



Michael Anthony "Mick" Korte the III

May 15, 1965 - June 4, 2011

Michael Anthony "Mick" Korte the III of Cadillac died Saturday morning, June 4, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 46. He was born in Dearborn, Michigan on May 15, 1965 and has lived in Cadillac for the past 38 years.

Mick had been employed at Carter's in Cadillac for 16 years and most recently for Bridgeway and Hope Network of Cadillac. He was a member of the Patriot Choir and St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac where he had served as an Altar server. He participated in Special Olympics, playing basketball, softball, bowling, track & field and the winter games. Mick truly loved sports in general both watching and tracking the scores. He also enjoyed word search games, jig saw puzzles, Play Station, collecting the State quarters, spending time with family, helping Jim and walking and riding his bike with Wally.

Survivors include his mother, Nancy J. Risdon of Cadillac; father & step mother, Michael (Nancy) Korte of Fountain, MI; brother, David B. (Angela M.) Korte of Grand Rapids; sister, Carol L. Koch & brother-in-law, David M. Koch of Shawnee, KS; nieces & nephew: Meredith M. Koch, Amanda Jane Koch, Eva L. Korte, and Kyle D. Korte; very special friend, Alice Borman of Lake City.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at

St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Fr. Francis J. Murphy as celebrant. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Monday (today) at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics of Michigan, Area 32. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ Carol - My deepest sympathies to you and your family. We never really lose the people we love, they live forever in our hearts.

Shelly (Babler) Enbody - August 02, 2011 at 05:54 PM

CF

“ Nancy, So sorry to hear of your loss, there are no words. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless

Carol Fewless-Kogler - June 14, 2011 at 03:55 PM

LM

“ Carol and family, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. My husband Harold (Spanky) was just sick when he heard about it. He really thought a lot about him and liked him a great deal. He will be missed a great deal and Harold will miss seeing him

Laura (Kramer) Meeuwes - June 14, 2011 at 10:37 AM

CS

“ Mick was indeed a special young man, always smiling, a good friend to my daughter Jennifer when she worked with Mick at Hope Network.

Carla (Britt) Smith - June 09, 2011 at 10:37 PM

MS

“ Mick you were such an amazing friend and neighbor. I will always remember fondly the basketball games in the backyard. God Bless.

Mary Stewart - June 09, 2011 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ Mick, your memories, smile, and laugh will carry us through this difficult time without you.

Diana K. Balbaugh - June 09, 2011 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ Mick, You were such a great team player, you will be greatly missed by your teams. Well miss your smile! You have a great mom! Bless Her! We so enjoyed your performance with the Patriots!

Jan & Mike Boyd & Mallory - June 09, 2011 at 09:33 AM

HF

“ My family is so saddened by Mick's passing. He has been the light of my sister Alice's life for the 8 years they have known each other. My children call him " Uncle Mick" and although they only knew him for a short time, they loved him instantly. Nancy and family I wish you comfort and peace at this very sad time. Your faith in God and your family will see you through.

Hammermeister family - June 08, 2011 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ There are not enough words...you are truly a wonderful person that touched so many lives! My prayers and thoughts are with the Korte Family.

Mary Coddens-Jones - June 08, 2011 at 05:10 PM

SK

“ Mick was so fortunate to have such a wonderful mother, brother and sister in his life. Beautiful eyes and a great smile. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Korte family during this difficult time.

Stacy Miller Kuiper - June 08, 2011 at 03:46 PM

AC

“ When we were new to the neighborhood, Mick and Nancy welcomed us with open arms. Only wish we could have known him longer. You will be missed.

Adam and Chrissy Corliss - June 07, 2011 at 10:32 PM

MK

“ Mick, you will be missed and remembered by many.

Michael & Dorothy Kedrowski - June 07, 2011 at 07:16 PM

SW

“ My words fall short in expressing the sorrow I feel for your loss. There is no pain more far reaching than the loss of a loved one. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have known Mick were blessed by his kind and caring personality and he truly served as an inspiration to all.

Scott Willett - June 07, 2011 at 04:41 PM

CR

“ Aunt Nancy, My thoughts and prayers are with you, Carol, Dave and family. I know that Mick's strength, courage and love will live on through all of us. Love always, Craig

Craig Risdon - June 07, 2011 at 02:22 PM

JS

“ *it was nice knowing you,*

Jennifer Stronach - June 07, 2011 at 10:19 AM

KC

“ *Mick, you was a good team player for specail olympics. we are going to miss you and we will see you when we get to heaven.*

Kay Christensen - June 07, 2011 at 10:16 AM

DD

“ *Mick will be missed dearly singing so happily with the Patriot Choir, he was one of a kind. I always enjoyed Mick at Carters also. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family Nancy.*
Deb DuVall

Deb DuVall - June 07, 2011 at 09:03 AM

DT

“ *My condolences to the entire Korte family. Mick was truly one of a kind and I thank God for him, he always brought a smile to me everytime I saw him. He will be missed dearly but never forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.*

David Tripp - June 07, 2011 at 08:43 AM

JS

“ *Hey Mick you are you to be missed truley, you was a good friend and someone to rely on.I amg going to miss you.*

Jessica Stronach - June 07, 2011 at 08:37 AM

MK

“ Someone once said, "
When we lose someone we love,
We learn to trust somehow
That a new life in a brighter place
Is just beginning now..
A place of grace and peace and joy
Beyond all time and sorrow,
Where loving hearts who part today
Will meet again tomorrow."
Mick your smiles have left an imprint on so many people. Now in our
time of sorrow you have given us a great life to smile about, so
thank you! Uncle Mick, I love you now, then and always!

