



Izeek Joe Ratliff

November 15, 1997 - October 11, 2019

Izeek Joe Ratliff aged 21 of Scottville died Friday, October 11, 2019 from injuries of an auto accident. Izeek was born on November 15, 1997 in Ludington, was raised in the loving home of his parents James and Sonja (Luomala) Ratliff, and graduated from Mason County Central High School with the class of 2016. He furthered his education on a welding scholarship he earned at West Shore Community College. Izeek was very mechanically inclined and loved working on cars, trucks, derby cars, welding, and just about any outdoor activity as long as he could be hanging out with his friends. He was proud of his Hispanic heritage, was charismatic and often spoke without a filter. Izeek lived his life with a “no fear” attitude, and when asked what he wanted to be in life his reply was always “be just like my dad – My Hero.”

Izeek will be greatly missed by his parents James and Sonja Ratliff of Scottville, his brother Anthony Ratliff of Grand Rapids, his sister Valerie Ratliff of Texas, his grandmother Arminda Ratliff of Texas, his birth mother Maria (Vargas) Manzano also of Texas, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Izeek was preceded in death by his infant sisters Gabriella and Scarlet Ratliff, his grandparents Frank Ratliff, and Donald and Delores Luomala, and his best friend of 14 years – his dog Beaner.

Funeral services will be held for Izeek at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 19 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Rev. John Hansen officiating. Burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville. Friends may gather with his family on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville, and on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of services at the church.

Those who wish to remember Izeek with a memorial donation are asked to consider his family to assist with expenses.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
305 E. State St.
Scottville, MI 49454
(231) 757-3333
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Ceremony

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
765 West US Highway 10
Scottville, MI 49454

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.*



October 18, 2019 at 11:07 AM

MJ

“ *Mr & Mrs. Amelia & Miguel Mendoza Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Izeek Joe Ratliff*



Mr & Mrs. Amelia & Miguel Mendoza Jr. - October 17, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.*



October 17, 2019 at 04:41 PM

MB

“ *Manistee County 911 Board purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.*



Manistee County 911 Board - October 17, 2019 at 03:15 PM

NC

“ *Izeek and I had a great rapport. He was always very respectful and always went out of his way to say hello or give me a wave along with that big bright smile of his when passing by. Just did last week in fact. He will be missed! Much love and big hugs to all of you* ❤️

Nicki Claire - October 16, 2019 at 10:22 PM

SK

“ I can remember when Izeek was only 5 years old the day I met him and my Frankie was only 3 years old. We were at Crystal Lake in Scottville having a cook out with Freddie and Lisa and everyone. Riding the jet skis and the boat. That was a day that Izeek took my little Frankie under his wing and protected him from that day on. The bond those two had will forever be remembered. I will always be grateful for Izeek for the big brother that he took on with Frankie. He will be greatly missed and loved. Fly high my little Ziggy. Always in our heart and thoughts.

stacy karnes - October 16, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Marjorie Henry Elliott lit a candle in memory of Izeek Joe Ratliff



Marjorie Henry Elliott - October 16, 2019 at 11:36 AM

SF

“ Sharon Gregory & Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.



Sharon Gregory & Family - October 16, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ I met Izeek through my sister Rayma who was his cousin-in-law and we all went out to lunch, including his mom Sonja and dad James as my daughter also. He was a carefree spirit, full of life and laughter. He always wore a pleasant personality every time you saw him. Izeek lived his life being kind and loving. May we all learn from him and may his soul rest in perfect peace. My love to Sonja and James from all the way in Jamaica.

Marjorie Henry Elliott - October 16, 2019 at 11:16 AM

JD

“ Izeek Rest In Peace I love ya bro I meet izeek when I could not even ride a bike we were playing with trucks in the mud puddle and then we started rideing bikes then started getting crazy from jumping them to crashing them and I have hung out with him all up until his last day I was actually the 1 that got him in to the derby world I said dude derbying is so fun try it so we got him a car he ran it and then at the end of the derby he got out of car came up to me and said bro it's soo fun I love u thanks for the help I said any day love u to then he wanted to fix that same car and junk it 1 last time so we did and then he got some more cars and I helped with every 1 of them eaven the last 1 u will be missed I love u man



jordan douglas - October 16, 2019 at 10:40 AM

KM

“ As far as I can remember Zeek always had a kind heart and always polite. Zeek will be missed by so many. He always be in our hearts and prayers. We love you Zeek. God gained another angel. Now he can be with his sisters and grandparents. Fly high. Love your cuz and family

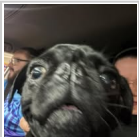
Kristine Miller - October 15, 2019 at 05:11 PM

KM

“ Kristine Miller lit a candle in memory of Izeek Joe Ratliff



Kristine Miller - October 15, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ You are now flying free & at peace in heavenly paradise with our lord & savior. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Always & Forever in our hearts & minds. Love Grandma, Aunt Rolena, Aunt Brenda Lee Ratliff

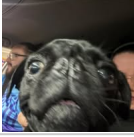


Tc Echavarria - October 15, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ Izeek was an awesome cousin to me. Always laughing about something. Telling jokes. Was so nice to see him and spend time with him and his family last April. I love him. And i will miss him greatly.

DaNeen DuPerron - October 15, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Oh behalf of Tc Echavarria and the Whole Echavarria/Ratliff family. We send out deepest condolences to you all. You will forever be with us from sunrise to sunset. You rest easy Cuz, we will be reunited again.



Tc Echavarria - October 15, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.



October 15, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Sharon Gregory lit a candle in memory of Izeek Joe Ratliff



Sharon Gregory - October 15, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ My fondest memory of Zeekie was how tender hearted he was towards seeing other kids being picked on. He would always stick up for others and confront bullies when needed. Love you Zeekie

Joseph burgett - October 15, 2019 at 09:13 AM

MN

“ Ziggy was an amazing young man, I remember when he was 8 and would act out “Steven Tyler PJ’s” with James and Sonja. He was always making things like his bicycle with the lawn mower attached. I can remember him coming into dispatch with Sonja playing his games in the back room during meetings. He had a flare for life that kid.

mandy nelson - October 15, 2019 at 08:57 AM

DA

“ Awe... you are making me cry💔 he always had a Smile and was so darn sweet! My memory favorites memory of himhe was little coming into Dispatch and wanted to show me his matchbox cars & Trucks❤️

Deb Anderson - October 15, 2019 at 08:01 AM

AV

“ We met Izeek years ago through his Tio Freddy & Tia Lisa. He was their shadow for many years, at the beach, cookouts, cruzin around or just hanging out. It would be him n Tim at first sitting quietly smiling until he got to know you then it seemed you knew Izeek forever! He was a beautiful soul n will be missed by many. Condolences to all family n friends

Angela Alltop & "Junie Boy" Villarreal - October 15, 2019 at 01:02 AM

ND

“ Zeek,
One my visit back to Michigan on a trip. I remember going to a horse stable and you riding around the barn. I came across that picture about 2 months while packing to move to a bigger place. You definitely were full of life then. May you rest in peace and prepare a room for Aunt Sonja and Uncle James.

Neal DuPerron - October 15, 2019 at 12:21 AM

WR

“ Me and izeek were only friends for a couple months but boy did that kid always have a smile on his face, always happy, always positive and always a great person to be around, his view on things were always so different than the average person and he made me wonder how he always seemed to be in a good mood but thats just who he was, ill miss you buddy you were truly a good guy

Will Rogers - October 14, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.*



October 14, 2019 at 09:35 PM

DL

“ *Oh Izeek I will miss your smile and our little chats whenever we would see each other. You were like part of the family and we loved having you and Anthony around. You grew up into an awesome young man... Much love The Luft family*

Diane Luft - October 14, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.*



October 14, 2019 at 09:08 PM

SB

“ *Izeek always had a special place in my heart. Such a good kid. He will be missed*

sharon brown - October 14, 2019 at 08:48 PM

RC

“ *Izeek was the sweetest little kid.
A ray of sunshine!
Always asking if he could help you.
Not for pay, just to be nice.
His big joyful personality will be missed.*

Heaven has gained laughter and more joy that we will all miss!

Love,

Renata McCray Cantrell

Renata McCray Cantrell - October 14, 2019 at 08:13 PM

RM

“ Izeek, you were such a fun down to earth human! Always a smile on your face as you walked through the halls @MCC. I extend my deepest sympathies to your family. In my prayers.

Rosa Rendon- Magallan - October 14, 2019 at 07:49 PM

TW

“ I use to live in scottville and when izeek was a little boy he would come by my house a lot we had a dog that would always get loose and my fiancé would always give him a reward for finding her it became a regular thing with him we always thought that he would let her loose then him and his friends were go search for her just so he could get the reward money 😊 He was a great kid and he would always talk to my fiancé when he would see us my thoughts and prayers go out to his family

Theresa Walker - October 14, 2019 at 07:47 PM

TA

“ I graduated with Izeek and he was a great kid always helped me when I need the help and he was a good friend of my husband he will be missed by us so much Rip Izeek and prayers to the family

taylor - October 14, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Izeek Joe Ratliff.



October 14, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ From the Tejeda Family



Candida Hinton-Tejeda - October 14, 2019 at 07:14 PM

EP

“ I watched Izeek grow up from Elementary to High School at MCC, he was such a wonderful charismatic young man. I will always remember his great smile and fun personality. You will be truly missed rest easy Izeek. My prayers are with your family ~ Love the Ponce family

Esmeralda Ponce - October 14, 2019 at 06:58 PM

D?

“ Never a dull moment in the lunch line with him!!! Always hungry and always fed. Loved this young man so much 😭 always polite, kind , friendly. Rest In Peace my lunch buddy & my friend ❤️

Denise Oliver / Lunch Lady ????? - October 14, 2019 at 06:54 PM

 Beth
Dufon

“ I was the Scottville Elementary librarian for many year and remember Izeek as a bright, very polite, fun boy. I don't remember many of the students but he definitely stood out as one of my favorites. So sorry for this horrible loss. RIP Izeek.

Beth Dufon - October 14, 2019 at 06:46 PM