



Eric M. Kunai, Jr.

February 8, 1996 - June 11, 2016

Eric M. Kunai, Jr., (Gahagoñhwa'ka), 20, a member of the Onondaga Nation Hawk Clan passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 11, 2016.

Eric was a 2014 graduate of Onondaga Central School and attended Lemoyne College. He was currently employed by the Onondaga Nation Work Crew. Eric enjoyed playing cards, hunting, basketball, lacrosse and football. Upon graduation he was the receiver of the "Most Outstanding Athlete" award. Eric was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He was a kind, loving young man who enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

Eric was predeceased by his Maternal grandfather, Keith Crouse and Great-grandfather, Lynn Crouse.

He is survived by his parents, Terri Crouse (Deac Pond) and Eric (Lori) Kunai, Sr.; two sisters, Ondraya and Anna Kunai; and one stepbrother, Tyler Wilson. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Krista Loran; and pet, Snoop Kunai. Also surviving are his maternal great-grandparents, Kenneth and Venetia Pierce and Gloria Crouse. Maternal grandparents Elsie Crouse and Jake Edwards; Paternal grandparents Linda and Rick DeMarchi and Martin Kunai; aunts, Darcy (Brian) Bachicha and Suellen Edwards (Steve Cronin); uncles, Orris Edwards, Sean Kunai (Tammy King,) and Kris (Kerry) Kunai; and many more aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at the home of his Aksodaha (grandmother) southend, and 11:00 a.m. at the Onondaga Nation Longhouse. Burial will be on the Onondaga Nation. Friends may call at their convenience at his Aksodaha's.

Contributions can be made to the Onondaga Central Athletic Department.

A celebration of Eric's life will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at the Nedrow Fire House from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric M. Kunai, Jr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am glad I got the pleasure of meeting you when I did. May your spirit live on and the rest of your journey be peaceful kid. R.I.P brother*

June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eric,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with your son, you and your family.*

God Biess all of you!!!

Chuck Barry

June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Eric. You were the first friend I had on Orientation day at Le Moyne. You were so fun and nice! We had a fun class together freshman year, although I wish we had talked more. I will always remember you! Rest in peace

June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember being very close a few years ago.. and seeing you around school and around the neighborhood.. you are a very sweet kind and loving person. would do anything for anyone. much love Eric I'll see you again, wish I saw you more. it still doesn't feel real, but I know you're here with us. much love to the family and your close ones ✨

Candle of Peace - June 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and keep you,
You were too good for old and feeble,
The Lord saw how you were doing,
And figured you were a shoe-in,
Please guide the rest of us people.

Candle of Nature - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We have many fond memories of at Eric at Toolon when our boys were young and throughout the years with OCS sports. He always had a beautiful smile. We are so sorry for this great loss to your family. Sending you many prayers of comfort, peace, and hope. Love, Tim, Rebekah, Tim Jr., Charlie, and Abby Pierce

Football - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ May you find comfort in the beautiful memories you shared. I am so so sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all!! I know that there are no words to comfort the soul at this time. I am so sorry!! Cherish the wonderful memories.....XO

June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP Eric

June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am thinking of you all during this hard time,I know there are no words to make this any easier, or make it go away. I am so very sorry for your loss,hold those memories close. RIP Eric,you will be greatly missed by so many.

June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ May he rest in peace! Such a great loss! My son was friends with him he will be missed by many!! My heart goes out to his family & many prayers!!

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss .. My thoughts and prayers are with your family . I remember Eric at the softball fields many years ago .
Xo
Angela Antonello

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, condolences to family and friends.

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Too young , deepest condolences. Heartbreaking . Prayers sent to the family.

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ When to high school together all was had a good time siting in out of lunch iss you will be missed rest in peace the creator has gained another great soul

White Feather - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot begin to express the sadness I feel for you. I wish there was something I could do....remember him always! Kyle called me all upset, telling me the news. He is crushed, he cannot attend services. May Eric soar high.

White Feather - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *My sympathy to the Kunai family. You have a special angel now watching over you. My prayers and thoughts are with his entire family.*

White Feather - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Eric and family sorry for your loss. your cousin Sharon.*

White Feather - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *I met Eric a few months back and was blessed to have known him for a short period of time. I pray God and his angels wrap their arms around you all in peace, strength and love during this very difficult time.*

My most sincerest condolences,

AnnMarie Clarke

Candle of Peace - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear the horrible news. My sincerest Condolences to the entire family. Larry Maxwell (CNY Umpires)*

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I am so, so sad to hear the news of Eric's passing. Eric was quite simply an incredible soul. A strong young man. Wise beyond his years....so in love with his nation, the Onondaga, so in love with his people, so in tune with his elders. And he had such a great sense of humor! I will never forget, for the rest of my life, laughing with him and Dalton Powless so hard until our stomach and jaw muscles ached and we fell in a heap on the floor. Today I will say a prayer to the four directions and know that he is with us in spirit and forever in our hearts. My most sincere condolences go out to his family, loved ones and friends.

Roses - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I got to know Eric awhile back. He was full of amazing spirit . Always a smile on his face and willing to learn more and more. My deepest condolences for the family and close friends and loved ones. May God send his most beautiful angel to carry him on the wings and bless him till we all meet again .

White Feather - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Our family is keeping your family in our prayers through this extremely difficult time. We're so sorry for your loss. Our children were friends through OCS. I pray that God will provide peace and comfort to all of you now and in the years to come. Peace and blessings with our deepest sympathies. (The Piazza Family)

Candle of Peace - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Such a great loss to his family and community. Eric, you will be greatly missed. Rest easy buddy❤️

Heart - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *My deepest condolences. Sending love and prayers for family.*

Dove - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. It's been many years but we do remember Eric as such a fun loving and enjoyable young man. He and you are in our prayers.*

June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM