



## Travis L. Keute

August 24, 1978 - April 23, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, Travis Keute.

Travis was born in New Ulm, MN on August 24, 1978, to Arlyn and Lois Keute. He attended New Ulm Cathedral where he played football and ran track, and made numerous friends. He achieved his Eagle Scout award in addition to being named athlete of the year. He was loved by many during his youth, and he caused his share of mischief there, too, torturing the high school staff with his regular dress code violations and other antics.

He went on to attend college, spending one year at the University of Minnesota before transferring to UMD where he graduated with a degree in economics. He spent a semester abroad in Sweden, which deepened his love for travel. Travis visited every state and just about every capital. If you had the privilege of traveling with him, you knew how he would find some historic landmark or event to visit, unique or otherwise, a fun trait he learned from his parents while growing up.

Travis worked as a pricing and revenue analyst for Sun Country and Independence Air. He frequently helped friends and family travel with his perks. He then worked as a purchasing agent for SMDC in Duluth, where he met and fell in love with his devoted wife, Christine LeBrun. They started their relationship by raising their two cherished dogs, Maggie and Griffin. Maggie was always by his side. The couple lived in the Chicagoland area, and he worked as an analyst for Owens and Minor and later became a Director of Logistics at Medline Industries, where he grew a team of colleagues and friends who thoughtfully helped supply hospitals throughout the United States with necessary medical equipment. Travel became a shared love for Travis and Christine and their favorite trips were to Turks & Caicos, Greece, and Hawaii.

Travis and Christine created a sweet family with the births of their children, Avery (Pokie), Brooke (Brooke Cooke), and Connor (ConCon). Travis loved his children so much and introduced them to fishing, hunting, rock music, a love of nature and the outdoors, the

Minnesota Vikings, and the Chicago Blackhawks. He was the comedian of the family, always telling cheesy dad jokes, making kids and adults alike laugh.

Seinfeld was a shared loved for the couple, so much so that they attended a Seinfeld show on the day they got married. Travis had a fierce love of music. He loved to dance with the kids and music was the backdrop of their daily life.

Travis had a gentle, kind, faithful, and sweet spirit. He regularly checked in on his family and had a very special bond with his mom, dad and sisters. He regularly referred to his parents as the “best parents in the whole world.” Almost daily he checked in on his nephews and nieces with funny texts, phone calls, and visits. He was so loved by many and was always good for a kind word and a listening ear. Travis was very affectionate with his family. He constantly told Christine how beautiful she was and wrote her sweet love notes. He showed love with his actions and his words and told Christine and his kids he loved them every day.

Travis is survived by his wife, Christine; children, Avery, Brooke, and Connor of Huntley, IL; his parents, Arlyn and Lois Keute of New Ulm, MN; sisters, Amanda (Andy) Christensen of New Ulm, MN, Krisa Keute of Duluth, MN; nieces, Abby, Emma, Elle; and nephews, Cole, Ian, and Marley; mother-in-law, Carole Richard; father-in-law, Pierre-Richard LeBrun; and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Elmer and Loretta Hesse, Delores and Roland Keute; and infant brother, Arlyn.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, April 29 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd. in Huntley. Mass will be live-streamed and can be accessed by clicking on the Photos and Videos on Travis's obituary and then hitting play at the time of service. Due to technical difficulties the mass is being recorded and will be posted after.

Visitation will be at the church prior to Mass from 10 - 10:50 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to a fund designated for Travis' children who he loved dearly: C/O Penny Lewis, Bell Bank, 201 E. Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802; [plewis@bell.bank](mailto:plewis@bell.bank)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Christine and family I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Travis when he was a purchasing agent in Duluth. Always had a joke to tell. Rest in Peace Travis.

Sarah (Tillman) Soyring - May 11 at 11:57 AM

DK

“ Travis was a wonderful friend with a kind heart. I will sorely miss him. I have fond memories fishing, hunting and travelling with him. He had a great sense of humor and always supportive words. To the family, please accept my deepest sympathies and condolences. Rest in peace, my friend!

Doug Kittredge - May 04 at 01:26 PM

KK

Thank you Doug. He had great stories of the two of you.

krisa keute - May 07 at 01:41 AM

LJ

“ Krisa I am so sorry for your loss. I only met Travis a couple times while he worked at St. Mary's in Duluth. It is so hard to lose someone you love and I know you were very close. May God bring you and your family strength and love to get thru this loss.. my prayers are with you and family. God bless you all. Hugs to you.  
Linda

Linda Johnson - May 01 at 05:03 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss-  
Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers❤️  
Jeff and Barb Kietzman

Barb Ewald - April 30 at 03:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Travis Keute Mass



James A. O'Connor Funeral Home - April 29 at 04:04 PM

LF

“ Our heart goes out to you and your family. Travis’s memory will live on in the hearts of so many. There are no right words to erase the pain you feel. Please know we are thinking of you. Dale and Laura

Laura Filzen - April 29 at 11:16 AM

KK

Thank you Laura ❤️

krisa keute - April 29 at 06:09 PM

KK

Shoot and Dale sorry

krisa keute - April 29 at 09:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.



April 28 at 01:17 PM



“ Dove Blanket was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.



April 28 at 12:14 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.



April 28 at 11:16 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



April 28 at 08:02 AM

DE

“ *I taught and coached Travis in football at New Ulm Cathedral. I was a young teacher and coach back then and it's because of great young men like Travis sharing their passion and desire to do well, is what keeps me in the classroom and football field to this day. I have always admired and respected Travis through the times I worked with him. He gave all his energy and was willing to do all the extra work to help his teammates-classmates and lastly himself to succeed. Travis always put others first. I know he was taught these values from his parents because I saw the same virtues in his sisters. I'm sure Travis's values will also come to the surface in the lives of his children and the people he has touched. His spirit will live on. I have probably only seen Travis 8 times since he graduated but the memory of Football Captain Number 21 is etched with me. I have often told our recent teams the story of Travis's senior football team. We were on a 23 game losing streak, the team played their hearts out every Friday night to stop the losing streak. We were playing a team late in the 4th quarter who was on our 1 yard line , they could have kicked a field goal and gone up by 9 and iced the game but didn't, figuring Cathedral couldn't go 99 yards to win, Travis and the guys held them on 4th down, and they did drive the ball 99 yards to win and stop the streak. But the most lasting part of that game, was that on that last drive the offense for the first time ever held hands in the huddle, an act of oneness that the players decided to do. We have been holding hands ever since. Each new team knows the story of why we hold hands. I'm sure Travis wants us to hold onto all the good he has done in this world. His life has left a impact on all of us and that's worth holding onto. He will be missed but his life can live on in many quiet ways, even in the huddle of a small Catholic High School. Good Bless Travis, Denny Lux*

Dennis - April 27 at 09:46 PM

KK

*Thank you so much for this tribute. It means so very much for our family. I will save it and share it with his children. Grateful for people like you who helped us along our way. From his sisters Krisa and Amanda*

krisa keute - April 28 at 02:10 PM

DL

*I wish I could be there for the funeral, but be assured my thoughts and prayers are with all of Travis's family. Denny*

Dennis Lux - April 28 at 02:33 PM

JS

*My family and I were close friends with Travis and his family over the last year as neighbors and friends. Travis took us fishing a couple of times and countless times at each others homes for informal get togethers. My memory of Travis is him being the most loving, patient, and kind person ever.... Someone who makes me want to be a better person. I'm sad and sorry for his family's loss. I'm lifting up prayers in this difficult time for everyone. Know that you can lean on Christ as He is the one who can provide the peace and comfort everyone deserves.*

Josh Starr - April 29 at 11:02 AM

EH

*“ I am with a deep heart on hearing of Travis's passing. Travis was a wonderful classmate and friend who I have wonderful memories of in high school. I always looked forward to random text messages from him which he showed his love of travel and his family. I will always remember Travis and the great memories that I had with him. -Eric*

Eric Hoffmann - April 27 at 01:49 PM

KK

*Thank you for this kind comment Eric. Travis always spoke so fondly of you, and he treasured your friendship. - Krisa*

krisa keute - April 28 at 05:49 PM



*“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



April 27 at 06:57 AM



*“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



April 26 at 06:57 PM

MF

“ *Medline Supply Chain Optimization Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



Medline Supply Chain Optimization Family - April 26 at 01:28 PM

MF

“ *Medline Supply Chain Optimization Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



Medline Supply Chain Optimization Family - April 26 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Travis L. Keute.*



April 25 at 04:59 PM

ME

“ *We are terribly sad to learn of Travis' passing. He was a calm and caring man who loved his family. He will live on in the eyes and hearts of his children and all those who loved him. -Melanie, Gabriel and Brayden*

Melaniejkimura@gmail.com - April 25 at 04:57 PM