM

ET

“ *Eric & Jodie, and Lucid Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Braxton Kalkman.*



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**Eric & Jodie, and Lucid Team** - April 10, 2024 at 08:09 AM

GM

“ I met Braxton while he was sled skating with my son, Mitchell and his friends (who played hockey for The Ice Dogs) at a Griffs Ice House West "open skate" session. They were all classmates, and every kid in their class slowed down and gravitated toward Braxton that evening. He was a very nice young man, and I will never forget the smiles he left on all of our faces that night. I am so sorry for the loss to all of Braxton's friends and family.

Greg McClintock - April 09, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



April 09, 2024 at 05:47 PM

MB

“ Megan & Trevor Barthel purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Braxton Kalkman.



Megan & Trevor Barthel - April 09, 2024 at 05:37 PM

KL

“ I will always remember Braxton's huge smile and silly sense of humor. He was a special member of our 2nd grade class. He would bat those big eyes at me (as if that would let him get out of doing his work!!) and then laugh when I would say, "Nice try, Buddy!" I was always so proud of how independent he was when he used his "sticks" that year. Sending big hugs to Brinzie, Tressa and Chad.

Kate Lievense - April 09, 2024 at 04:34 PM

BE

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened to hear this news. I have all smiles remembering Braxton as a first grader. He brightened our classroom and was the kind of kid all teachers loved so much. My heart breaks for the family - I have faith that Braxton is happy in heaven with Jesus, our only hope in this difficult world.

Benjamin - April 09, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MJ

“ Just heard of Braxton's passing. My sympathy and love to your family! So loved and appreciated Steve and Marie and through them all of you! Pastor Marv Jacobs

marvin jacobs - April 09, 2024 at 04:13 PM

BB

“ I will always remember Braxton as a student full of life and laughter. He was such a shining light. I specifically remember when he came to our charity hockey game and wheeled himself over the bench to sit next to me. I definitely will never forget him. - Mr. Braymer

Ben Braymer - April 09, 2024 at 03:18 PM

LH

“ We're thankful to have known Braxton for 20 years... the times we shared with him have created special /precious memories that we'll cherish forever!!! We love you Braxton!!! Our love and hugs to the entire Kalkman /Grassmid families. Love from your forever friends ,Dan and Lisa Heneveld

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**Lisa Heneveld** - April 09, 2024 at 02:37 PM