



Gary Thomas Helsel

July 15, 1987 - December 20, 2011

Gary Thomas Helsel of Cadillac died early Tuesday morning, December 20, 2011 in Cadillac. He was 24. He was born on July 15, 1987 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Gary L. Helsel, Jr. and Melinda K. Kleeman.

Gary worked as a tattoo artist and had been employed at Perfect Tattoo in Cadillac. He enjoyed art, music, and his bicycles.

On July 23, 2011 in Cadillac he married Ashley Marie Beggs and she survives him along with his son, Kameryn Drew Fauble of Kalamazoo; his parents: Gary L. Helsel, Jr. of Lake City and Melinda (Russell) Gilde of Manton; a brother, Kyle Cronkhite of Manton; three sisters: Kassandra Snyder of Cadillac, Jumana Helsel and Raegan Helsel both of Port St. Lucie, FL; grandparents: Barb Kleeman (Jerry Jewett) of Cadillac, Gary (Wanda) Helsel, Sr. of Lake City, and Sue (Duane) Brainerd of Luther. He was preceded in death by his great grandfather, Hiram Helsel in 1983, his grandfather, Thomas Kleeman in 1993 and a sister, Amanda Snyder in 2006.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the Boon Cemetery in Boon with Reverend Lloyd Jewett officiating. Friends may meet the family from 3-5 PM Wednesday (today) at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I hope you and you' re wife are walking in heaven now Gary. RIP man. RIP Ashley*

Carly Helmboldt - November 02, 2015 at 02:16 PM

RH

“ *May you rest in our hearts forever. My brother. I LOVE you with all my heart and always will. May you Rest In Paradise.*

Raegan Helsel - November 28, 2012 at 09:47 AM

HA

“ *thank you for everything, im so sorry gary. thinking of you always!*

hanna - January 25, 2012 at 09:50 AM

KE

“ *Gary, your an amazing person, always full of happiness and laughter. May your memory live on in the hearts of others. Rest in Peace.*

Keisha Eberhart - December 27, 2011 at 07:14 PM

KD

“ *Rest in Peace Gary*

Kim deis - December 23, 2011 at 08:40 PM

DB

“ *Our hearts go out to the family. This is such a heavy time and with time it will get better. Thinking of you Gary and your family. We love you*

David and Ona Booms - December 23, 2011 at 04:49 AM

BC

“ Gary was one of my GREAT and FUN students I had the priviledge of teaching at Manton. He was one in the classes that I had joy and fun teaching. He helped to make teaching truly enjoyable. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to all of Gary's family at this time. My you experience the peace that only God alone can give. Many prayers for you and your in the days ahead.

Betty Clark - December 22, 2011 at 08:45 PM

A{

“ I' am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this terrible time. I din' t know Gary but I just had to let you know you are not alone at this time. God Bless your family.

Annie Burmania {Olmstead} - December 22, 2011 at 04:28 PM

AP

“ Gary will be remembered as a kind and bright individual, who put others needs before his own, and worked hard to please the people he loved.

Amanda Phillips - December 22, 2011 at 11:40 AM

TM

“ Sleep well GT

Tammy Mitchell Morton - December 22, 2011 at 10:28 AM

AV

“ You touched a lot of lives and you' ll never be forgotten. R.I.P.

Adrian Vasquez - December 22, 2011 at 09:08 AM

CD

“ Although I did not know these two young men, this has touched my heart. May this bring your family comfort. ”

16 your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me

were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to [b] me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake,

I am still with you."

Psalms 139:16-18

Connie Dinnan - December 22, 2011 at 03:53 AM

TM

“ I love you GT... I regret not being able to tell you how much you impacted my life with your smile and your goofy way! You made me a better person and I will love you for always!

Tara Jo Maxwell - December 21, 2011 at 11:45 PM

AB

“ Praying for you all to have the strength to make it through this tragedy. Love you all.

April Bradford-Vokes, Rich and Bailey - December 21, 2011 at 11:18 PM

CG

“ We send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Gary. We are sorry for your loss.

Cory Buttermore & Emily Grogan - December 21, 2011 at 10:37 PM

CS

“ Gary you were taken from this earth way to soon. You will be missed by many. I am glad to have had the chance to know you. Rest in peace. Cheryl (Mother of Tylor and Troy Downing)

Cheryl Smith - December 21, 2011 at 10:13 PM

JS

“ Gary, you have touched so many with your kindness, you will always be remembered. To the family, you are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Jamie Shepler - December 21, 2011 at 09:13 PM

BW

“ We will always remember the kind hearted person you are. You are in our thoughts and prayers always.

Bryan Wilson - December 21, 2011 at 06:50 PM

CK

“ Sorry to hear about the loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Gary's family and friends. He will be deeply missed. I am so glad that I got the opportunity to meet him...he always made everyone laugh and smile. R.I.P. Gary

Charity Kish - December 21, 2011 at 06:31 PM

DV

“ Gary used to ride my school bus years ago and was always polite and kind. He will be missed.

donna valkner - December 21, 2011 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ *May God comfort the broken hearts of your family and friends. Though I didn't stay in touch, I will always remember the wonderfully outgoing boy from my youth!*

Brandie (Sheets) Sigler - December 21, 2011 at 03:47 PM

DH

“ *My daughter said it best when she said you gave her something wonderful to remember you by...a beautiful rose tat on her foot. It's so tragic that your life ended way to early. My heartfelt prayers go out to the family and friends of this amazing young man who was taken away too soon.*

Diana Harris - December 21, 2011 at 03:37 PM

JN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Jody Narovich - December 21, 2011 at 03:34 PM

JP

“ *Prayers and thoughts to every single person Gary has touch! My he live through every single persons thoughts and memories!*

Jodi Pace - December 21, 2011 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of need. God be with each and everyone of you <3*

The Daugherty Family - December 21, 2011 at 01:01 PM

CL

“ My heart and prayers go out to the family of Gary Helsel. So sorry for your loss. May God be with you at this time in your life.

Cary Letts - December 21, 2011 at 12:39 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4*

Joe & Cheirie Lynch - December 21, 2011 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Gary. A young life was taken way too soon. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jennifer Dinnan-Haycraft - December 21, 2011 at 11:36 AM

KJ

“ Gary, I remember all the times we had as kids, all the trouble we got in together. I havent seen you in a long time tho my heart still aches cause you were truely a good nephew and person. Very unique and talented with drawing. I'

m gonan miss you dearly and wish you and your family peace on this day, and my thoughts go out to your dad and family. sorry im not able to make it but my respects to you are still there with everyone.

Keith Sembach Jr - December 21, 2011 at 11:17 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of this young man, much to young to be taken away.

Bonnie Hawkins - December 21, 2011 at 10:42 AM

WA

“ Gary, you were such an amazing guy and wonderful to know! It is extremely sad that your life was taken WAY TOO soon. You may be gone which breaks everyones hearts but you will never be forgotten! Love ya!

Wanda - December 21, 2011 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ I am so sorry for your loss Linda. You are in our thoughts and prayers along with the rest of the family. Gary was an amazing kid.

Bobbi Jo Fockler - December 21, 2011 at 09:13 AM

CW

“ My heart go out to the family. What a tragedy. Look to family and friends for support and count on your faith for strength. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love aunt Chippy

Charlene Wheeler - December 21, 2011 at 09:04 AM

JK

“ We love you Gary! Forever and Always!

Jake Kiosterud - December 21, 2011 at 09:02 AM