



Eric Wayne Coleman

April 26, 1982 - October 13, 2014

Eric Wayne Coleman, 32, of Eau Claire died Monday, October 13, 2014 at his residence.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Tuesday, Oct 28, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. The visitation will begin at Noon on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel.

Burial will follow the service in Crystal Springs Cemetery. Please leave messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Eric was born on April 26, 1982 in Niles to Tony and Diana Coleman. Eric graduated from Lakeshore High School and attended several area colleges. He was a state level wrestler which was the focus of his life. He was a strong willed determined individual whose goal was to become Olympic wrestler. He worked with his Dad at the Coleman Construction Company. Eric had a big heart and was a people person. He enjoyed helping other especially children and loved his family.

He is survived by his parents, Tony and Diana Coleman of Dowagiac; his grandmother, Verba Coleman of Coloma; his son, Jalen Wayne Coleman; his brother, Tony M. Coleman of Benton Harbor and his nephew, Tayte Coleman.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
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Service

OCT 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

 Angela
Bozzo

“ Even 5 years later, I can't stop thinking about him. He was my absolute best friend, favorite Person ever for 3 straight years through college, not a day went by that we didn't hang out or talk, we lost touch but we always knew we weren't far. We stayed in contact but never like it was. You were such an amazing caring, funny, sweet, smart, passionate person with so much to offer the world and I wish I would have been more active in your life. The last thing you said to me was that you loved me and missed me and we would talk soon. I miss you and think about you often and pray that you are finally at peace. You always called me your sis and always looked out for me, I pray we meet again so I can continue to beat you in pool. ❤️

Angela Bozzo - June 12, 2019 at 02:28 AM

CT

“ I happened upon Eric's obituary and feel saddened to hear that he has died. The loss of someone so young is traumatic on everyone who knew him. I've read in the Bible that time and unforeseen things happen to everyone and that it's not God's purpose to take a loved one from us. Jesus had said that a time would come when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection to life, or a resurrection of judgment. This indicates that our dear loved ones will have a chance at life again. What a loving provision Our Creator has for us in the future! Though I didn't know Eric well, I send my sympathy. Know that the community cares.

Cat Taylor - November 18, 2014 at 01:41 PM

DW

“ Dear Tony, Diana and Family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your son. After reading some of the memories shared by others it sounds like Eric was blessed with the same heart as his parents. Kind, caring, and knew how to brighten someone's day and make them laugh. You are in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.



Rex & Debbie Watkins

Deborah Watkins - October 28, 2014 at 09:21 PM



“ *Sending hugs & prayers to the Coleman family.
It's been a while since I've seen Eric, but will always remember the happy little boy playing baseball with my boys (Gary & John). Our boys both had the big smiles going on, hard to say who's was bigger.
I can't imagine loosing a child, no matter what age. It's not suppose to happen that way. Everything happens for a reason, time will reveal why someday.
Stay close and hold the good memories even closer.*

Nancy Gerencser-Palmisano

Nancy Gerencser-Palmisano - October 28, 2014 at 07:56 PM

NT

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of such a wonderful man, Eric.... I will greatly miss him and the memories we had back in the day whenever we hung out. My prayers and thoughts go out to your family. I hope and wish the best for you all. You will forever be in my heart and memories, and will be eternally missed.....*



Nathan Tribble - October 28, 2014 at 07:38 PM

VI

“ *I know you maybe thinking why? Why must bad things happen to good people. But remember, every thing happens for a reason and for those reason's you are one step closer to god's plan.
Walking away in silence. Let the thunder of memories fill their empty sky.
So sorry for the Coleman family, my heart goes out to you Big T.*



VikkiSink - October 27, 2014 at 09:06 PM

TD

“ *Tony, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, at this time. We are so sorry for your loss of Eric.*

Tim and Millie Dodge - October 27, 2014 at 05:45 PM

AE

“ Although we didn't know each other long, it wasn't hard to see the trials you had been threw. You made me smile and laugh and that means so much these days. As the other comments from your friends and family they have mentioned your smile. It was a very big and contagious smile. You had so much pep in your step and that was what I liked about you. You made me laugh. I'm compassionate for your family and pray that they all grow and heal from this and know in their hearts that you did all you can to simply love, be a good father, work hard and just keep moving. Let us all remember your big smile.



Asheli Evans - October 27, 2014 at 02:56 PM



Melissa Hoff

“ *My heart goes out to the Coleman family. I know the challenges you faced with Eric. But he loved you all so very much.*

He was one of my closest friends. We shared many times together that were ultimately a blessing. He helped me get through some very challenging situations and brought me into his life because he cared so much about me. He told me on many occasions that I helped him just as much as he helped me.

My heart truly is broken over this man. I did love him very much. But ultimately he loved his son so much that he refused to get into a relationship with anyone until he could complete the task at hand of trying to bring his son home. That was his only priority from the time Jalen was born.

He was the type of person who gave me a jacket for fall season because I didn't have one. He had an incredible smile and great sense of humor. He changed my heart, world and perspective on so many things. His laugh was infectious. He constantly told me I was beautiful and that I was a sweetheart.

I tried so hard to take his pain away. But ultimately I've discovered that he would have never asked for someone to carry what was his burden to bare. His heart was made of gold. He loved everyone the best way he knew how. Through laughter, compliments and showing people how to have fun. He loved life despite the pain he felt from it.

I miss him terribly. I hope you all can heal and find peace in him going home. He's free of the pain of this world and with God now.

Melissa Hoff - October 27, 2014 at 02:07 AM

SA

“ *Out of all my cousins I was closer to Eric. We got along very well and hung out any chance we could. He was very good with children. He will be greatly missed. Love you Eric. He was an excellent dad to his son Jalen. He was wonderful to both my girls. Tell papa I love him and miss him for me Eric. Im gonna miss you so much. Rip cousin.*

Sabrina - October 25, 2014 at 04:05 PM

LA

“ So saddened to hear about Eric , he was such a sweet little boy he had such a wonderful smile . I always enjoyed babysitting for the boys . God bless you all may God help you through this . *Laura Helton- Adams*

Laura Helton - Adams - October 24, 2014 at 09:39 PM

SA

“ *Verba and family,*
So sorry to hear about your grandson. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Butch & Suki Feldten

Suki Akens - October 24, 2014 at 04:01 PM

DP

“ *Heart felt prayers for all of Eric's loved ones. May God strengthen you, comfort you and give you peace.*
Deborah (Arnt) Peters

Deborah Peters - October 24, 2014 at 03:55 PM

PE

“ *Tony, so sorry to hear about your son. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Love always,*
Penny (Hardy) Martine

Penny - October 24, 2014 at 03:48 PM