



Kevin Matthew Tillotson

December 1, 1967 - March 10, 2021

ADRIAN- Kevin Matthew Tillotson, 53 of Adrian, passed away at his home Wednesday, March 10, 2021, under the loving care of his family.

He was born December 1, 1967, in Adrian, the youngest son of Ralph and Virginia (Pate) Tillotson. He graduated from Lenawee Porter Center and attended Lenawee Vo-Tech. Kevin was a confirmed member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Kevin's first job out of school was at Taco Bell. He then worked at Country Market for 23 years. He was a big part of Tillotson Auctioneer Team and Tillotson Fruit and Vegetable stands.

Kevin's greatest joy was his family. He loved family parties and get togethers. He was blessed with two exceptional brothers who took him everywhere with their friends, Herbie, Matt, Adam, Dean, Tim, Kevin B. and Scott. For many years he had two special cousins, Lori and Arron, who visited from Florida to spend summer on the farm. They enjoyed roller skating, 4-H softball, movies and swimming after chores were done which included walking sheep for two hours each day.

Kevin was an avid sports fan of U of M Football, Duke Basketball, Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Tigers. Michigan football was #1. He loved an annual

game at the Big House and had the opportunity to go in the locker rooms and run out through the tunnel. He attended Detroit Tiger games and had the thrill of being given a ball by Reggie Jackson. Unfortunately, Reggie was kicked out of the game and was not able to sign the ball. Kevin played 4-H softball for 8 years. He was a great supporter of his nieces and nephews attending their basketball, football, volleyball and baseball games.

A couple of Kevin's greatest passions were the Lenawee County Fair and the Lenawee County 4-H Programs. He showed lambs, steers and swine at the fair and was proud of his grand champion lamb. He loved attending the livestock shows and helping his nieces and nephews with their animals. Kevin considered the 4-H members a part of his family.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Mark (Sandy) Tillotson and Keith (Lynette) Tillotson; and nieces and nephews: Amanda Brooks, Chelsea Shadewald, Jacob Tillotson, Kyle Tillotson, Ashley Kissell, Carly Penterics and Clint Tillotson.

Due to Covid 19 the funeral service will be private. A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Kevin's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com, beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021. Family and friends are welcome at a graveside service at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Oakwood Cemetery. To honor Kevin, please wear your favorite sports team attire.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Kevin may be directed to Hospice of Lenawee or Lenawee County 4-H for special livestock projects. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Kevin Matthew Tillotson*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 12:01 PM

BG

Thank You Pastor Keller for the kind words - Kevin was very special to us all and like you said always had a smile for everyone. RIP Kevin.

Barbara K Gatt - March 13, 2021 at 11:34 AM

BE

Beautiful send off for Kevin. May God keep his arms wrapped around the Tillotson family and friends. ////////////////sincere thoughts and prayers, Brenda Etter

Brenda Etter - March 13, 2021 at 12:12 PM

KC

I just heard of Kevin's passing. He was a classmate of my brother David. Sending my condolences from the Cavasos family to the Tillotson family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Kristina Cavasos

Kristina Cavasos - March 18, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Kevin Matthew Tillotson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

KC

“ Kevin was a classmate of my brother David. Their school would sometimes have a family skate nite and we would attend. Once while skating Kevin pretended to fall in front of me. As I stopped to help him up he kept hold of my hand and would not let it go as we skated hand in hand. So funny! He will be missed.

Kristina Cavasos - March 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ I only knew Kevin from Country Market, But he was always nice ,Asked if you needed help getting your stuff out to the car,was a very nice man,I was very shocked when I seen his picture in the paper ,God got a Wonderful Angel there !!! Condolences to the family.



Cheryl Lavigne - March 15, 2021 at 03:59 AM

SD

“ To Kevin's Family -

We were so sad to learn of Kevin's passing. He was truly a unique, funny, loving person who touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with, including mine.

