



## William Russell Wiita

October 28, 1966 - September 8, 2014

William Russell Wiita, 47, of Kalkaska, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 8, 2014 at his home. He was born on October 28, 1966 in Virginia, Minnesota to David and Audrey Wiita. Will graduated high school in Cherry, Minnesota. He went to work at Double Eagle Steel Company in Dearborn until he moved to Kalkaska. Will served as Assistant Chief at Coldsprings-Excelsior Fire and Rescue. In his spare time, Will could be found either hunting or fishing; or playing the occasional practical joke on friends. Will is survived by his parents David and Audrey Wiita of Mt. Iron, MN; siblings: Paul Wiita of Mt. Iron, Lynn (John) Sandford of England; and Richard (Marie) Wiita of Wyoming, MN; numerous nieces, nephews, and family; and many dear friends. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the CETA Hall, 6615 County Road 612 NE, Kalkaska. Reverend Robert J. Freysinger of Kalkaska United Methodist Church will officiate. A Celebration of Life will also be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at the Clinton Town Hall, 8907 Highway 37. Iron Junction, MN 55751. Arrangements have been entrusted with Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

SEP **13.** 1:00 PM (ET)

CETA Hall  
6615 County Road 612 NE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ *Dear Dave, Audrey and Family,*

*We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Willy, he was such a nice person. I remember our visits to your place when the girls were little and how they loved visiting with their cousins and you. We pray the comfort of the Lord will sustain you in your sorrow and hold you near always.*

*Love from, Tom and Jan Emberg*

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**Tom and Jan Emberg** - September 14, 2014 at 07:10 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William Russell Wiita.*



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September 13, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BH

“ *Buck, Elisa, & Hay lit a candle in memory of William Russell Wiita*



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**Buck, Elisa, & Hay** - September 12, 2014 at 02:36 PM

CS

“ To My Precious Wiita Family:  
Such a shock to lose Will at such a young age. Many are the memories of when the Wiita city kids would become country on the farm, haying, taking sauna, making "cream cakes" with Auntie Audrey. Certainly these wonderful memories will comfort you during this difficult time. May you feel the arms of Jesus bringing strength and the peace that passes all understanding. You will be greatly missed cousin. All who knew you were blessed. Wiita family - you are SO GREATLY LOVED, and our prayers are with you.  
Your cousin, Carolyn (Dee Dee) Sawyer - Fife, WA

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**Carolyn Sawyer** - September 12, 2014 at 11:05 AM

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“ Cousin Carolyn Sawyer lit a candle in memory of William Russell Wiita



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**Cousin Carolyn Sawyer** - September 12, 2014 at 10:48 AM

CS

*To My Precious Wiita Family: Such a shock to lose Will at such a young age. Wonderful memories of the times that the city Wiita kids went country on the farm, haying, sauna, and making "cream cakes" with Auntie Audrey. May these memories keep you through this difficult time. May you feel the arms of Jesus bringing comfort and peace that passes all understanding. Will is going to be greatly missed! Our prayers are with you! You are all SO GREATLY LOVED!  
Carolyn (Dee Dee) Sawyer, Fife, WA*

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**Carolyn Sawyer** - September 12, 2014 at 10:54 AM

CW

“ To my precious Wiita Family:  
Such a shock to lose Will at such a young age. So many wonderful memories of our times on the farm when the Wiita city kids got to go country with haying and sauna and making "cream cakes" with Auntie Audrey. These wonderful memories will keep you through this difficult time. My deepest sympathy to my wonderful family. May Jesus wrap you in his love and comfort. You are all greatly loved.

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**Cousin, Carolyn Sawyer, Fife, WA** - September 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BO

“ My deepest sympathy to Will's family. I have known Will since he was in grade school as he was one of my brother's dearest and closest friend. I remember all the fun Will, my brother and their other buddies use to have. May Willy rest in peace and may the wonderful memories that his family has of him get them through the tough days ahead. We are thinking of you and sending prayers.  
Becky "Skalsky" Odella



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**Becky ODella** - September 12, 2014 at 07:09 AM

MG

“ To the Wiita family, I am so sorry for your loss, the memories I have of Will are many, my most me moral are when I would bring my two girls up to the farm for a visit. Will was always so kind to them, taking them to the chicken coop to get eggs, rolling hug snow balls in the pond. He was a good man with a good heart, Willie you will be missed. One of the many cousins, Marian

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**Marian gray** - September 12, 2014 at 12:39 AM

PJ

“ I am so sad to hear of Will's passing.....as one of his cousins from Duluth MN, we spent much time with the Wiita family growing up. We always called him "Willie", which maybe he didn't care for so much as an adult ! But he was such a sweet, gentle spirit, and will be sorely missed. I had the delight of attending a wedding that he was a part of in Michigan a few years ago. Will's friends were delightful, and we spent many hours laughing, talking, sharing a beer or two, and just having fun. His parents are my aunt and uncle, and I know their hearts are breaking over losing their son :( May all find comfort and peace in knowing this great guy! Polly Wiita John

Polly Wiita John - September 11, 2014 at 09:32 PM

BF

“ I worked with Will at Double Eagle. Anybody who worked with Will appreciated his easy going style and positive outlook. I was able to share many hunting and fishing trips with Will, to Canada and the Upper Peninsula. He was a true sportsman and I was fortunate to call him a friend. He will be greatly missed.  
Bruce Fody

Bruce Fody - September 11, 2014 at 08:23 PM

TF

“ The Latoski Family lit a candle in memory of William Russell Wiita



The Latoski Family - September 10, 2014 at 09:38 PM

TI

“ *The first time I met Will we played a game of euchre. He was a bit on the fun and tipsy side and a little over flirtatious with a city girl lost in the country. We laughed for hours because of it. The last time I saw him we were having coffee (mutually hungover) after a great July 4th weekend on the picnic table discussing the day prior. It was not difficult to see having met him only a handful of times what a great and kind person he was. I will miss seeing him when I come up. My sincerest condolences to all! Xoxo may you rest peacefully and watch over those who cherished you.*

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**Tiff** - September 10, 2014 at 08:18 PM



“ *Brian Seiwell lit a candle in memory of William Russell Wiita*



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**Brian Seiwell** - September 10, 2014 at 06:16 PM