



## Luke J. Lang

October 7, 1993 - November 25, 2014

Age 21, unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. He was the son of Keith and Amy Lang of Saline. He was born on October 7, 1993. Luke is survived by his younger brother Tim, his grandparents, Terry & Ruth Mathieu and Theresa & Larry Williams, as well as his great grandmother, Marjorie Cousino, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Luke graduated high school from Washtenaw Technical Middle College with two associate's degrees. He was a junior at Michigan Technological University studying bio-mechanical engineering. Memorial services will take place on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Saline Community Church with Pastor Peter Rufener officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Friday, November 28, 2014 from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Saline Community Church at 211 Willis Rd., Saline, MI 48176 to help with expenses. He is sorely missed. To sign Luke's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Saline Community Church  
211 Willis Road  
Saline, MI 48176  
<http://www.salinecommunitychurch.org/#welcome>

## Memorial Service

NOV **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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<http://www.salinecommunitychurch.org/#welcome>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Luke J. Lang*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Luke Lang's grave will be at Oakwood cemetery in Saline, MI. We will have an interment on Friday, January 2nd in the morning. More details on timing to follow. You can find Luke's grave site via the attached photos. There is a wreath and marker there now, if you would like to visit even before the interment. I'll post more info on Facebook.*



**Amy Lang** - December 18, 2014 at 03:06 PM

 Karla Kitalong

“ *To Luke's family, Luke was a valued coach at the Michigan Tech Multiliteracies Center. I am devastated at his loss; he helped many of his fellow students improve their communications and was a voice of wisdom among the coaches. We will miss him. My thoughts are with you.*

*Karla Saari Kitalong, Director of Writing Programs, Michigan Tech*

**Karla Kitalong** - December 16, 2014 at 03:57 PM

K-

“ My condolences to Luke's family. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him at the Multiliteracies Center at Michigan Tech. What a great, kind individual. Keeping the family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.

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K- - December 05, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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Amy Lang - December 03, 2014 at 05:45 PM

KS

“ Amy-I am so sorry for your incredible loss of your son. I can't even begin to imagine the pain and sorrow you are experiencing. I do see that he and your family love Jesus so I am praying that God wraps His arms around you and gives you the peace that passes all understanding during this time. Kim (nurse in Geriatrics)

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Kim Smith - December 03, 2014 at 12:38 PM

ND

“ Keith – I just learned of Luke's passing. Know that you, Amy, and Tim are in our thoughts and prayers. My whole family and church will be lifting you and your family up in prayer.

*With deepest sympathy,  
Norm D'Amico and family*

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Norm D'Amico - December 03, 2014 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ Our deepest sympathy Keith, Amy, and Tim from the Bartow Family. Luke sounded like a wonderful, caring young man. We feel blessed we were able to hear the heartwarming stories shared about Luke. So terribly sorry for your loss and please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Love, Mark, Marlie, and Matthew

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**Marlie Bartow** - December 03, 2014 at 09:49 AM

CD

“ Keith, I am deeply saddened by the loss of your son, Luke. I hope that, while there is nothing I can really say to help, there will be a sense of healing and fond memories in the future. I remember long ago when Luke and Tim were little how proud you were of them. I can only imagine that how the years stitched them into your heart. Peace. -Chris Domin

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**chris domin** - December 02, 2014 at 05:55 PM

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“ December 02, 2014

*Today is going to be a bit tough. First, I have to proof read the death certificate and okay it. At some point, Officer Roth is bringing over Luke's phone and car keys that the police took originally. We haven't decided what to do about/with Luke's car. We know we can't give it to Tim. It is a very personalized vehicle. Luke fell asleep driving and crashed into a semi-truck on I-94 last spring. He was driving in the left lane and the semi was in the right lane. Luke was unhurt, but the right side of his car was a mess. The engine was fine. With help from his Uncle Steve and friend Shane (plus Shane's wonderful grandmother), Luke pieced the car back together with junk yard parts – not all in the same color. Then, I got one of those special markers and wrote "Tis but a flesh wound" on the rear right passenger window. Then Luke wrote "I've 'ad worse" on the left rear passenger window.*



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**Amy Lang** - December 02, 2014 at 10:55 AM

DS

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Luke's passing. He was in my class this semester for the beginning of the semester, but decided to not continue with my course. He was very positive and asked many good questions, and demonstrated a genuine interest in learning. I am so sorry for you family's loss.*

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**David Shonnard** - December 01, 2014 at 09:53 PM

DN

“ I was saddened to learn of Luke's death. He was a member of the College Republicans at Michigan Tech. I am the Faculty adviser to that group. Dr. Paul A. Nelson, School of Business and Economics, Michigan Tech.