Meredith Koch - June 07, 2011 at 08:06 AM

JS

“ Nancy,

I am so sorry to learn of Mick'
s death. I will sincerely miss him. We played a lot of baseball over
the years together and I know right now he is swinging for the
fences in Heaven.

John Sandlin - June 06, 2011 at 11:53 PM

LM

“ O many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind,
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.
~ EW Wilcox

This was your lesson and you led by example. RIP my fine friend.

LM Monfils - June 06, 2011 at 10:24 PM

TB

“ Mickey you inspired even if you didn't know it, and to your family my heartfelt condolences.

Terry Brown - June 06, 2011 at 10:07 PM

JD

“ Rest in peace Mick. Our prayers are with you.

Uncle Jim & Chris

Jim Daly - June 06, 2011 at 09:55 PM

DB

“ Mick,

Thanks for making our daughter, Alice happy. We thank God for the eight years we have been priviledged to know you. May you rest in Peace in God's arms.

Don & Jean Borman - June 06, 2011 at 09:37 PM

AB

“ Mick-
You gave me eight years of love and happiness. I will love you always. I'll see you someday in Heaven. Wait for me.
Alice

Alice Borman - June 06, 2011 at 09:32 PM

MM

“ I knew Mick since he was in elementary school. He has always impressed me with his kindness and his gentleness. You are truly one of those special people who will be missed by many.

Mary Marine - June 06, 2011 at 08:16 PM

PS

“ Mick, You will be missed! I have many great memories of us playing baseball and bowling on youth leagues. Wish we could have hung out one more time, i'm sure we will meet again!

Paul Sandelius - June 06, 2011 at 07:19 PM

BC

“ I went to school with Mick and he was always so kind to everyone. I have in the past few years been able to watch him play SO basketball, while I watched the teams of kids I work with.

So sorry to hear of your loss, may the Lord give you peace.

Barb (Bowling) Cressy - June 06, 2011 at 06:52 PM

JJ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Julie Janes - June 06, 2011 at 06:38 PM

JS

“ We will never forget Mick - he always had a "hey Sparky!" when he saw Jerry and he enjoyed talking baseball with Mick. Its hard to believe he is gone but I know he is with God and we will all see him again. Prayers are with you Nancy and Dave.

Jerry & Mary Scholten - June 06, 2011 at 06:32 PM

LB

“ David,
I am so sorry to hear about Mick, I wanted you to know that I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
God blessed you with a very special person, may your memories of him keep peace in your heart!

Laura Bassett - June 06, 2011 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mick.
Nowords can say how we feel but he will be missed. Mick was one of the nice young man I have know.
God Bless all of you in your time of need.

Bill & Elaine Short

Mr. & Mrs. Short - June 06, 2011 at 03:47 PM

JM

“ I am proud to say I got to know Mick well while working at Bridgeway. He was truly a nice young man, he will be missed. My sympathy to you Nancy and the family.

Jeanne Magee - June 06, 2011 at 03:41 PM

AS

“ Dear Nancy & Family, I was so shocked & saddened to hear of Mick's sudden death. I am in Kentucky,so I will miss the visitation and funeral,but please know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers at this most difficult time.

Annette Schneider - June 06, 2011 at 02:45 PM

AK

“ Mick, you were an amazing uncle. You will be missed by all. I will always treasure the times we had together whether it's playing the Wii or playing with your train set. I will forever and always love you!

Amanda Jane Koch - June 06, 2011 at 02:12 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prays are with the family during this time. Peace be with you.

Shane Smedley - June 06, 2011 at 01:47 PM

BR

“ God has another bright and smiling soul with him in heaven looking down and watching over us! Mick, you will be missed.

Barbara (Jones) Russ - June 06, 2011 at 01:15 PM

JJ

“ David and Angel and the entire Korte Family. My deepest and heartfelt sympathies. We talked about Mickoften - only sorry I never met him. Peace!

John Jackoboice - June 06, 2011 at 12:41 PM

HS

“ Mick, you and Dave were my first friends ever life. Lots of great memories climbing that tree by your driveway, playing catch, riding bikes, flashlight tag....
:) Heather

Heather McRoberts Szabo - June 06, 2011 at 11:48 AM

“ Learning from a Loss

I can't help but wonder if God is smiling at us, as here on earth, Mick was considered a person of Special Needs. Mick lived with incredible optimism, a spirit of passion and compassion for all those around him, with no prejudices. He lived life with an incredible zest and eagerness and a willingness to participate in each day as if it was a gift. As I think about this, I have to wonder if God isn't smiling at us as through the teaching of the Bible; aren't we taught to live this way? So perhaps it is we in God's eyes that are the ones that are considered those of Special Needs and Mick was our mentor.

Following is a poem I would love to dedicate to Mick:

THE DASH

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what matters most of all
was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars the house the cash.*

*What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard;
are there things you'd like to change?*

*For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real.
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives.
Like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?*

*As a coach, a loss is only a loss if you don't learn anything from
it. So, in honor of Mick, I hope we learn to live life as Mick did and
as God would want us to, with incredible optimism, a spirit of
passion and compassion for all those around us, with no prejudices.
In closing, as I reflect, I was proud to be Mick's coach but now
feel I was the one being coached -- through Mick -- by God.
In appreciation of Mick's life and the blessing I was bestowed
by having him part of my life, I promise to live my dash as
Mick lived his.*

Love you my friend, Coach.. no.. student.. Tom Gibbons

RB

“ Mick-We will never forget the precious moments we spent with you. Those times are now suddenly a true gift to us. We will miss you. Until we all meet again in God's Kingdom, may peace be unto you.....

Rosanna and David Borman - June 06, 2011 at 10:21 AM

TS

“ Nancy, we are so sad to hear about Mick. It will be hard to walk Todd through it as well. We cannot make it up there, but will stop by when we get to Cadillac to see you. Praying for you.

Tamara and Matt Stilwell - June 06, 2011 at 09:55 AM

BA

“ ”
Mick, such a polite, caring, pure hearted young man....you will be missed by all. our prayers go out to your family.

Baldwins A.F.C. - June 06, 2011 at 09:35 AM

CK

“ Mick, your smile makes me smile!

Christina Kiefer - June 06, 2011 at 09:16 AM

CH

“ Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear about your son. He was an angel put on this earth to touch so many lives. My thoughts are with you and your family through this difficult time.

Cindy Hartline - June 06, 2011 at 09:04 AM

DF

“ *May you remember all of the good times that he shared with you and all of the joy he brought to your lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dusseau Family - June 06, 2011 at 08:48 AM

DB

“ *My prayers go out to Mick's family and friends. What a blessing he has been to so many lives. I am so grateful to have gotten to know Mick as he practiced and preformed with the Patriot Choir at the United Methodist Church. He will be missed and yet remembered for his presence and kindness.*

Dee Brinks - June 06, 2011 at 08:25 AM

JG

“ *I grew up in Mick's neighborhood and saw him at Kenwood School, He was a good friend to my sister. They are now together in heaven together. He will sadly be missed. I also worked with him 18 yrs ago at the winter games.*

Jodi Goulder - June 06, 2011 at 06:17 AM

CK

“ *Mick, though your journey here on earth has ended, you will continue to inspire me every day. God blessed me with you, my brother. Always in my heart. Love, Carol*

Carol Koch - June 05, 2011 at 11:22 PM

NB

“ Mick, you will be missed! You were a very special Man, and I'm glad that you were my Step Brother. You were always so nice and helpful to Nicole and Nadine when you came to visit. We all will miss you!

Norine Bissell - June 05, 2011 at 11:10 PM

DB

“ Sharing all the stories of Mick will keep him alive in our hearts! Our thoughts and prayers to all.

Don & Lois Balbaugh - June 05, 2011 at 10:47 PM

MF

“ Mick, you were truly one in a million. We will miss you at all the Korte gatherings in Grand Rapids. God Bless.

Myers Family - June 05, 2011 at 10:40 PM

TJ

“ Mick was so polite, tender hearted & always eager to help. We are sure he will be one of the first to greet us when we enter God's Kingdom.

Terry & Judy Johnson - June 05, 2011 at 10:10 PM

DP

“ We knew that Mick was a very special person when he was just a baby. We watched him grow into a fine man who was a great help to his mother and loyal brother to Carol and David. He led an active and productive life. Now he is at peace with God until we all meet again.

Dennis & Jo Ann Pastor - June 05, 2011 at 09:53 PM

AV

“ Thinking of and praying for your family during this difficult time. May you find peace in your special memories of Mick.

Amie Valkner - June 05, 2011 at 08:42 PM

DK

“ Mick - I'm so thankful to have had you as a brother. You made me a better person. You will be missed by so many people. Talk 'atcha later Bro!

David Korte - June 05, 2011 at 08:35 PM

MO

“ God blessed me by choosing me to be your mom. I already miss you so much. Until I see you again... I love you, Mom xo

Mom - June 05, 2011 at 08:29 PM

EW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Elizabeth Wollan - June 05, 2011 at 08:09 PM

AK

“ Honored to have been a part of your family, Mick. In our hearts forever.

Angela Korte - June 05, 2011 at 08:02 PM

RJ

“ Mick, you have made such an impression on SO many people.. me included Love Ya!

Ron Korte Jr. - June 05, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ *Mick will truly be missed.):*

Kyle D. Korte - June 05, 2011 at 07:55 PM