



Sven V. Heikkinen

April 13, 1964 - June 3, 2007

Sven Victor Heikkinen, age 43, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Sunday morning, June 3, 2007. He was born on April 13, 1964 to Ken and Kate Heikkinen of Onekama, Michigan, formerly of Pickford, Michigan. Sven graduated from Pickford High School with the class of 1982. He graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1993 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was an Engineering Specialist in Vehicle Development working for the Continental-Brimley Development Center. He was a member of the Sault Wesleyan Church where for two years he was the Director of the Guatemala Mission trips. He was also an Adjunct professor with LSSU vehicle test dynamics, a driving instructor, a Junior Achievement mentor, and a Dale Carnegie trainer. Sven was an avid runner and had received his black belt in Kuk Sool Won. He loved snowmobiling and managed his two daughters' Snocross team, Suomi Girl Racing . In 2007 he coached his daughter's Soo Soccer Association team the Wolverines, these were Sven's loves and achievements, his greatest love was that for his wife Jodie, and two daughters Kirsi and Kinzie. Sven is survived by his wife Jodie (Silagy) Heikkinen; his two daughters, Kirsi and Kinzie Heikkinen, both of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; his parents; Ken and Kate Heikkinen of Onekama, MI; and two sisters Emily Heikkinen of Colorado and Amy (Alan) Phillips of Minnesota. He is also survived by his parents-in-law Sandra and James Hoffman of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and John and Joyce Silagy of Canton, MI; siblings-in-law Megan Hoffman, Jamie Hoffman, Sean Silagy, Jasin (Rhonda)

Stone, Joy (John) Bobby and Alaina Silagy; as well as several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the First United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Chad McDonald officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers and in keeping with Sven's desires, memorials may be left to the trust fund being set up for the Heikkinen children (Heikkinen Education Fund at the Soo Coop Credit Union).

Tribute Wall

RO

“ <https://liveam.tv/>

RobertAccot - June 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HU

“ *carpe diem*

hubertlemurto - December 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *today i am reeling with the news of sven's death. despite the fact that it has been years since i've seen him, it saddens me. as i get older i have a deeper appreciation for growing up in pickford, and the greatest parts of that time are the true friends that left an imprint on me. sven is certainly one of those individuals, as well as his wonderful family. i am thinking of you all, especially his wife jodie, and his two girls. and i am sending love to the heikkinen clan as well.*

sarah

sarah shaffer-earl - August 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Dear Heikkinen family,

I am so sorry for your family loss. I graduated from High School with Sven and have many good memories of him and our years together in school. While it has probably been close to 20 years since I had last seen and spoken with him he was definitely not forgotten. He always had a kind word for all those around him and could bring a smile to even the saddest of faces. Sven also had a wonderful sense of humor that I'm sure he continued to share with those around him.

Holly

Holly (Pierce) Cochran - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *I too went to school with Sven at phs. Sven was a great guy and I treasure my memories of him. Someone once said noone is really gone if you keep all the memories in your heart. Thanks for some great memeories Sven!*

Sherry (Henrichsen) Meyer - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Only the good die young; and Sven was above all else, good.*

Chuck Bannon - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of sven. We just got the news this past weekend. He was instrumental in bringing local auto dealers to the brimley site and educating us in stability control. It was a great time. He was a great person.... God Bless to you all....*

Newberry Motors - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I still can't believe it!*

Mile Jokic - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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Mile Jokic - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Dear relatives of Sven,*

I was really shocked, when I got the message, that Sven is no more with us. I am from Germany and I work now for the company for nearly 30 years. During this time I travelled a lot, especially to the USA. So I knew Sven nearly from his first day in our company. I liked him very much and was always impressed by his patience and harmonic behaviour to his colleagues. I will keep him always in the very best regard in my memory.

I herewith want to express my condolence and want to ensure you that my strong feelings are with you.

sincerely helmut fennel

Helmut Fennel - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Having had the privilege to have met and talked with Sven for the greater part of 3 hours (in one sitting) on the way down to Beaverun (and then spend 2 days with him) I just wanted to say, as a brother in Christ, how much Sven's faith in Christ meant to me personally. After only meeting Sven for those few days, I know in my heart that Sven lived his life not only for himself but for others and God. He will be greatly missed and I'm sure each of us is a better person for having met and known him. I didn't know his family outside of what he spoke so fondly of to me, but if there is something to be gleaned from his passing it's that we can all focus more time on those that are close to us for the number of our days here on Earth are in God's hands.

A church song phrase came to mind the other night that I just could not help but think of in regards to Sven's passing and wanted to share....."Into marvelous light I'm running as death has lost it's sting".....Sven is in a marvelous place.

Thank you for letting me share with you.

God bless,
Dan Vander Sluis

Daniel Vander Sluis - June 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Heaven is brightened by our tears for the loss of this wonderful man.

May God's comfort be with you in this time of loss.

With sympathy,
Donna Sale-Tamplet

Donna Sale-Tamplet - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ our sincerest prayers are with the Heikkinen family, especially Jodi and the girls.

Sven was a wonderful person and we will all miss him very much.

Chris Cousins - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Jody, Kirsi, and Kinzi,

Words may seem empty at a time like this, but later, you will appreciate everything that has been written and said about your husband and father. Mourn his death, but rejoice in his life and all the lives of the people he touched. Anyone who knew Sven was a better person because of that relationship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Holland Family

Russ, Eann, Ashley and Jenna - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jesse and I will be praying for your family. Our condolences for you loss.

We love you!
Jesse and Beth Hamel

Jesse & Beth Hamel - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Jodi, Kirsi & Kinzie,
Our hearts go out to all of you during this difficult time.
Marc played hockey with Sven during college in the 80's and he
also got to know Sven while working at Continental Teves.
Whenever we saw Sven he was with the girls and he was so
involved in their lives. He was so kindhearted and he always had a
smile on his face.
Sven was truly one of the nicest guys we knew! He will be sadly
missed by so many.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Marc, Gina, Ally & Jake

Marc & Gina Jacques - June 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Heikkinen, Amy, Emily and Alan:*

We all feel for the loss of your son and brother. I can remember those trips to Gwinn and various places to see Mom and Dad and Sven's sisters. He loved Mom and Dad very much and enjoyed the time that he spent with you either in Onekema, Pickford, The Soo or in Gwinn.

Amy and Emily, he adored you guys and would move heaven and earth to spend time with you. Rarely do you see siblings get along as well as you guys did and it sure was fun to hang out with a family who enjoy each others company as much as you did.

We are praying for strength for all of you in your time of mourning. We are also praying that you can make sense of all this in the end and find peace in the fact that Sven's 43 years are likely more productive than most men's 80 years of life.

You all have so much to be proud of with your son and brother. He will never be forgotten.

I look forward to seeing you over the Summer.

*Take care,
Steve, Lisa, Jacob, Stacia, Erin ans Caroline Peacock*

Steve & Lisa Peacock and Family - June 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Since being in the Sault, Sven has been a true blessing constantly offering his help to both me and Janet. He has been a great Contributor to the Guatemala Mission team. Before me leaving on my deployment overseas, he constantly offered his prayer and support for my family during my departure. I am sorry I am not able to be there for the service, Sven is one I will truly miss. I will lift up the entire Heikkinen Family in my prayers. Matt Reisinger

Matthew Reisinger - June 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jodi, Kirsie and Kinsie,

What a beautiful tribute to a great man! Your loss is great and may seem to be unexplainable. Please remember that this is a part of God's master plan but most certainly does not make sense to you, the girls and many others. We are very confident that Sven is in heaven right now holding court with his flashy smile and his laugh that will never be forgotten. In the coming days, weeks, months and years please call on those who offer assistance. We all ALL here to help! Your girls are beautiful and will forever be a reflection of their father.

While our friend is gone, we have so many memories that will sustain him in our mind and hearts forever. We all miss him so much.

We love you all and pray for you each day that you are given the strength to cope and to build on what you and Sven have accomplished already. You and the girls are beautiful people and we look so forward to seeing you soon, either here in Traverse City or while up in God's country!

