



## Christopher Thomas Kocienda

May 31, 1974 - May 3, 2015

Christopher Thomas Kocienda, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at the age of 40. He was born May 31, 1974 in Detroit, Michigan to Dennis Kocienda and Donna (nee Whipple) Kocienda.

Christopher was an extremely giving person. He preferred not to be in the spotlight or center of attention. He put others before himself and went out of his way to help and do things for his family and friends.

He enjoyed bike riding, especially participating in the Alzheimer's Association's - Mind Over Matter Bike Ride. He enjoyed reading and taking long walks.

Beloved son of Dennis Kocienda and Donna Kocienda. Loving brother of Tisha (Bob) Kocienda-Malac, Michelle (John) Zender and Dennis. He was a friend to all he shared his life with.

Funeral Service Thursday 10 a.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Rd. (west of Hoover)Warren. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 p.m.

Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association, Epilepsy

Foundation of Michigan or Autism Society are preferred.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
(586) 286-9020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TK

“ You were there for me, you protected me, and most of all, you loved me. There will not be a day that goes by that I won't think of you. You were one of the three greatest gifts I have ever received from our parents. I am so grateful you were my brother. I love you bro. See you on the other side. Tisha

Tisha Kocienda - May 09, 2015 at 08:11 PM

DD

“ In reading a little about Chris on this tribute wall, I am so sorry that I didn't have the pleasure of knowing him. He sounds like a person who made a difference and an impact on many. I am so sorry to hear the news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Love and God bless,  
Donna Marcinkowski DeSoto

Donna Marcinkowski DeSoto - May 07, 2015 at 04:04 AM

 Peter  
Spencer

“ Chris was such a committed, compassionate and considerate man. I am fortunate to have been Blessed by his friendship. Although gone from this world far too soon, I believe that he is still watching over those for whom he cared so deeply. My condolences and prayers go out to the entire Kocienda family as they navigate this great loss. With utmost respect, gratitude and love Peter Spencer-Tichik



Peter Spencer - May 07, 2015 at 01:44 AM

DD

“ You were a kind gentle soul who had wisdom beyond your years. I remember the profound insight you had at my Moms funeral and your caring words to me that helped get me through the day. You understood what few others could. I enjoyed all your writings and comics. You always instinctively seem to know the things that were most important in life - family, friends, and those you shared your life with. You made the world a better place for all those who got to know you. You will be sadly missed by all who knew you. Love, Aunt Denise

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Denise Dykstra - May 06, 2015 at 08:35 AM

DK

“ Christopher,

*I love you son  
I hold you and your happiness within my heart each and everyday  
I am so proud of you and thankful to the years that have been given  
to me  
to be thankful for.  
If I were given a chance to be anything I wanted to become,  
There is nothing I would rather be... than your parent.  
And there is no one I would rather have...as my son.  
(yeah you know I copied this from the card in your wallet)*

*To have you in my life was always having an angel by my side  
HUGS and LOVE...Mom*

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donna kocienda - May 06, 2015 at 07:50 AM

SB

“ It's been years since I last talked to you, but you were an amazing guy. So friendly, and very considerate. It's sad to hear of this new being on the other side of the world, but I will have u and ur family in my thoughts and prayers! 🙏??



Sabrina Bianchi - May 06, 2015 at 12:25 AM

AM

“ You truly touched all who were blessed to have ever known you.



Amanda - May 05, 2015 at 09:11 PM

RL

“ Robert & Linda Lebioda lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda



Robert & Linda Lebioda - May 05, 2015 at 08:33 PM

DD

“ Denise Dykstra lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda



Denise Dykstra - May 05, 2015 at 07:53 PM

DS

“ *Danielle Sauter lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



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**Danielle Sauter** - May 05, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ *Mike Cyplik lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



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**Mike Cyplik** - May 05, 2015 at 04:14 PM

JV

“ *I got to know Chris in the last few months. If there is one word to describe him, it would be selfless!! Chris showed this with his actions. If he could help someone, he would drop what he was doing to help them. I did not think last Monday would be the last day I would see him. Will definitely miss you brother!!*

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**Jeswin Varghese** - May 05, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Chris and I went to St. Joan of Arc together. I have known him for a very long time. He participated in my epilepsy walks for the past 2 years and was going to participate this year. I recently met up with Chris early last month when he helped me bring home my new bbq from Lowes. Chris was always there offering a helping hand and/or support when needed. He will be missed!!!!



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**John Kopp** - May 05, 2015 at 02:59 PM

SR

“ Christopher was a wonderful employee. He made many great contributions to the company. His work here will not be forgotten. May God give his family and friends strength during this difficult time!

Sudesh

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**SUDESH RAMI** - May 05, 2015 at 02:16 PM

Tina Marie

“ Koci was "my brain" as I nicknamed him. I've known him since he started at Combine, we've laughed and worked out many problems together. Smart, friendly, kind, compassionate and so much more. As we go on with our work schedules, sadness fills the faces and tears are seen everywhere here; He made such an impact on the lives of all those here. He will be greatly missed!!!



