



Kerwin "Kap" Paesens

September 15, 1950 - January 22, 2021

Kerwin Alan "Kap" Paesens, age 70, of Farwell, was summoned to Heaven to help celebrate his Dad's heavenly birthday on Friday, January 22, 2021. He was the first born of Kerwin L. and Maxine J. (Waalkes) Paesens on Sept. 15, 1950, who proceeded him to eternal life. Kap was loyally devoted to his family and they meant the world to him. He is survived by his loving siblings and their spouses: Gary and Sandy Paesens of Bellevue, Susan and Daniel Lyon of Mesick, Dean and Lana Paesens of Mt. Pleasant, Patti and Paul Williams of Mesick, his beloved nieces and nephews: Tyler and Erika Paesens, Adam and Keri Lyon, Amanda and Patrick Felts, Nick and Amber Paesens, Kimberly Paesens, Sarah and Scott Thaler and Kirk and Nicole Williams, as well as, cherished great-neices and nephews who he referred to as his "great grandchildren": Calvin, Abbie, Kendall, Kaleb, Kameryn, Cooper, Parker, Zoey, Lucas, Camden, Cole, Quinn, Lindy, Kenzie and Bryce. He is also survived by his greatly loved Uncle Jerry and Aunt Susie Waalkes, many treasured cousins and many, many dear friends who were considered family.

Kap lived a life of extravagant generosity and faithful service. If you had to sum up his life in one word it would be giving. He gave of his time, talents and resources generously. If he saw a need, he gave or served. Furthermore, there wasn't a stray dog he didn't try to rescue.

Kap graduated from Farwell High School in 1968. He was among the first graduating class at Mid Michigan Community College, where he played on their first basketball team. After receiving his Associate's Degree, he went on to get his Bachelor's Degree at Central Michigan University.

Throughout Kap's life he held many jobs from gas station attendant, bookkeeper, athletic director, coach and lawn care maintenance, to name a few. But his most treasured job was his years as athletic trainer at Farwell and Clare Schools. He was a gifted trainer who touched the lives of countless student athletes with his tape, treats and words of encouragement. He was proud to be inducted into the Clare Athletic Hall of Fame. His job at Meals on Wheels was another testament to his gift of service.

Kap was a member of the Farwell United Methodist Church where he had served in many positions of the church board. But he was happiest doing the behind scenes jobs of

shoveling and mowing. Anyone attending the past Easter pageants will remember him as the Roman soldier at Jesus' tomb, showing off his nice legs.

In his later years Kap joined the Midstatesmen Barbershop Chapter of the Gratiot County Harmony Society, where he enjoyed the musical fellowship. He was honored as Barbershopper of the year in 2020.

Kap earned many honors and accolades for his service, but was most content serving quietly in the background. He left a lasting legacy on those fortunate enough to know him. The family would like to offer their deepest appreciation to the wonderful staff at Maplewood Assisted Living, Kap's angel nurses Chris and Jan, Mid Michigan Hospice of Mt. Pleasant and his wonderful hospice nurse, Holly. We are grateful to everyone who visited Kap or sent him cards and prayers of encouragement. He was blessed by your love.

A funeral service with his family will be held on Wednesday at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with his friend and fellow member of their Barbershop Group, Rev. Carl Cecil officiating. Friends are invited to meet with Kap's family at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. Social distancing and mask wear will be required. Memorial gifts may be made to the Farwell United Methodist Church, Farwell Schools Athletic Department, or Mid Michigan Hospice. If you are unable to attend, an online condolence register is available at <http://www.stephenson-wyman.com>

Cemetery

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI, 48622

Events

JAN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St. P.O. Box 231, Farwell, MI, US,
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JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JAN **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Thoughts and Prayers to The Paesens Family..

Steven Norbury

Steven Norbury - February 06 at 12:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Kaps passing. So many fond memories. Condolences to the Paesens family. Dave Horswill

Dave Horswill - January 29 at 09:24 PM



“ I really only knew Kap from playing sports in school at Farwell. I remember him always having a smile and his laugh. He was always willing to help others no matter what. From what I have read and heard, Kap was an asset to the communities and organizations that he was involved in. He touched so many lives and he will be missed! Sincere condolences to the Paesens family.

Bill Lickman - January 29 at 11:23 AM



“ I only knew Kep for 4 months but in those 4 months we shared many talks about family, work, likes and dislikes. This man had a way of touching your heart with his kindness, caring, generosity. I thank the family for sharing him with us and being so appreciative for all that we done. I will forever hold a special place in my heart for him.

Chris Smith - January 27 at 10:23 AM



“ A co-worker told me her daughter has expressed reluctance to bring children into this difficult world. My response was: "the world is always in desperate need of good people." If ever there was a poster child for "good people" it is Kap Paesens and his family! On this site and social media, there are numerous testimonies to the caring devotion many have experienced in their encounters with Kap! That good humor, sacrificial love and kindness came quite honestly passed down by parents, Kerwin and Maxine, and embodied in all that Kap ever did for others. And now his commitment to Perfecting Love has found it's Truest Home at the grand reunion with those who blessed this world with good people like Kap.

Charlie Lyon - January 27 at 07:47 AM



“ Thank you Kap for showing us all your kindness and love! Your generous gifts of time, talents and treasures were a blessing to many. My kids loved following you around the gym and field, but finding tape on their backs gave us giggles for hours :) May you continue to shine upon us from above.