I met Kevin when I was in High School. I worked on the family farm with his two brothers, Mark and Keith. Immediately, Kevin and I became great friends. We both loved to joke with each other over everything. He loved playing cards and would beat me allot. I even tried cheating to win, and he would still beat me! He loved to play table tennis and would beat me at that too. I tried telling him that I was the champion and he would giggle at me and say "No, No, you are Not". These are the memories I hold dear. In later years, when we would see him he would always remind me of one of his favorite memories. "Remember Scott, when you stayed over and caught those two guys that were throwing some bales off the wagon and getting into other things on the farm?". "We went out and tackled them", Kevin said, "You got them Scott!". "Yes, I did Kevin", I said. He face grinned with excitement. Other times when we would see Kevin he would always ask me "How's the wife doing Scott?". I always replied, "I'm getting rid of her (joking)", and he would quickly say, "NO, NO Scott". He would always ask about our children too. I would tell him that I'm giving the kids to him too and he would say, "No, No, Scott", followed with his big grin.

The Tillotson family is my second family. I am forever thankful for them and the impact that they all made in my life. I am thankful for Kevin and the bond that we shared. Having a friend like Kevin made me a better person. He always saw the good in life, always smiling. I want to thank you all for sharing Kevin with us. He was truly a gift to those he met and we are all better for knowing him. He accepted all as a friend and always saw the good in everyone. He opened his heart with his grin and giggles. Oh, how the world could take a lesson from him. He has a forever spot in our hearts and we will miss him very much.

Wishing you all peace and much love.

*Love from,
The Dusseau Family
Scott, Debbie and kids*

Scott and Deborah Dusseau - March 13, 2021 at 11:01 AM

KS

“ *I have a lot of memories of Kevin, the most important ones are Porter Center, and fair times. He loved the fair! He sure was a friendly guy to so many people.*

Kelly Seidl - March 13, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CD

“ *Truly we All have Fun Memories of Kevin!! One of My favorites was when Ginny & I would pick him up from work after a Mustang convertible ride. . . . He would jump in the back seat, spread both arms across side-to-side with a Giant Smile like he was in a parade!!! & Luvd every minute of HIS ride!!! And of course another one is that He NEVER let me leave the store with my own groceries no matter how few bags I might have. He was Verrrry Special & so is His Family❤️*

Cheryl & Norm Diver - March 13, 2021 at 09:47 AM

KD

“ *Ralph, Ginny and Family: Our hearts are very sad at this difficult time. Kevin was a great guy, a joy to everyone he met and a joy to be around. A loving friend. With sincere heartfelt sympathy.*

Marvin & Karen

Karen Dayss - March 13, 2021 at 09:46 AM

PC

“ A wonderful young man to know and be neighbors to all his life . I'm so proud of the obstacles he over came . He was amazing as I watched him grow up . From the time he came by with his dad when he was young and his dad ask him how much money would a certain amount of muskmelon be worth and Kevin figured in his head in a flash correctly . I enjoyed working with Kevin and his brothers over the years . I know he will be greatly missed .

Paul Cook - March 12, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SR

“ I have wonderful fair memories of Kevin and your entire family. He touch the lives of so many people. You are all in my prayers.

Shirley Rebottaro-Houle - March 12, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ After I told Kevin I knew his dad he would always spar teasingly with me at the market. Grocery shopping will not be the same. It makes me feel warm inside to have known him.

Orrin Gregg

Orrin Gregg - March 12, 2021 at 06:47 PM

JK

“ The Lenawee community was enriched by Kevin’s presence. As a friend of a friend, he made me feel welcome as I returned here to my hometown to pursue ministry. The warmth and kindness he exuded most certainly touched hundreds of people directly and many more beyond who carried that spirit of God’s love forward in their lives. I thank God for the gift of knowing you, Kevin. Along with your family, my wife and I mourn your passing.



Rev. John & Fran Kottke

John & Fran Kottke - March 12, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.



March 12, 2021 at 03:32 PM

EN

“ I always enjoyed talking to Kevin. He always made me smile. I would like to extend my sympathy to his family. Prayers for all.

Ella Noel - March 12, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JO

“ Kevin was a great person and he was one of my students at Porter Education Center for many years. Warm wishes, Jan Osworth

Jan Osworth - March 12, 2021 at 11:34 AM

HL

“ Yes, lucky to be the “herbie” in Kevin’s world - To the Tillotsons, Virginia, Ralph, Mark, Keith and Kevin, my second family whom I will always treasure and love. There is not a time in my day that when I think of Michigan, I do not think of all of you and Kevin. Kevin was a like a brother and constant in my life. From my summers when I would show back up to the farm, Kevin would take great pride in showing me how to re-do the chores, including his chores and laugh about it. To later in life, when returning to home, upon a visit to Virginia and Ralph’s I could count on Kevin for -- a shout of “herbie”, my hug, constant questions about why could I not fix the Dallas Cowboys, asking about my kids, when was I moving home and taking a ride in his four wheeler with his laugh. All of my favorite things about Kevin, which I will miss. Kevin you will be missed but never forgotten. Thanks, Kevin for my picture, the memories and just you. Rest in peace, my friend and brother.

herbie (the Linders) - March 12, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JU

“ I didn’t know Kevin personally, but was very familiar with him. I saw him many, many times at auctions, and so, so many times at Country Market. What a sweet, kind, hard working young man. Sending prayers to the family for comfort and healing.....I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Kevin.

Judie - March 12, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.



March 12, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.



March 12, 2021 at 09:06 AM

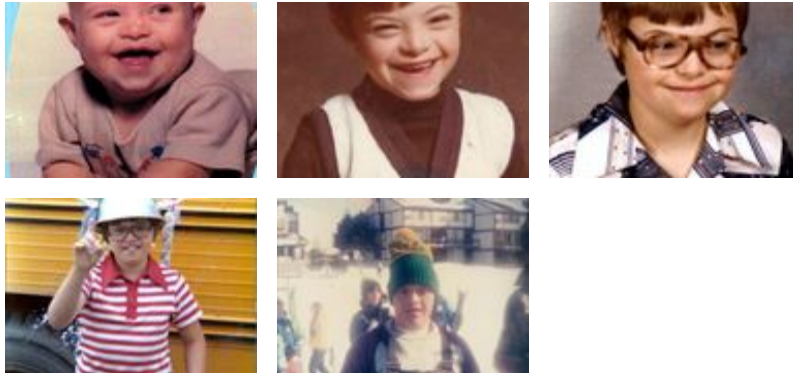


“ *I will always remember the love of U of M football Kevin had. It didn't matter what time of year it was he would always ask me what I thought there record would be for the up coming season and who I thought would be the starting QB should be. I will miss our talks of football and his reminder to me that I was older then him. He will be missed by all who knew him.*
Thoughts and prayer to his whole family.

Jay Roback - March 11, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 11, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Kevin's bright cheery face is forever lodged in my mind. I loved seeing him regularly at Country Market. We are so sad to learn of his passing but know he is at home above.*

David Guldin - March 11, 2021 at 04:48 PM

PJ

“ *Ralph my condolences to you and your family, may the Lord comfort you and your family as he welcomes your son.*
Pete Jancek

Pete Jancek - March 11, 2021 at 03:53 PM

CS

“ *What words can be said at a time like this. Ralph & Ginny and the Tillotson family know that you are in the Smith family's Prayers. May the hand of GOD be on you and yours now and always.*

*Cletus & Willie Smith
Sun City Center, Fl.*

Cletus Smith - March 11, 2021 at 03:06 PM

TB

“ *Mr & Mrs Tillotson, Kevin was a wonderful and funny person, you taught him kindness and laughter and he sure did know his sports knowledge as well, had many fun times at the fair with Kevin, he will be dearly missed. Sheriff Troy Bevier and wife Sally*

Troy & Sally Bevier - March 11, 2021 at 02:52 PM

SB

“ *Sally Bevier lit a candle in memory of Kevin
Matthew Tillotson*



Sally Bevier - March 11, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.*



March 11, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DD

“ *Ralph, I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that you and your family find peace during this difficult time. There is no greater pain on earth than the loss of a child. May God be with you.*