*Take care and god bless!!
Steve, Lisa, Jacob, Stacia, Erin and Caroline Peacock.*

Steve & Lisa Peacock and Family - June 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jodi, Kinzie, and Kirsi. We have been praying for you and will continue to have you in our prayers. We were so blessed to have known Sven. He always had a warm smile and a kind word to say. He always made everyone feel special and important. You could really see Jesus in him, the way he loved his family, the way he lived his life, and the way he used the gifts GOD gave him to serve others. He not only touched lives here but over in Guatemala! He will be greatly missed, but we rejoice in the hope that we will see him in heaven someday. God Bless you. Please let us know if you need anything.

Love,
John, Karen, Nick, Kaitlin, Johnny
and Jacob Goetz

John, Karen, and children - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jodie and family,
I only met Sven last week at his daughter's field trip. There were three of us fathers there cooking lunch for the kids. I can tell you that Sven was very proud of his girls and talked about them throughout the day. It was obvious that he enjoyed spending time with his daughters.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike, Robin, Martina, Hudson - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sven & I came through the ranks in martial arts together. It is to my deep regret that I hadn't seen him in many years. He was my pal in those days. Someone who could ALWAYS be counted on to be happy, kind, and make us laugh. Once when my husband and I were in the Soo, our car broke down. Sven was the person we called. He picked us up, found us a mechanic and let us crash at his home. I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him. Please accept our deepest sympathies, we are so very sorry for your loss.

John & Kim (Berry) Smokoski - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Jodie, Kirsi and Kinzie; You are in our thoughts and prayers and may God help you through these difficult times. We'll miss Sven - He was friendly to everyone, and always had time to talk to others and share his knowledge. Such a great mentor for others.
A2ZRacing, Mark & Linda & Andy Zarkovich #524

Mark, Linda & Andy Zarkovich - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jodie, Kirsi, Kinzie

Kate, Ken, Amy & Emily:

My most heartfelt sympathies to each of you.

If the measure of a person is the impression they leave upon you that can be recalled years later, Sven certainly stands tall.

Things I remember: 1) I recall a rough start to our friendship. 2) I attributed this rough start to the fact that we were actually so much alike. 3) I love running in the rain and have thought of Sven most every time I do.

From our Senior Yearbook (which will always stand out on any bookshelf due to your fantastic Star Wars-like artwork):

1) Sven's yearbook message to me "Life has has come a long ways since our fight at Slater's in 7th grade." 2) Favorite Hobby: Sven - Running. Dan - Jogging. Favorite saying: Sven -- 'I don't know.' Dan-- 'I don't care.' Your entry again: "Being close friends we've had lots of magnificent and odd times." 3) Your entry: "Going running in the rain & lighting." I'll not list all the odd times you mentioned in case I ever want to run for political office!

I can tell by the other entries that Sven has remained the same wonderful person as an adult as I was fortunate to know while growing up. I'm sad to know we won't get more time on this earth with him -- but happy to have been able to share all that we did.

Dan Ball

Dan Ball - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

G(

“ Sven's family: You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sven and I hadn't corresponded since the early 80s. He and I reconnected just a few weeks ago. I was looking forward to catching up on things with my cousin...getting to know him as an adult, as well as his wife and children. I have very fond memories of the time we spent together as teenagers. He was a great person. With sympathy, Gail

Gail Duchow (Bessolo) - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ To Sven's family and friends,

I got to know Sven as an engineering colleague and a friend when Continental-Teves signed on to help us put ABS brakes on the Dodge Viper. Sven was really excited to be working on the program and very proud of his contribution. What I found to be most exceptional about Sven was his easy going manner coupled with a quiet confidence in his technical and managerial abilities. Team Viper always considered him to be one of its own. We will miss him a lot.

*My deepest condolences,
Steve Lyman*

Steve Lyman - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We enjoyed Sven's smile and hello when we would see him on Sunday mornings. His quiet gentle spirit will be remembered. We pray that you will feel the comfort of the Lord at this time and know that Sven is with Him now.

Lee and Candace Blocher - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy to all family members in this premature loss of Sven. May the wonderful memories of him comfort you, and God's Love sustain you, at this difficult time. While we find it hard to make sense of these events, we defer to God's Will, knowing that a full understanding will evolve. So may God's Peace and Grace be with you until we all meet again and gain that knowledge.

*Love and Blessings to you all,
Sandi & Kim Wahtera*

Kim & Sandi Wahtera - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ When I reflect on all the memories and great times I have had with Sven over the years, it brings a smile to my face. I have so many fond memories and stories to share about our adventures and time together. Sven is the rare person that enriches and brings joy to the lives of everyone he meets. We are truly blessed to know Sven and have him in our lives.

Jodie, Kirsi and Kinzie my deepest sympathies go out to you. I know that Sven loves you very much and is very proud of you. He always glows with joy and pride when he talks about his family.

Love,

The Cushman Family

Perry, O and Tylor

Perry Cushman - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Jodie, Kirsi, Kinzie, & Family,
We were so shocked to hear about Sven's death. I chaperoned a field trip with Sven just a few days before his death. He was so full of life. Sven was such a devoted father and husband. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Mackenzie would love to have Kinzie over to play. You are in our thoughts and prayers,
The Thomas Family

Vicki, Dave, Kaitlyn, & Mackenzie Thomas - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jodie, Kirsi and Kinzie. I have been thinking and praying about your family and the needs that you all have and how life will feel different.

I read some of the other guestbook entries and I don't want to just echo them, but I agree with them as they commented on the kind of man Sven was and I appreciate the friendship I and my family have had with your family over the years.

I just want to suggest to you all and especially Kirsi and Kinzie that it's not the circumstances that determine and force you to be who you are or will become, but it's what you trust in and know to be true that can help you and shape who you are when this life leaves you hanging.

Hope to see you in July

Jordan Hamel - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sven was one of the gentlest souls we knew. He will always be in our hearts. He had a kind and caring spirit. What a good role model he was for the rest of us. He was a real family man and a wonderful human being.*

He was an inspiration to all of us and especially to the students he worked with at LSSU. I was always impressed with how much he cared for them and how hard he worked to help them achieve their highest potential. I can tell you that all of those boys are so grateful for his help. This week, they will be competing with other students in the cart he helped them build. Their experience is in his memory.

Jodie- please know that you and your beautiful children are in our hearts and prayers. Make sure you are good to yourselves. Lean on the love of your friends and family. Let them carry you. Live like Sven would want you to live.

We pray for your peace,

Elena and Jon Coullard

Jon and Elena Coullard - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Ken, Kate, Amy, and Emily,*

*My deepest sympathy is with all of you on the loss of your son and brother. He was special.....to all who crossed his path in life.
Wonderful memories!*

Kirsten Spelman - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Jodi, Kirsi & Kinzie

Words cant say how Diane & I feel. Our heart goes out to you. Although we have known Sven since high school, it was just in the last couple of years that we really got to know him, as well as you. If there is anything that we can do please call, day or night.

*Border Bob #37
&
Diane*

Border Bob & Diane Nettleton - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Jodi & family

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this time. Know that God is very close to you at this time and His way is perfect. The loss that you feel will some day be filled with wonderful memories of what time God gave you all together. Hold on to His love forever.

*Love & Prayers
The Wilke family
Walt, Judy, Lee, Jeff & families*

Walt & Judy Wilke - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Heikkinen family,

I have known Sven for nearly all of the many years that he has worked with us at Continental. It has always been a pleasure working with him both professionally and personally. His outgoing the friendly personality made him stand out among all others. I will miss him greatly.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. I pray that God would provide true comfort to you based on His many promises in the Bible. I will remember you as you go through this time of mourning.

*Kindest Regards,
Scott Gobrogge*

Scott Gobrogge - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Jodie and Family. The never ending line of people paying their respects today says so much about Sven. He truly touched many lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Ellis Family

Terry and Teri Ellis - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Jodie and girls,

I know this is a difficult time in life for you. Know that you don't walk this path alone. There are many holding you up in prayer, and Jesus won't let you go.

Sven was such a giant of a man. He was quiet spoken and reserved, yet his actions spoke loudly of his love and devotion to God and family.

I will always remember his proper way of speech and how he had a way of making people feel special.

Remember the good times. Hold on to the joy set before you which is already his.

Jane Kennedy

jane kennedy - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Jodie and Girls: Our sincerest sympathy in your loss. Sven talked often of his "girls" who were the light of his life. He set an example for all on how to be a father and husband. It was our honor to have known him. Our thoughts are with you all.