Dr. Paul A. Nelson - December 01, 2014 at 10:47 AM

RB

“ I am very saddened to hear of Luke's passing. He was a campus leader at WCC (I work in Student Activities) and is missed. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Rachel Barsch - December 01, 2014 at 08:45 AM

AD

“ I knew Luke through the IV skit team a few years back. He was very passionate and creative, along with an excellent voice for acting and singing. Even more than that, he was encouraging beyond belief. When he found out that my high school drama teacher was facing discouragement for one of his plays, Luke wrote a (very!) poetic message for me to forward to him. Luke loved Jesus and he loved people. He is missed here.

Abby Dillon - December 01, 2014 at 07:46 AM

 Megan Linski

“ Luke was always so nice to me at WCC. He always laughed at my jokes and threw in his own, and although we only talked face to face for a few months I considered him a good friend. I will miss him

Megan Linski - November 30, 2014 at 10:42 PM

TF

“ Keith, I was very saddened to read about your son Luke's passing. We will keep you and your entire family in our prayers.

*With our deepest sympathy,  
Tim Foster and Family*

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**Tim Foster** - November 30, 2014 at 08:54 PM

CJ

“ We are all very sad to hear about Luke's death. He is an angel now watching over you and all of us. We fondly remember being your neighbors on Shirley Street and we are glad that Jimmy and Luke had such fun playing together all those years! Remember when they would dress up as Army guys and run around the yard?

*We pray you will find peace in the coming days. The Jacksons -  
Jim, Cathy, Jimmy and Mary Kate*

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**Cathy Jackson** - November 30, 2014 at 06:59 PM

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“ Most sincere and most heartfelt condolences to the Lang Family from the Dispenzas! Jackie, Dominic, Tom, Joe and Pat all extend their thoughts, best wishes, love and prayers to you in your time of loss and grief.

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**Tom Dispenza (cousin)** - November 30, 2014 at 01:20 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear that. I miss seeing him @ Intervarsity Christian Fellowship in school.

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**Mark Grady** - November 30, 2014 at 08:52 AM

JL

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**Jennifer Lindner** - November 29, 2014 at 08:36 PM

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**Jennifer Lindner** - November 29, 2014 at 08:29 PM

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“ *Luke was a part of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at both Washtenaw Community College (Washtenaw Technical Middle College) and Michigan Tech. He led Bible studies at both schools. As a member of the Justice Team at MTU, he organized monthly bake sales to raise money for World Vision. While at Michigan Tech studying Bio-medical Engineering, he attended Evangel Baptist Church of Houghton. He also worked as a writing tutor at the Multi-literacies Center at MTU, and had done the same earlier at WCC's writing center.*

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**Amy Lang** - November 29, 2014 at 02:39 PM

“ Luke was good beyond belief. Maybe he was just too good for this world. Luke was extremely emotionally sensitive, not only for himself, but for others. He felt everything deeply, whether it was his own hurt or others’. He was so compassionate of others, from the time he was very small. Toward the end of his kindergarten year, we were at the school for an Easter story and the class and parent helpers were all outside. One of his classmates fell and skinned her knee badly and was sitting on a chair near the school door crying. Luke went up to her and said “Oh, Gloria, I wish it was me instead of you!” Many teachers would tell me that he had such a heart for people. One teacher told me that Luke was a swan among ducklings.

He was also a giver – he gave away his money and possessions without thought – to anyone. We used to get frustrated because we would buy this or that for him, and then find that he didn’t have whatever it was...he had given it away. When little brother Tim was born, I had him in a play pen. I caught Luke trying to heft a Tonka Dump Trunk into the play pen for Tim to play with! I had to keep a net over the play pen after that, to protect Tim from Luke’s generosity!

Luke insisted on asking Jesus to be his savior at age two. I was doing the story telling for a Backyard Bible Club. Luke was supposed to just be in childcare. When several of the kids wanted to pray with me to ask Jesus to be their savior, suddenly, there was Luke, too! I said, “Luke, what are you doing here?” He said, “I want to ask Jesus to be my savior, too.” What could I do? Say, “No, you’re too young?”

Luke loved to sing, and he had perfect pitch, according to his piano teacher, but he didn’t like to sing in front of people. He used to always sing in the shower, so beautifully. The kindergarten teacher told me that he used to sing in the bathroom that was between the kindergarten and first grade classrooms, and that they could hear him singing. At home, we used to sing “Up from the grave he arose” together quite a bit, especially around Easter time. His preschool teachers at Joyland preschool discovered that Luke could sing the whole thing through perfectly and were so astonished that they had

*him do it on stage for their annual show.*

*Luke walked and talked very early. When he was 18 mos. old, a speech pathologist told me that he had the grammar and vocabulary of a five year old. He loved to be read to. I could hardly get a thing done because as soon as we would finish one book, he would be back with another. No matter what I was doing, I would sit down on the floor with him right there – in the laundry room, in the kitchen, wherever, and read the book to him.*

*Luke was an early reader, not surprisingly, and completed the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis in the 4th grade. He also came to adore the Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien. He even learned some of the “Elvish” language Tolkien created for the books. In 5th grade, Luke played J.R.R. Tolkien as part of a historical talking wax museum show.*

*Luke loved animals. We had lots of them over the years. Of course, very special to him, is his own dog, Merry (named after a hobbit).*

*Two stories I want to tell, though: We had goats for about 5 years.*

*We also tended to have very bad mosquitos in our yard in the summers. One time, when the mosquitos were very bad, he took it upon himself to go out and use up an entire can of mosquito spray on the poor goats. I believe he also got the ducks and chickens.*

*During winter, we had to carry out buckets of hot water twice a day for the animals because the water would freeze. Luke thought dunking the ducks in the hot water would help warm them up. Poor ducks. They did survive, however.*

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**Amy Lang** - November 29, 2014 at 02:39 PM



*Thank you Amy for sharing these wonderful memories*

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**Miriam Kieft** - December 01, 2014 at 03:33 PM

TG

“ So sorry to hear about Luke. He was such a nice, gentle, fun guy. You all are in my prayers.

Tami Gibson - November 29, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ Amy, Keith, Tim, Ruth and Terry, so sorry to hear about Luke. I remember teaching him in Sunday School and Amy still have the magnet he gave to me as a Christmas gift on my refrigerator. What a tremendous loss. You are all in my prayers.

Miriam Kieft - November 29, 2014 at 12:17 AM

LG

“ Luke had a bright and hopeful personality and loved talking about Lord of the Rings. I got to know him because we were in the same dorm building at Michigan Tech. We led bible study together two years ago.

I am very sorry to hear of his passing.  
-Luke Grossmann

Luke Grossmann - November 28, 2014 at 12:44 PM

DB

“ I didn't know Luke but I knew Ruth and Terry. I just want to say how sorry I am to hear of your loss.

Diane Byrne - November 28, 2014 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luke J. Lang.*



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November 28, 2014 at 08:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luke J. Lang.*



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November 27, 2014 at 09:25 PM



“ *Sarah, Tim, Kali and Mckyle Selogic purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luke J. Lang.*



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**Sarah, Tim, Kali and Mckyle Selogic** - November 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your son's passing. Luke sounded like a wonderful young man, and he will be missed.*

*-Ginger Liemohn & family*

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**Ginger Liemohn** - November 27, 2014 at 03:46 PM

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**Amy L Lang** - November 27, 2014 at 03:32 PM

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**Amy L Lang** - November 27, 2014 at 03:28 PM

DD

“ *We were very saddened to hear of Luke's passing. Our thoughts and prayers to Amy, Keith, and Tim and to Terry and Ruth, and the rest of the family. Hugs to all.*

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**Debbie and Doug Dicks** - November 27, 2014 at 03:15 PM

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**Amy Lang** - November 27, 2014 at 02:52 PM

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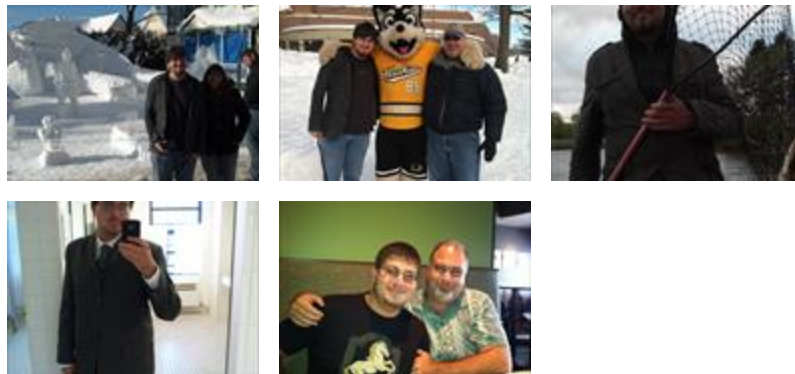


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**Amy Lang** - November 27, 2014 at 02:51 PM

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**Keith Lang** - November 27, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Luke J. Lang*.



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November 27, 2014 at 01:06 PM

CA

“ *Cassandra lit a candle in memory of Luke J. Lang*



Cassandra - November 27, 2014 at 01:02 PM

TF

“ *Our hearts are overwhelmed with sadness for your family, we will always remember Luke as kind and gentle hearted. His compassion for Hudson when he was injured on your trampoline has always stayed with us. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!*

Tana, Phil, and family - November 27, 2014 at 11:06 AM

RG

*We are praying for you in this tremendous time of grief.*

Regina, Ron and Rebekah Gable - November 27, 2014 at 08:31 PM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Luke J. Lang.*



November 26, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luke J. Lang.* ”



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November 26, 2014 at 02:09 PM