



## Michael E. Aldrich

August 4, 1999 - October 6, 2021

Our brave young man, Michael Eugene Aldrich, died Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at his home in Traverse City. He fought the tough battle in dealing with bi-polar disorder, which can be as deadly as heart disease or cancer, affecting one's mind and mental outlook. We have chosen honesty in disclosing the cause of Michael's death in hopes that it may serve as a wake-up call, which could save others affected by mental illness.

Michael was born on August 4, 1999, in the Chicago area. He moved to northern Michigan at the age of 5 and graduated from Traverse City Central High School. He enjoyed writing, cooking, catching fish, and composing his own music.

In his tragic death, he leaves behind his loving fiancée Lydia Grace O'Hearn and their beautiful one-year old son, Eugene Kaye Aldrich, as well as devoted father David Charles Aldrich and his wife Lynda May Aldrich. Michael is also survived by his three sisters, Elena Katherine Aldrich, Nina Michelle Orzolek and Nicole "Nikki" Marie Thornton, as well as Grandmother Evone Marie Aldrich and his Aldrich family aunts and uncles including Larry, Annette, Gary, Tony, Pat, Sue, Barb, Mark and Johnny.

Michael now joins family members who have preceded him in death including his mother Lucille (Cooky) Knight and Grandfather Eugene Herbert Aldrich who have undoubtedly welcomed Michael into the Lord's Heavenly Kingdom.

Michael will be missed dearly, and forever remembered for his beautiful soul, charismatic charm, his amazing wisdom, and intelligence.

Funeral arrangements have been made through the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home for Wednesday, October 13, 2021, with a special Mass for Michael at Immaculate Conception Church 11 a.m. Wednesday morning.

If you, or someone you know is suffering from mental illness, don't lose hope. Mental illness IS treatable. Please contact the National Alliance of Mental Illness in Traverse City

for help.

# Events

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**OCT 12 Visitation for Family and Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**OCT 13 Visitation for Family and Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**OCT 13 Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Michael was (is) my fiancé and the father of our one year old son. He was the very light of my life and the reason I was happy to wake up each day. His death has been the biggest tragedy imaginable, but Reynolds-Jonkhoff did such an amazing job accommodating our requests and being ever so kind and comforting!

Lydia O'Hearn - October 27 at 11:39 PM

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“ So sorry for your family's enormous loss. Thank you for opening your hearts at this very difficult time. Sending up a prayer for peace in the hearts of all who knew Michael.

jennifer szunko - October 13 at 01:24 PM

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“ I want to thank Michael's family for their honesty regarding his mental health. The only way to remove the stigma is by being courageous and sharing the pain. So sorry for your loss. Cynthia Edmonson

cynthia edmonson - October 13 at 08:16 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of training Micheal aka lil Mikey to cook at Bubbas . We always had a blast working mornings and slugging eggs ! He listened to some really cool music and even opened my mind to some jazz ! He always made me laugh he was definitely an old soul he will be dearly missed !



Amyanna Barngraff - October 12 at 10:54 PM

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“ The first time I got to meet Michael was at our home in Augres, Mi. He shared with me his love for fishing and enjoyed fishing in the AuGres River. If he wasn't doing that he was playing basketball with his Dad. We had a great time eating. Playing games, and having a fun day. Michael will be missed. Love Great Grandma Judy.

**Judith Boesler** - October 12 at 07:17 PM