Nick and Diane Serra - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Jodi and girls,
We are so shocked and sorry to hear about Sven and wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now. I'm not sure how anyone can get through a tragedy like this, but I know God can make a way through the pain, hold onto that. Sven was such a wonderful person, we always enjoyed talking and spending time with him at community days. And I'll always remember you both coming to see us in Marquette and taking me out to lunch and Sven insisting on paying the bill. That's just the kind of wonderful person he was. Please know we're thinking of you and your family.

Jason and DeeDee Firack - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Family,
I met Sven many years ago in Washington, DC through my nephew, Dan Goodrich. A wonderful young man! Periodically I'd ask Dan about Sven, and it was always about his snowmobile racing. We will all miss him. God Bless. Diane

Diane Fischer - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Dear Heikkinen Family,

A wonderful man has lived his life in manner that enriched his own life and the lives of those in his presence. Sven was an honest, caring and kind man.

I was privileged to become friends with Sven in Kuk Sool Won many years ago when I was training for my 1st degree black belt. He was a great instructor and so fair.

I'm sure he took as much pride and respect in all aspects of life as he did in karate and running. It's a time to celebrate the man he is in our hearts. The body is just a shell filled with the wonderful characteristics of mind, spirit, and soul. The human form is taken away, but the others can never be stolen from those to love and cherish Sven Heikkinen.

I will miss you, Jo Kyo Nim Sven Heikkinen.

Ethan Nayback - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Hi I went to school with Sven at Pickford, he was a great guy and he was down to earth. He always said hi and acknowledged who I was everytime he seen me. From what I hear from people I know he did not waste his time here on earth, he did his job well for the Lord, and maybe this is his reward, God is giving him a promotion. He deserves it, even though he will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to his family, your in my prayers. Debbie

Debbie (Nettleton) Zabelka - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Jodi, Kirsi, and Kinzie... My deepest sympathies to all of you.

Robert Roell - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the Heikkinen family. You could not meet a nicer and kinder person than Sven. Ron, Dena, Tyler, Daelyn and Mairyn Kinnie. Team Kinnie Racing

Ron Kinnie - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Jodie, words can not express how sorry I am for the loss of Sven. I wish I was able to be there to offer you comfort. Please know that you can contact me anytime! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!!

Kandy

Kandy Patrick Shoup - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Jodie, Kirsi, and Kinzie...our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pam, Brenja, and Cylie Besteman - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jodie and girls. Wanted to let you know how sorry we are. Sven was a terrific guy and loved you guys with all his heart. I saw him a week or so ago with the girls at Dairy Queen. We had a nice talk and never thought that something so tragic could happen so fast. Our thoughts are with you and can not imagine how you must be feeling now. If you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. God Bless you guys.

Missy LaPlaunt and kids Eric and Abby Hillock - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy. Sven was always a kind and thoughtful person. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brian, Lori & Stephanie Willis - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To all of Svens family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sven was an example of how to treat others. He always had time to say hi and ask, "How are you doing?" He was genuine and kind. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lori Smith - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ We will forever miss Sven and that incredible laugh of his!! Mostly we will remember the two most important things about him that we have treasured and always will. Sven, you know Jodie, was *THE* kindest person we will ever know. He was unselfish and always put others first. The second thing is that he loved his family more than words will ever say. All of us who had the great honor to know him were in awe of his dedication to being a Father and a Husband. We will miss him everyday and Jodie, Kirsj, and Kinzie, we are here for you every minute of everyday for *ANYTHING*. All we know is God must have needed an incredible one heck of an angel!! Our love and incredible memories will go on with you...

Jeanine, Rich, Katelyn and Q - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *When you speak of him speak not with tears
for thoughts of him should not be sad.
Let memories of the times you shared give you comfort
for his life was rich because of you.
And though for now you had to part,
though to part he did not choose;
he'll be with you along life's path,
Forever In Your Heart.*

Jodie, our hearts go out to you and the girls. Sven was a wonderful person. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if there is anything at all I can help with.

