



GORDON STEIN

February 17, 2015

Age 61, of Novi, died February 14, 2015.

Gordon was a volunteer and coach for many years with Special Olympics

GORDON ERIC STEIN
GORDY

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for coming here today to pay their respects to a man who touched our lives and, simply by knowing him, made us all just a little bit better. It is a very cold day but as we gather together we can feel the warmth generated by the compassion we all share. This is the synergy that family and friends bring to these times of sadness. Knowing that everyone here voluntarily bundled up to go out and show their support and give comfort to his family is a further tribute to Gordy.

I am Keith Stein, the third of five boys fortunate enough to share Martin and Lillian Stein as their parents. As parents, it may not have been all that easy to raise five boys that at times were less than controlled, it sure was a blast growing up in that house. I am the middle child, sometimes I thought of myself as the monkey in the middle or I would say I am number 3, I don't try at all! With Mark and Gordy as my older brothers, I was clearly fortunate enough not to have to work all that hard. They were the front line, blocking for me so that I could repeatedly stumble past the goal line. Then they would smile as I awkwardly celebrated each and every unlikely touchdown.

Tragically, On February 14th, we lost yet another member of our team, Gordon Eric Stein passed away, and today we reflect on all the ways he brightened our lives. Gordy lived his life looking for ways to enhance the lives of those around him. He sought out ways to be financially secure. Not to reap the rewards of fancy cars, large homes or other material possessions, but simply to make things easier for his family and friends. His greatest financial success came when he acquired ownership of the steel distributing business he worked at. He wanted to acquire that business, in part, to get our brother Kevin out of the

horrible work environment he was in, and teach him the steel business. His very first action after acquiring the company was to hire Kevin and begin teaching him the business. Soon Kevin was enjoying a profession that allowed him to spend more time with his family, and Gordy was able to do the things he wanted to do to make things a little easier for his kids. Gordy's rewards came from watching others enjoy life just a little more. That was in essence who Gordon Eric Stein was. A man that strived to do the things that would make others around him smile!

I want to share a poem about Gordy that summarizes his all too brief life.

GORDON ERIC STEIN (Gordy)

I have so many memories of Gordy
beginning when I was a child eagerly following in his path
he was my older, bolder, smarter and wiser brother
sometimes being with him resulted in experiencing my parents wrath.

I followed him to the Oak Park community center
and soon learned how to play pool,
we would sneak cigarettes at parties
go out back, and smoke them to be cool.

When Gordy was only thirteen years old
he would sneak out and go for a ride in the family car,
it was an old white Chevy station wagon
thank god he did not try to drive it all that far.

As soon as he was able, he was hired to deliver
a shopping circular that was distributed for free,
then, in time when I was old enough
he had his manager give another route to me.

Soon I was waking up with him at 5am on Sunday mornings
to sell all sorts of papers, some I have never seen before,
local papers, financial journals and scandal sheets
with provocative stories, beautiful girls and more.

Entering high school I was guided by his sage advice
when I was putting together my schedule he took me aside so he could say,
be sure to take the teachers who really like me
tell them you are my brother, and they will give you an A!

With a grade point average that was enhanced
by the teachers I picked, that thought he simply was the best,
I joined my brother Gordy at MSU
to take on my biggest scholastic test.

Gordy took an accounting class that he said was very easy
so he encouraged me to take it too,
forty years later, as I reflect on my career
I realize it was his advice that helped make my dreams come true.

We all marveled at his speed and superior intellect
challenging mom, as together they watched their favorite game show on TV,
it was obvious to all of us the success he would have
if he got his chance to be the next contestant on Jeopardy.

There was simply no greater champion than Gordy
when it came to being a father to his girls he was, by all accounts, first rate,
it was clear that it was a miracle for him
that they were brought together by a splendid act of fate.

He cherished his role as their father
and later as the grandfather of their children too,
it was impossible to overlook the pleasure he would derive
spending time together with his family, no matter what it was they would do.

Gordy, had no need for acknowledgement of his acts of kindness
but his acts of benevolence to others were clearly driven by his heart,
sharing every success he had with those around him
that's the way it was right from the start.

Today we all gather to reflect on the many wonderful moments
that we shared with Gordy through the years,
when his steady hand was placed on our shoulder
and simply his presence helped us get passed our fears.

Our special memories will keep him with us
now that we are physically apart
our actions will forever show him
that we unlocked the secrets that he kept in his heart.

Now lets close our eyes and think of the most special time we shared with Gordy
smile as you recall that wonderful time and keep it forever close to your heart,
This is the way Gordy will always be with us
and we will never be apart.

The funeral service will be held at
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A link is provided for a webcast of the funeral service.

Family Info:

Beloved father of Jaime (Jesse) Rohdy and Kathy (David Jarrar) Stein.

Proud grandfather of Chloe Rohdy, Lillian Rohdy and Alyssa.

Devoted son of Lillian Stein and the late Martin Stein.

Cherished brother of Keith (Ilene) Stein, Kevin Stein, the late Adam David Stein and the late Mark Stein.

Proud uncle of Jennifer Stein, Jason Stein and fiancée, Nicole Defoe, Scott Stein, Melanie (Eric) Morrow, Jennifer Silver, Jorge (John) David and Raegan Silver-Stein.

Dearest great-uncle of Ezra Martin Morrow, Levi Finn Morrow, Johnny Davis and Caden Silver-Stein