



## Sawyer Reed Kivari

August 17, 1993 - January 14, 2017

Sawyer Reed Kivari, age 23, of Holly, died Sat. Jan. 14, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wed. Jan. 18, 2017 at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 34100 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Burial will be in Beebe Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Tues. at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Sawyer was born in Commerce Township on Aug. 17, 1993. He was known for his positive attitude and determination. He worked at the Highland McDonalds where he had many dear friends. Surviving are His mother Jana Kivari; father Andrew Kivari; 13 siblings, Hans (Melinda), Hali, Levi (Alyssa) Lars (fiancée Michelle), Kaci, Jessi, Lexi, Rylea, Jady, Jaryn, Kade, Riana, and Silas; grandmother Lillian Hermanson; uncle Mike (Maria) Hermanson; cousins Daeya and Lyric; dear aunt Annie (Mario); and dear friend Anthony Konas. He will be missed by all. Memorial donations may be given to the family. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Beebe Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church  
34100 8 Mile Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

# Tribute Wall

JM

“Sawyer was a bit old man in a teenage body. He had a sly grin and wit to match. "A pleasure to have in class," as the report cards used to say.

Josh McCreedy - January 23, 2017 at 07:50 PM

CC

“Thinking of the Kivari family and the loss of Sawyer. What a fun and cheerful young man! Glad I got to know him.

Christine Cherry - January 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM

TP

“Our love and prayers are with you Jana and Andy throughout this heart breaking time. We met Sawyer when school (kindergarten) started. He was always the sweetest boy with all the sisters and brothers. Glad we had each other on all those field trips 😊 Our prayers are so with your family. Anything you need, please let us know!

thais peck - January 19, 2017 at 07:33 PM

Jami Venie

“Jana and family. I just found out, and I am so sorry. Sawyer will be missed by many, he was loved by all who came into contact with him. Always smiling and there to lend a hand. Your family is so strong, and I know you will get through this trying time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Jami Venie - January 19, 2017 at 02:01 PM

DM

“ Dear Hans and Kivari Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I met Sawyer when I worked at Middle school. He was always happy and had a refreshing spirit. I pray your faith and happy memories of him bring you comfort in this difficult time.

*Denise Morris (Mallory and Lindsay's Mom)*

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**Denise Morris** - January 18, 2017 at 08:48 PM

LD

“ Dear Kivari, You have been in my thoughts and my prayers through this tough time. Whenever I was around Sawyer I always had a smile on my face and he always had me laughing and anyone around laughing. It was always clear to see how much joy he brought to those around him. He had the biggest heart and truest spirit out of anyone I've ever met. I am terribly sorry for your loss, Sawyer will be greatly missed and always in our hearts! Your family is in my thoughts and much love and prayers sent your way.

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**Lisa Deschaine** - January 18, 2017 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ Dear Andy & Kivari Family,  
My heart goes out to you in this difficult time. I am sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.

*Matt Belko*

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**Matthew Belko** - January 18, 2017 at 11:07 AM

LH

“ Sawyer was a great guy! Very shocked when i heard about this. I remember seeing him in school and playing tennis with him for a few years. Always had a positive and great attitude. He will for sure be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to the kivari family.

Larry hilbert

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**larry hilbert** - January 18, 2017 at 01:25 AM

KR

“ Dear Kivari Family,  
Our hearts are with you. We have many great memories of Sawyer in scouts, school and the times that Tyler came over to hang out. He really had the best sense of humor! He will be deeply missed. We pray for peace for you.

Love, The Krueger Family

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**Krueger's** - January 17, 2017 at 06:49 PM

KE

“ The Kivari family often visited DQ in Holly while I was employed there. Watching Sawyer help his mom with all his siblings was truly something to see. You could just see his kind, silly and compassionate nature. I am so sorry for your loss. Sawyer will be missed by so many.

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**Kendra** - January 17, 2017 at 06:39 PM

FI

“ Full Circle Communities, Inc. purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



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**Full Circle Communities, Inc.** - January 17, 2017 at 05:19 PM

AH

“ *Such a neat guy! I had Sawyer in my World Literature class at the high school, and every day was fun with Sawyer. I have a plastic crown that Sawyer would grab and wear most days, just like he owned the world! I'm sure that heaven will be a much livelier place now that Sawyer is there!*

Amy Jo Hughes - January 17, 2017 at 03:19 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Afnan Sweidan and Staff purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



Dr. Afnan Sweidan and Staff - January 17, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *My life is that much better because I had the privilege to know Sawyer! He never failed to make me smile and brought joy to those that surrounded him. I am sorry for your loss and hope you can find comfort in the positive impact he left on everyone he met.*

Rachael Hubbard - January 17, 2017 at 01:20 PM

TL

“ *Andy*

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*The staff of The Chicago Lighthouse*

Terry Longo - January 17, 2017 at 12:09 PM

GF

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Sawyer. Our Prayers are with you all.

Greenleaf Family - January 17, 2017 at 11:58 AM

EC

“ Sawyer is such an awesome person! His outgoing personality, empathy for others, and ability to roll with the challenges of life made him a favorite of not only his teachers, but also his peers. Each time we had the opportunity to talk with Sawyer we found ourselves laughing and enjoying the conversation. All of us who had the opportunity to have Sawyer pass through our lives are better off because of it. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kivari family during this difficult time.

-The Curl Family

Eric Curl - January 17, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



January 17, 2017 at 10:37 AM

FK

“ Our hearts are broken. Sawyer was sunshine. He entertained Troy and I at many swim meets and tennis matches with his wit and charm. We loved the times he and his brothers spent at our house with the boys, such fun to be around. We all loved him and will miss him. Each of you have been in our thoughts and prayers that God will bless you with his love and give you strength. All our love and prayers, the Knight family

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**Fawn Knight** - January 17, 2017 at 10:09 AM

AF

“ Kade and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Sawyer. You are in the thoughts of the entire swim team.  
Ella Althaver and family

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**Althaver Family** - January 17, 2017 at 05:37 AM

LH

“ My condolences to the Kivari family. I have only recently come to know some of the family members through Rose Pioneer and I am greatly saddened for you all. Such nice people!

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**Lisa Hill** - January 16, 2017 at 09:45 PM

LM

“ My memories of Sawyer include lots of rides to and from play practice and non-stop goofiness. I've never known someone so outgoing and vibrant. Of course, everyone in Holly knows the Kivari family, but Sawyer made a great impression on the community in his own right. My heart goes out to you, my former neighbors.

Peace and love,  
Leanne Ma

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**Leanne Ma** - January 16, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Such sad news. I was never fortunate enough to have Sawyer in my class but I have had other Kivari children. All the teachers wanted to have the next Kivari coming to their grade level. The whole family is amazing! I remember that no matter what challenges Sawyer was handed, he maintained a sense of humor and confidence. He will be missed. My heart goes out to this remarkable family.*

*Ms. Graham, formally Rose Pioneer teacher, now Patterson 2nd grade.*

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**Jan Graham** - January 16, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



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January 16, 2017 at 03:58 PM



“ *Blake purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



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**Blake** - January 16, 2017 at 03:56 PM

FI

“ *From All of Us at ThermoAnalytics, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



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**From All of Us at ThermoAnalytics, Inc.** - January 16, 2017 at 02:37 PM

TK

“ *We only met Sawyer once on a weekend trip to Chicago last June. He left a lasting impression on us. Our nephew Chris has lost a great friend and heaven has gained an angel. Sawyer may you rest in peace. Tom & Jane Kowal*

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**Thomas J. Kowal** - January 16, 2017 at 12:45 PM

CA

“ *My heart is breaking right now. I go thru the drive thru at McDonlads several times a week. Always so kind and smiling. Would joke with him every time when he would repeat my order to me. When he would ask me if there was anything else I would tell him he forgot the million dollars I ordered. And he would laugh. Such a sweet and kind young man. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. RIP Sweet Sawyer. To all his family and friends I am so so sorry for you loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
One of his regular customers  
Cathy*

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**catherine** - January 16, 2017 at 11:59 AM

MH

“ Mark and Rose Housty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



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**Mark and Rose Housty** - January 16, 2017 at 11:48 AM

MB

“ Sawyer and the entire Kivari family are such an important part of Rose Pioneer and Holly Area Schools. His gentle caring and kindness toward our young students was inspirational to observe. I am going to miss his smile, sense of humor and positive influence on our school. On behalf of the entire Rose Pioneer staff and students, our heartfelt condolences go out to the Kivari family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Michael Beattie** - January 16, 2017 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ Sawyer was huge! A ray of sunshine in every single life he touched. I have no doubt that he has reached his heavenly home and is happily in the arms of Jesus. I hope I can join you someday "tex".

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**Dave** - January 16, 2017 at 11:42 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**The Carroll Family** - January 16, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



January 16, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Our hearts ache for you, dear family. Sawyer has such a big presence of love, happiness, care, and a huge sense of humor. He gave us so many smiles over the years. He was so easy to give hugs. There will feel a tremendous hole, for us too. We miss him so much. We will continue to pray that God give you strength for the days ahead. God be with you.*

**S Watson** - January 16, 2017 at 08:22 AM



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**Pamela Arient** - January 16, 2017 at 12:46 AM



*R.i.p.*

**grandsma Carol** - January 16, 2017 at 04:41 PM

LR

“ Sawyer will be so missed! He was such a gentle soul & always had such a positive attitude. And he was so funny! I remember him always helping out in the kitchen when I'd be there. We had a lot of good laughs! Praying God will give you strength in the days ahead. Wish we could be there to give you all a hug but we are there in spirit.  
We love you all, Todd & Linda

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**Linda Redinger** - January 15, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



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January 15, 2017 at 07:46 PM

LW

“ Love and Prayers , Larry and Jeannie Walker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



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**Love and Prayers , Larry and Jeannie Walker** - January 15, 2017 at 07:18 PM

JW

“ Sawyer is such an amazing person. He always made me smile, made me laugh and inspired me with his amazing attitude towards life. It breaks my heart to know he's gone but I know he is with the Lord and is safe and at peace. I'm praying for comfort for you, Kivari family!

Jenna Rae Walker - January 15, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



January 15, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Sawyer and my son Justin went to school together from preschool to graduation. He will be dearly missed!



Marti Bunner - January 15, 2017 at 06:24 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss! Great kid and such a wonderful family! God bless your family through this most difficult time.



Stephen Ghostley - January 15, 2017 at 05:28 PM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you all.

The Gauthiers - January 15, 2017 at 05:09 PM

BN

“ My thoughts are with all of the Kivari family during this difficult time.

Barb Nunnold - January 15, 2017 at 03:16 PM

DE

“ RIP Sawyer your smile and upbeat personality always brightened my day.

May you run with the angels in paradise

Doug Ellis - January 15, 2017 at 02:37 PM

MO

“ I was Sawyer's 7th grade math teacher. I also remember him in Mrs. Bower's art class, my twin sons were in the "parent/child" art class too! What an inspirational guy!! Such a spark of fun, love, and happiness!! I looked forward to seeing him and enjoying his lively personality every day!! Heaven sure has gained an angel!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!

MaryJo Owen - January 15, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



January 15, 2017 at 12:53 PM

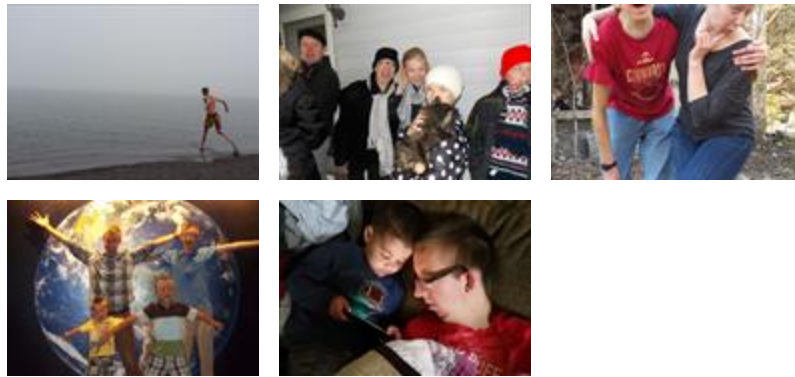
MF

“ I'm sending love and prayers to the Kivari family during this difficult time. I looked forward to seeing Sawyer's smile and hearing his amusing anecdotes each day at school. What a truly beautiful soul! I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Melissa Fromm** - January 15, 2017 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ 9 files added to the album Sawyer Reed



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**The Kivari Family** - January 15, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



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January 15, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ Sawyer was an amazing guy; always upbeat and positive. He was a joy to have in class, and a joy to watch interact with his friends. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**David Stanley** - January 15, 2017 at 08:45 AM

MC

“ I only knew Sawyer from when he would drop Violet off at Story Hour each week. He was so kind and caring with her. I am so sorry for your loss.

Margaret Crockett - January 15, 2017 at 08:01 AM

KB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss! We are praying for all of you as you remember Sawyer!  
--- Karen and Michael Brody, LPTAC

Karen Brody - January 15, 2017 at 06:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.



January 15, 2017 at 02:12 AM

MM

“ I was Sawyer's Kindergarten teacher. Then I became his Gym teacher. I loved Sawyer's personality, humor, kindness, and enthusiasm! He'd often ask me what physical challenge he could do to earn a candy. Even years later, he'd visit me in the gym and ask for a challenge. He loved earning a candy. We lost a one of a kind gentle young man. Heaven gained an angel. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, & all who loved him. 💙

Mrs. Medor - January 14, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



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January 14, 2017 at 10:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sawyer Reed Kivari.*



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January 14, 2017 at 09:13 PM



“ *I remember having classes with you in both middle/high school didn't know you that well. But what I remember you were very nice. Ready easy*

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**bethany williams** - January 14, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss praying for you all i used to be his manager i loved him to pieces he always made everyone smile with his jokes and always had a positive attitude.*

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**Ruthann smith** - January 14, 2017 at 08:20 PM