Wilma Sayles and Family - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Words alone can do nothing to ease the pain from losing someone like Sven. He was critical to the success of the braking system on the 2003 Dodge Viper, still listed by Motor Trend magazine as the shortest braking distance from 60-0 mph in the history of the magazine. He was a good man, great to work with, and I am proud to call him a friend. Please know that my prayers will be with his family and friends for God's healing. Let us all smile over the blessings we have been given that Sven touched so many lives in such a wonderful way =)*

Tom Staniszewski - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jodie, I wish I was there to hug you. You are one of the sweetest ladies I went to high school with and Sven was one of the sweetest men I went to University with. I feel so blessed that my path crossed both of yours in life. My heart is always so heavy when one so young as your wonderful Sven leaves us to sleep with the Angels. You and your family are in my prayers.

Jean Marie Marchant - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jodie, Joan and I were in shock when we learned of Sven's passing - your family will be in our prayers.

Dave & Joan Carpenter - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Jodie, Kirsi and Kinzie, Words will never cover the sadness you feel over losing your husband, dad and best friend. Sven touched thousands of people's lives and we will never be the same after knowing him. What an example he was. His kindness was felt as soon as he stepped into a room. Please know that you have a community of friends here to help in the days ahead of you. With all our love, The Palmer Family

Paxton, Beckie, Cora and P.J. Palmer - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Jodie, Kirsi, Kinzie-

After only experiencing an unexpected loss of a love one a month ago, my heart and prayers go out to you. Only knowing Sven and your family through Kirsi/Kyrcki, I knew that all of you were great people. Please remember that he is with you and will always be with you in thought and prayer.

Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kathy and Kyrcki Good - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Jodie, Kirsi, & Kinzie,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Wiggins Family

Brenda (Payment) Wiggins - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Jodie, Kirsi, and Kinzie - our deepest sympathies to you and your families. Sven was a wonderful person who touched the lives of so many in positive ways. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We pray for your comfort and strength.

Terry, Karen, and Kimberly Burleson - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Jodie,

On behalf of everyone from the Michigan WPSA staff and PowerSports Entertainment, INC. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and the rest of your family.

Words cannot express the sadness we are feeling by the loss of your husband. Sven will certainly be missed.

Deepest condolences,

*Greg Powers
WPSA-Michigan Regional Race Director*

Greg Powers - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jodie, Kirsi & Kinzie -- *We are deeply saddened and shocked. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Love - The Diz Family*

John, Patti, Emily, & Megan - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Jodie, Kirsi, Kinzie,
I am very sorry to read of the loss of your husband and father. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this very trying time.
Matt (WPSA MI Regional Flagman)

Matt, Janel, Spencer, Victoria Kosc - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Jodie, Kirsi, Kinzie: Our family grieves with your family. Sven was a humble, thoughtful, honorable, and Godly friend. You are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. May God carry you through this time of sorrow.

Les & Leslie Neubert, Eric & Brandon Eckhart - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sven will be sadly missed by all.

patrick and Juley carty - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Kinzie -
This is Miss Stonestreet, from kindergarten. I want you to know that I am praying for you and thinking of you. I want you to remember how much your daddy loved you and your family.

Jodi - My heart goes out to you and the girls. Please know that my husband and I are praying for you.

Amanda Stonestreet - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Ken and Kate and all of Svens family I am so sorry for your loss, I want to see everybody again. Kathy came by this spring and we shared so many good memories of our youth including Sven being the begining of the next generation and I the youngest of ours. Even though I havent seen you all for a long time I feel like I keep up through the family. I know how much joy Sven brought to the family. I wish I had gotten to know him better as an adult. My heart and prayers go out to all of you and if you ever come this way look me up. Kathy found me this past year and it was wonderful. Please let me know if I can do anything for any of you. God bless you all and may you find comfort and knowing Sven is with our folks.

Vicki Palonen - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Sven was a true ray of light in everything he was involed in. He will be so sadley missed. My heart goes out to his family, Jodi, & the girls were his light in his life, He will always be watching over you!

Maxine Anderson - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Sven was a wonderful person. I met him in Guatemala and he talked so much about his family and his God. He had promised that one day when his daughters were a little older, he was coming back with his entire family to serve on a mission team for a week. It is our loss that he is gone. It is heaven's gain. I will miss talking with him by phone to get a team from the Soo church to Guatemala. He was a real joy to know and I am blessed to have crossed paths with him. My thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends. I hope his daughters will always remember that their daddy loved them and talked about them all the time. And, I hope his wife will know that she was truly loved by Sven. He simply lit up when he spoke her name. "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be." In Christian love and sympathy, Sarah

Sarah Poythress - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ So sad to hear about Sven. I was a friend from quite a few years ago. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Dawn Molinari (Cooper) - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Neale Jesse - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

XR

“ Sammy #234 and I would like to offer our sympathy to the family of this great individual. We are deeply saddened by your lose. The world has definitely lost a good guy.

Xtreme Girlz Racing - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I will miss the even temperment and professionalism that Sven always showed in dealing with our customers. A great guy to be missed by all.

Dave Wressell - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I would like of offer my condolences to the Heikkinen and Silagy families. I'm sorry for your loss. I will be keep you in my prayers.

*Carole Bell
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

carole bell - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jodi and Girls, I am so shocked that I don't even know what to say. All I can think is that this world has lost one of the kindest, best people I have ever met. He may not be here on earth with but I know he will be with you and your family, and every one else who has ever had the pleasure of meeting him, in spirit. I am glad that I and my family had that opertunity. We now have one more angel to watch over all of us. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. With all of our sympathy and love, Jerry and family.

Jerry Alexis Elayna &Elijah Clow - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jodie and Girls,
We are so sadden to hear about Sven. He will always have a special place in our hearts. The kids and I are in Wisconsin and will not be able to be there for you, but know that you are in our prayers.

Cara

Cara Linville - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Jodi,

We are so saden by the loss of your loving husband. May you find comfort and peace in your memories. Sven was a Godly man who Jim & myself admired. You will be in our continued thoughts & prayers.

With Gods love & ours.

Gail & Jim

Gail & Jim McMillan - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Jodie and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. Knowing Sven only through Snocross, he was an inspiration as a friend and especially as a Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Boss Crank Racing Members

Traverse City

#220 Tom White

#221 Bob LaMontange

#222 Brian Allen

#223 Dan Gray

Brian Allen - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am saddened with the news of Sven's passing. My deepest sympathy to the family.

The last time I seen Sven was at a family reunion at Shag Lake. My youngest daughter, Gail, is the same age.

Janette (Heikkinen) Mella - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful and caring human being. Sven was one of a kind and always wore a smile. As every one who knew him knows his compassion and kindness towards everyone was such a blessing to so many. I would like Jodi, Kersi and Kinzie that he will be missed by myself and Chris and that I truly believe that we will never know the lives that he touched because anyone who came in contact with him he left his mark on. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his whole family.

Kim Swailes

Kim Swailes - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I became acquainted with Sven when I joined Kuk Sool Won years ago. He was the type of person that was fun to be around, very nice, and down to earth. He always seemed to work hard and never had a frown on his face, but always a smile. He will be greatly missed.

Tabitha Bergman - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Jodie and Girls,
Sorry to here about your lose. You all our in our thoughts and prayers. Kaiya wants to let Kinzie know she is thanking of her in this time of need.

Kelly Menning - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Jodi, We are thinking of you and the girls. If you need anything please call no matter what time of day or night. I will give my work # later. Love the Weimer's for ever

Matthew & Teresa and the Girls - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Jodie,
I can't express enough, how sorry I am to hear about the loss of your husband. My heart goes out to you and your family. Yazmyn would like to tell Kenzie, that she is very sorry and hopes she knows how much her daddy loved her. She will be in touch. If you need anything Jodie, please don't hesitate to ask. I will help you out in anyway I can, even if its taking the kids for awhile so you can have time to yourself to help you get over this tragedy.
All our love,
Richard, Tammy, Shanelle, Yazmyn, and Paris

Tammy (Mackie) Hall - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Jodie, Kirsi and Kinzie,
We are deeply saddened by your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers and may god help you through these difficult times. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*Shawn, Barbara and Lyssa Hopkins, Sean and Megan Campbell
Peer Pressure Racing*

Shawn Hopkins - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM