



Kelby Gerard Kraft

December 30, 1981 - November 19, 2021

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Beloved Son, Brother, Uncle and Friend

1981-2021

Kelby Gerard Kraft, 39, passed away November 19, 2021 due to health issues at his St. Louis Park residence.

Kelby was born December 30th, 1981 in Minot, North Dakota to Mike and Colette Kraft. He was raised in Surrey, North Dakota until 1995 when the family moved to Savage, Minnesota. Kelby graduated from Burnsville Senior High School in 2000 and had a passion for Country Music which led him to go on and get a degree in Music Business Management from Middle Tennessee State University.

While living in Nashville, he pursued his dream of becoming a country music manager, which led him to travel extensively. Working on Luke Bryan's tour and the CMAs were some of his favorite gigs that allowed him to see new places and meet his idols. The best part of the job was when he was able to bring his Dad along for some of the many tour adventures, which they both loved so much.

While country music was a passion there was nothing that Kelby loved more than sports. Kelby was a baseball player growing up and his devotion for his Minnesota Vikings and Twins was unmatched. A true Minnesota "super fan", his love of his teams started young and never wavered. We know he'll always be cheering for them both alongside us.

Kelby is survived by his parents, Mike and Colette Kraft; his sisters, Tresa (Kraft) Thoennes and Chelsea (Kraft) Vander Eyk; his two nieces, Symphany Brown and Devyn Thoennes; his nephew, Harrison Thoennes; as well as many loving family members and friends.

Kelby will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit, his passion for sports and music, and for always being able to bring a smile to everyone's face. He is loved by many and will be missed very much. A celebration of life ceremony will be held for Kelby on November 27th, 2021 from 2pm-5pm at the Chanhassen American Legion: 290 Lake Drive E. Chanhassen, MN 55317.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Chanhassen American Legion:

Tribute Wall

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“*Kelbs was a great friend and a wonderful dancing partner. We had some great laughs our senior year and after. Riding around before Sadie Hawkins in 1999 and just having a great time will be a cherished memory. I'll miss ya Kelbs*”

Samantha Smith - November 25, 2021 at 08:47 AM

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“*Kelby and my brother Brent went to a basketball tournament in sawyer ND. My dad Tom Tanberg coached and Brent n kelby the give n go, and screen n roll,they just killed it. Kelby averaged like 30 points a game*”

Jeremy Tanberg - November 25, 2021 at 12:29 AM