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**Tina Marie** - May 05, 2015 at 01:37 PM

NK

“ *Nagham Kejbo lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



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**Nagham Kejbo** - May 05, 2015 at 10:17 AM

DG

“ *Diana Garcia lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



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**Diana Garcia** - May 05, 2015 at 10:14 AM

DI

“ *I will miss your cartoons, your poetry and your writings. Truly a gentle soul, your spirit warmed the hearts of everyone who knew you. May the good memories heal the broken hearts of your family and friends. Fly high with your new wings cousin!*  
*Love,*  
*Diane*



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**Diane** - May 05, 2015 at 06:48 AM

DS

“ *Dennis L. Kocienda Sr. lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



Dennis L. Kocienda Sr. - May 04, 2015 at 09:22 PM

DS


*As Chris's father, I can only express the pure joy I have felt in the 40 years of knowing him. Watching him grow into a loving, caring adult who just gave and gave, and continued to love all he touched. His genius could be seen in his daily "Koci by Koci" cartoons. I learned so much from him, his poetry and his writing....I am in awe by it all. I'm sure he's looking down on all of us, alongside his creator, finally understanding what it's all about. Christopher, I will always love you and miss you. Love, Dad*

Dennis L. Kocienda Sr. - May 04, 2015 at 09:39 PM

BE

“ *A good man.*

Becky - May 04, 2015 at 07:52 PM

 Ellen Schram-Nysen

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Ellen Schram- Nysen - May 04, 2015 at 07:48 PM

SP

“ Chris, you were an unselfish, caring and loyal friend. You helped me through some pretty rough times and I hope that you are finally happy and at peace. I hope the world realizes who we have lost...a beautiful soul who was a gifted writer. A polite and genuine man that thought of others before yourself. A truly honest and sincere friend. You will be missed, more than you could ever know. I've shed a lot of tears for you today, my friend. Mostly because I wish I could have told you these things in person; but also because you made this world a better place by your countless acts of kindness, your humor, wit, smile and laugh. I can't help but laugh through my tears at the thought of you reading this and rolling your eyes at me for all my grammatical mistakes.



*My condolences to the Kocienda family.*

*Stephanie Palmer - Friend and Former Co-Worker from Combine*

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**Stephanie Palmer** - May 04, 2015 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ my prayers to Chris's family. i remember him as a quiet person, yet could be opinionated when prompted. i also remember him as a very talented writer. rest in peace friend. may God welcome you with open arms.

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**Sue Schram** - May 04, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JF

“ RIP Chris. Love and light to your family in this trying time.

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**Justin Frahm** - May 04, 2015 at 07:29 PM

GC

“ Chris, I really enjoyed the times we worked together and always being a good listener and thoughtful person. I'm really going to miss you. RIP. My sympathy to the Kocienda Family!



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**Gloria Chrzanowski** - May 04, 2015 at 07:18 PM

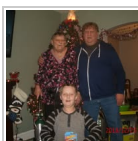
RE

“ Chris,  
With everything we have gone through since we met in high school, I NEVER would have imagined this. Sandy, Vicki and I will miss you, and we love you. Our love, condolences and prayers are with the entire Kocienda family. May Almighty God be with you all and bring you peace.



*Bob, Sandy and Victoria Edwards*

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**Robert Edwards** - May 04, 2015 at 06:59 PM



“ Sending my prayers for the family and our deepest condolences. It saddens me cause he was so young. May God Be You.

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**Deborah Harris** - May 04, 2015 at 04:56 PM

HK

“ Chris was an amazing person, and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kocienda family.  
*Tony, Heather, Aubrie, and T.J. Kniseley*

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**Heather Kniseley** - May 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM

CJ

“ *Christine John lit a candle in memory of Christopher Thomas Kocienda*



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**christine john** - May 04, 2015 at 04:04 PM

CJ

*I worked with Chris. He was a great guy.*

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**christine john** - May 04, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CJ

*My deepest sympathy. R I P Chris!*

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**christine john** - May 04, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DI

*Christopher, you were an amazing brother and I will forever miss you. Words cannot describe the hurt that I feel but I do know you are in a better place. Please watch over us until we meet again.*

*Dennis L. Kocienda II*

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**Dennis L.Kocienda II** - May 04, 2015 at 06:32 PM

CS

*I remember years ago when we were invited to the Kocienda household and there sat Christopher in his diaper quietly playing with~~no, not playing with, but studying~~ a toy while in his bouncy chair. Yes, he was a quiet baby because even back then, he was a deep thinker. Moving ahead 40 years he became a thoughtful man, an intelligent man who was very polite and had a great many interests and a wonderful sense of humor. You cannot say enough good things about him. He left behind a place that cannot be filled and that is high tribute indeed. He is our lost treasure that will be sorely missed.*

*Aunt Chris*

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**chris szymanski** - May 04, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KJ

*RIP Chris. Sending prayers and love to the Kocienda family*

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**kristin jaksic** - May 04, 2015 at 07:37 PM

LM

*My deepest and most sincere sympathy is being sent to the entire Kocienda family. I will continue to pray for your strength and courage to get through this very difficult time. May the Dear Lord grant peace to all of your hurting hearts. With Love, Linde Myers*

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**Linde Myers** - May 06, 2015 at 11:21 AM

CO

*Tish & Bob,*

*My heart aches for you and your family. Though I met Christopher just twice, he made an impression because of his warmth and demeanor. It does not surprise me he was a talented artist/cartoonist and had a great sense of humor. I know how difficult it is to lose someone suddenly. And, I can't get over how Christopher looks just like you-- those eyes and that grin!*

*Carla O'Neill - former co-worker*

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**Carla O'Neill** - May 07, 2015 at 01:00 PM