*Dana Darrow
(CMHPSM Accountant)*

Dana Darrow - March 11, 2021 at 10:24 AM

LS

“ *I worked with Kevin for many years at Country Market on S. Main St. He was always willing to help wherever he could. Very kind and funny, and loved his family immensely! He will be missed! My Kevy!*

Lois Sower - March 11, 2021 at 09:24 AM

BB

“ *I helped them on the farm and helped deliver produce to the stands and Kevin would ride along .He would always want to stop at speedway or 7/11 for a hot dog with mustard on it and i said you need ketchup on too and he would say NO way .He will be missed by many .Our thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family Bill & Donna Bailey*

bill bailey - March 11, 2021 at 08:59 AM

 Matt
Frye

“ *Kevin is blessing to all. He taught me that a cheerful sprite defines you above all else. He always made me laugh. A true child of God*

Matt Frye - March 11, 2021 at 07:10 AM

DS

“ our families deepest sympathies for your loss and the loss of such a special person. I will forever cherish the memories watching baseball talking with Kevin about his fantasy baseball team and listen to him talk with his dad.

kindest regards

the Stimpson family

David Stimpson - March 10, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JP

“ The Plum family wants to offer their condolences to the Tillotson family. We are sorry for your loss. He was such an outstanding man. He will be missed.

Jeffrey R. Plum - March 10, 2021 at 08:58 PM

LP

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Kevins passing. He was a shining star whenever we saw him. Prayers for peace to you all. The Poet Family. Rob, Lynda and family

Lynda Poet - March 10, 2021 at 08:48 PM

JG

“ Kevin was a great person , he would always say hi to my Mom and I when I took her grocery shopping . He was so very sweet when I would see him at my table at the AHS sporting events over the years asking how my mom or dad was and after their passing he would tell me sorry . My family and I were so blessed to be involved in 4 - H with the Tillotson family as well as neighbors down the road for over fifty years . My heart goes out to all of you - Kevin was a wonderful person and he will be missed . Sincerely, Jan BallGossman

Jan Gossman - March 10, 2021 at 08:10 PM

BG

“ So sorry to hear of Kevin passing away! He was such a sweetheart to all whom knew him and will be deeply missed by all. I really enjoyed him at Country Market because he was the only one who knew how to bag the groceries for you. I always told him he should teach the other baggers. Hugs to you Ginny and Ralph along with the rest of the family as you lost a very special young man.



Barbara K Gatt - March 10, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CN

“ "There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone - the light remains" Unkown

*This was Kevin. David & I extend our deepest sympathy to you, his family, and his many, many friends. He will be forever missed.
Carolyn & David Noel*

Carolyn Noel - March 10, 2021 at 07:03 PM

CC

“ Do many wonderful memories of Kevin being a huge part of the 4-H program...he did love his animals and was always there to lend a hand to others.. God bless him and his family..love and prayers to you all.

Cathy clement - March 10, 2021 at 06:37 PM

KS

“ *Kevin & Wendy Stange*
Kevin will be greatly missed. We are all better for knowing him. All the fun we had with him from playing cards to picking on him. Growing up with him he always put a smile on my face when I seen him.He was always a true friend as only Kevin could be.I used to tease him about being the undercover boss at Country Market. He will be missed,rest in pease my friend

Kevin & Wendy Stange - March 10, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.*



March 10, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Matthew Tillotson.*



March 10, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MN

“ Kevin was one of the kindest souls I've ever come across. I never encountered Kevin without him asking "Where's the boss?" (To which I always replied "I'm the boss!" and he'd shake his head). He certainly made the world a better place.

Makena (Schultz) Neal - March 10, 2021 at 05:28 PM

RK

“ My deepest condolences. I knew of Kevin from growing up on the same road in Adrian and also from attending so many of his Father's auctions that Kevin worked. Such a kind and caring gentleman. Deeply saddened to hear of his passing, but the Lord has certainly gained a good one. Rest In Peace.

Rob Kast - March 10, 2021 at 04:55 PM

SF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Ginny, Ralph and family. Whenever I saw Kevin he was so friendly and loved to tease. He was a good guy.
Blessings Sue Fuss

Sue Fuss - March 10, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ I've never been happier to lose - especially in the Grand Drive - as when Kevin beat me out for Champion Lamb!! Well deserved and it was the first thing I thought of when I heard this news. I was touched that this memory was one of his favorites as well.

Thoughts and prayers to all of Kevin's family and friends (too many to list here!). He was well-loved for sure!

Jodi (Jackson) Sterle

Jodi Sterle - March 10, 2021 at 04:22 PM

GR

“ Dearest Tillotson Family. It breaks my heart to hear the news. My deepest condolences to each of you. May our Fathers arms embrace you as you begin this healing journey. You will be kept in prayer. I can't tell you how many amazing memories I have of Kevin. He always had a way to make my heart smile. Much much love to each of you!

Genu Rebottaro - March 10, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SC

“ So very sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. He was a really sweet guy and was always so friendly with everyone he encountered. My heart goes out to all of you.

Stacy Carpenter - March 10, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ I always loved talking Adrian sports with Kevin both at the games and the store, He will be missed

Jeff Bowman - March 10, 2021 at 03:24 PM

CH

“ Oh my goodness, what a kind and loving man. Kevin always had a cheerful word for you and always asked how YOU were. I have fond memories of being his camp director after graduating from WMU and student teaching in his classroom. He loved our field trip to Tiger Stadium and talked the whole way there and back to George Edison! His kindest act occured when our barns burned to the ground on Thanksgiving Day over 25 years ago. He sent a note and \$10 (I believe) to my dad. He was so touched. He saved that bill and the card. Kevin was just that kind of a guy. He'll be so missed. Prayers, hugs and blessings.
Cindy Swift Howard

Cindy Swift Howard - March 10, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LP

My heartfelt condolences. I always enjoyed visiting with Kevin. He was an amazing young man. Prayers for your family ! Lona and Carey Pettit.

Lona Pettit - March 10, 2021 at 04:32 PM



My heart goes out to the entire Tillotson family. I remember Kevin when he was younger, during my years as a Round Top 4-H member. From the Fair, to softball games coached by Ginny, to the help in raising my one and only steer, Beef King and Queen contests, Sausage Suppers and so many more memories, Kevin was always there with a smile and an offer to help! He was a very special person with a big heart. I pray that God will surround your family with love.

Cheryl Cochran Halfacer

Cheryl Halfacer - March 13, 2021 at 01:16 AM

AS

“ *So sorry to hear of Kevin’s passing. Kevin was always loved by the Schroeder family and will hold a special place in our hearts! Our mom - Ardyth and dad - Frank will welcome Kevin with open arms into heaven now! God bless!*

Aubrey Schroeder - March 10, 2021 at 02:39 PM

WR

“ *Too many fond memories but one especially Kevin always made a point to seek you out wherever we may be to chat with us! We always ended the conversation with "Go Blue" from him and our response was "Go Green"! He would shake his head and walk away smiling!*

Wayne/Karen Roback - March 10, 2021 at 02:34 PM

AM

I Love Kevin Like a Brother to me he became my closest friend at all? Store went to court in rocket store on Miami Street I am truly happy he was my best friend there we bought it for over 15 years I am greatly said I wanna Miss Kevin he is truly my best friend in the world

Amandabuie - March 10, 2021 at 04:38 PM

AM

I'm so happy I was friends with Kevin at all Country Market store on Main Street and he will see my best friend ever since then and then we were together for over 1315 years Heather for Shavon and we came in the other country record store together I'm really gonna miss my best friend in the world

Amandabuie - March 10, 2021 at 04:39 PM

KM

I always looked forward to seeing Kevin at Country Market. He was always smiling and helpful. My sons were in 4-H several years also and I would sit with Kevin while viewing the lambs showing of my younger son. My older son has DS also but is lower functioning so Kevin would talk to me and even ask me when he needed help with some stats or names. He is indeed spending his time now as a citizen of heaven where my son will join him when it is his time. The song "When We All Get To Heaven" comes to mind ! What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Kathy Merillat - March 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM