



Heath D. Ehl

February 25, 1979 - November 8, 2025

Heath D. Ehl, 46, of Kalkaska, passed away unexpectedly on November 8, 2025. Heath was born on February 25, 1979, in Traverse City to Rosalie (Dyson) and Terry Ehl. Heath is survived by his mother Rosalie Ehl; siblings Lynaia (James) Jackson, Gayle (Mike) Holland-Anderson, Kevin Holland, and Heather Ehl; children Maria (Brandon) George, Humberto “Nuno” (Emily) Casas, and Jeshua Ehl, and grandchildren Jayden Durga, Isaiah Durga, Serenity Casas, Killian George, Audrey Casas, Gracie Casas, and Allison Casas. He was preceded in death by his father Terry Ehl. Heath was loved by many for his humorous attitude and his strong desire to support others around him. Heath was an active and memorable member of Kalkaska Baptist Church, supporting both those in his church and those outside his church in the Kalkaska County area. At KBC, he held his own weekly ministry called “Friday Night Deliverance,” where he assisted and guided those who struggled with addiction, and explained how God can support them through their struggles. Heath’s memorial service will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 11:00 am at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in memory of Heath may be directed to the Kalkaska Funeral Home. Please visit www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com to visit Heath’s tribute page and share a memory with his family. The family is being served by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

5219 M-66
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

NOV **14** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Beefie was our dearest family friend. He had little to call his own- except what really matters - his love of God, his family, and the hundreds of people lucky to call him friend.*

Beefie and Karl would roam around Pond until the wee hours of the morning, especially so when he donned the pink gorilla costume, which was so fitting for our dear friend - a big cuddly gorilla who loved people, who lived to make jokes and laugh, who loved to laze around, and who could pound his chest in anger when his tender feelings were hurt.

Beefie, my buddy, and dearest friend of the family, you hold a special place in my heart forevermore. You are deeply loved and missed. I am so thankful for you, for your faith, for your trust and support, for all the experiences we shared, and for all the friends we met because of you. You left a mark on our hearts.

I will always love and remember you as a man of faith who loved and was so proud of his children and grandchildren and as a man who served to uplift and connect his friends, despite having widely different beliefs - even ones that directly conflicted with his.

The memories we shared I will cherish in my heart forevermore.

Stephanie - December 03, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Heath D. Ehl.*



November 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

HF

“ *Hendricks family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heath D. Ehl.*

Hendricks family - November 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MC

“ *marilyn Ciszewski lit a candle in memory of Heath Ehl*



marilyn Ciszewski - November 13, 2025 at 10:05 AM

RH

“ *I'm not sure if anyone remembers how Heath got his nickname "Beefer" so I will share the story. As you all know his nickname was so popular that Rosalie and his teachers even called him by it.*

When our family started to come to the Assembly of God church in Kalkaska my brothers became instant friends with Heath. I mean, who wouldn't, right? Immediately, my brothers decided that the name "Heath" just wasn't going to cut it, so they decided they needed to come up with a name for this dude that fit better. They literally bantered back and forth, "Heath?" "Heath? Eh" Then they both exclaimed "Beef! Beefer!", and history was made right then. My kids even know who Beefer is and they have never met him.

My entire childhood is filled with cherished memories of our families living and loving each other. I'm so sorry for everyone Heath leaves behind. I know he loved you all so much

RoseMarie Harvey - November 13, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Heath D. Ehl.



November 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Jake, Joe, Karen, and Rose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heath D. Ehl.

Jake, Joe, Karen, and Rose - November 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Leighann lit a candle in memory of Heath Ehl



Leighann - November 12, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ Beefs Kids and Grandkids purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Heath D. Ehl.



Beefs Kids and Grandkids - November 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM

BG

“ *Beefs Kids and Grandkids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heath D. Ehl.*

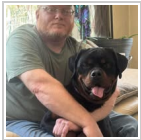
Beefs Kids and Grandkids - November 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM

RC

“ *Raena Coughlin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Heath D. Ehl.*



Raena Coughlin - November 12, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Every time I seen him he would greet me with a big smile, a firm hand shake and “it’s good to see you my friend” as if we hadn’t seen each other in years but, in reality it had only been a few days. He was a good man with a kind heart. “Beef” as he was called by many, was a good friend and I’m honored to call him family. Until we meet again, rest in peace my friend.*

Justin Ziegler - November 12, 2025 at 04:15 PM

DS

“ *Praying for peace and comfort 🙏*

Debbie Snyder - November 12, 2025 at 02:46 PM

BB

“ Heath was a visitor to our pantry in Rapid city and enjoyed a lunch with us on friday.. we enjoyed him coming in and we will miss him so much



Bonnie Bruman - November 12, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Heath D. Ehl.



November 12, 2025 at 01:18 PM

EV

“ You will be forever in our hearts.



Eva - November 12, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heath D. Ehl.



November 11, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.* ”



Lavina Mack - November 11, 2025 at 04:13 PM