Tiffany and Chad Jackson - January 26 at 08:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the Paesens family at this difficult time. Kap will continue to live in the memories and lives of the many people that he has touched wherever he went. Memories that are to be cherished as evidenced in the amazing tribute by the Clare football team.

Mike Grulke and Jolene Michaels

Michael Grulke - January 25 at 04:31 PM



“ Condolences to the family, I went to school with the family was friends with.

Gustave Glass - January 24 at 07:38 PM



“ Kap was always nice to us as neighbors. He always loved seeing our dogs and giving them treats.

Candace - January 24 at 07:35 PM



“ So very sorry try to hear of the passing of Kap. We always enjoyed visiting with him when our kids were growing up and playing sports. Hugs and prayers to everyone!

Mike and Donna Colton - January 24 at 04:28 PM



“ Kap will continue to live in the hearts of our family. His kindness, generosity, and friendship helped everyone he knew better understand the real meaning in the lives we live. Thanks Kap, until we meet again.....

Kim Kolbe



Kim Kolbe - January 24 at 04:04 PM



“ Jennifer Richards lit a candle in memory of Kerwin "Kap" Paesens



Jennifer Richards - January 24 at 03:24 PM



“ I worked with Kap at Clare County Senior Services.. He was such a wonderful & caring man.. he will be dearly missed..RIP..

Jennifer Richards - January 24 at 03:24 PM



“ Condolences to the Paesens family. I worked with Kap many many years ago. He was a delightful, fun, coworker.

Chris (Garver) Phillips - January 24 at 11:09 AM



“ Rebecca Shear lit a candle in memory of Kerwin "Kap" Paesens



Rebecca Shear - January 24 at 12:06 AM



“ Jeff and Mary Shain purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kerwin "Kap" Paesens.



Jeff and Mary Shain - January 23 at 05:45 PM



“ Thanks for tirelessly wrapping my terrible ankles, Kap. You'll be missed. My heart goes out to his family and friends

Deanna Wiltse - January 23 at 02:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kerwin "Kap" Paesens.



January 23 at 01:52 PM



“ Thanks for taking care of the kids they loved you as you loved them

Jeff Michels - January 23 at 01:40 PM



“ We are all better people for having known Kap. He touched so many lives. Rest In Peace my friend. Say hi to your mom from me.

Sue Robison - January 23 at 10:41 AM



“ You will be missed my friend, knew you all through school, heart of gold always helping out in sports and was a big part of Farwell School ong with the rest of your family, you will always be a part of our lives. Rick Miller family

Richard Miller - January 23 at 10:38 AM



“ Kap was such an incredible spirit. He lived his entire life serving others. He was so influential in both my husbands and I athletic career and became a friend once we were no longer his students. I got a chance to see Kap serve so many through the Meals on Wheels program as well. He was so selfless and kind. The world will be missing him Immensely. Rest In Peace

Sara Pitchford - January 23 at 10:37 AM



“ Kap was always helping someone. He and my husband went fishing a few years ago. When we were in high school kap was always fun to be around at band activities. I know he will be missed by so many. I'm sure he will meet Hank Aaron at heavens gate and have a conversation about baseball. He is and was a special soul. So sorry and prayers for the family and friends and the old classmates he left behind.

Gail Sebring thrush - January 23 at 08:14 AM



“ Kap would always rub my pitching arm down before games. And when I tore ligaments in my ankle he worked with me everyday for 3 weeks. He will be missed by so many.

Grant Chandler - January 23 at 03:07 AM



“ Kap always helped whoever needed it hes the reason why I work so hard he was a good friend

Mike mccray - January 22 at 09:14 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Kap was always great with JD and we will miss him walking the dogs on the golf course.

Sending your family prayers.

Love The Pakledinaz's

Angela Pakledinaz - January 22 at 09:13 PM



“ Kap provided water and would tape up players before practice/games for the Farwell football team. It was amazing to finally be able to go over to Kap get some of water and man was it refreshing during a hard game or a long practice day. He has my eternal respect and will be dearly missed.

Devin Warner - January 22 at 08:53 PM



“ Kap provided water and taped us players up good before every practice and games he will be missed and has my respect love u Kap from Lil sinkers and sinkers Sr

Cody - January 22 at 09:32 PM



“ Kap was an amazing person. He touched the lives of so many people. I will forever be grateful for the love and kindness he showed my children. Not only did he help them athletically but he was there for them when they simply needed a listening ear. He will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Amy Rohdy - January 22 at 08:43 PM



“ Kap was an amazing man. He will be greatly missed!!! Love and prayers to the family!!

Darcie (Richardson) Lewis - January 22 at 08:37 PM



“ Kap was a wonderful caring person. He delivered meals to many people through Meals on Wheels. He chatted with those seniors weekly and they looked forward to his visits. He even brought dog treats for family dogs. He will be missed by many. The class of 1968 has lost another good friend.

Susie McLane - January 22 at 08:28 PM



“ Kap was always a sweet soul. His gentle spirit will be remembered and cherished. He was a friend and classmate.

Patti (Bailey) Leis - January 22 at 08:03 PM



“ Kap was one of a kind. I had the pleasure of working with him as a student trainer my senior year and loved it. He will be greatly missed.

Jill (Murphy) Nowack - January 22 at 07:42 PM