



## Wesley John Van Bruggen

October 27, 1970 - September 12, 2014

Wesley John Van Bruggen age 43, of DeMotte, IN passed away on Friday September 12, 2014 as a result of a car accident. He was born October 27, 1970 in Chicago Heights, IL to Wes and Judy (Ketelaar) Van Bruggen.

Wes attended DeMotte Christian School and was a 1988 graduate of Kankakee Valley High School. On November 13, 1999 in Indianapolis, IN he married Amy Tillema, who survives. He was a former salesman at Boatland, in Indianapolis, Morse Lake Inboards and Wiers Club Car in Valparaiso. He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and also attended Bethel Christian Reformed Church in DeMotte. Wes enjoyed coaching basketball & baseball with his kids. He liked to hunt, fish and was quite a culinary aficionado. He was always ready to help others and was unselfish with his time. He also enjoyed all kinds of music and was a die hard Chicago Cubs fan.

Wes is survived by his loving wife, Amy Van Bruggen. His loving children Kate, Robert Wilson and Lillian Grace.

His parents, Wes & Judy Van Bruggen  
Sisters, Vicki (Art) VanKley, Wheatfield, IN; Wendy Wilder-Van Bruggen, Valparaiso, IN and  
Linnea (Bill) Wenglarz, Wheatfield, IN.

Many nieces & nephews, aunts and uncles. And also his Maltese Morkie, Maizy.

Friends may call on Sunday September 14, 2014 from 2:00 - 8:00 PM at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte, IN. Funeral Services will be held on Monday September 15, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte with Pastor Rick Vanderwal officiating. Memorials may be made to The Family.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
521 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-2005  
bethelcrc@netnitco.net  
<http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - September 17, 2014 at 01:45 PM

BL

“ You were my "big brother" since we were 5. You were the only person I truly gave a sh@t, what they thought. I saw you 4 hours before we lost you for a couple hours. Before you left, you said "You know i love you right?" (I thought it was just because we had a moronic argument months before over fantasy baseball) I said of course Big Brother. You had regained some of the joy that had been missing for awhile with all the HELL you were being put through. I wish I could've said something that made you see how much you meant to me and everyone else who knew you. No matter the hour, you were always there and I tried to do same for you. 11 years later, I still miss you big brother. I hope your resting in peace, waiting for the day when we all will see you again!

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**Brian Lockhart** - January 01 at 09:37 PM

WB

“ On Wes' email today. Not being as up on technology as he was, I was not even aware this place existed. Wes had daily updates from this site because that was the kind of guy he was. His big heart broke a little for every loss of a friend or acquaintance. Tragic loss of complete strangers touched him in a way that wondered and amazed me. His own notice was sent to his email. Its amazing to be reminded of how many lives he has touched and the many good memories he left for everyone. There are many of you who I don't really even know, some only by name because he talked always about everyone he knew. I do not have the words to share that he would have. God bless us all in our loss and grief. I know he is still with us and his children and I now have a special guardian angel to always protect and guide us. Forever is my heart, always on my mind. Amy

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**Wes Van Bruggen** - September 17, 2014 at 01:14 PM

PK

“ Can't fathom that he is gone. He was a great friend who always made me laugh Thinking of the family in this terrible time. Gods speed my friend.

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**Patrick Knafel** - September 15, 2014 at 03:36 PM

DG

“ Amy,

*There are just no words. I'm so incredibly sad for your loss.*

*Debi Garrett*

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**Debi Garrett** - September 15, 2014 at 08:32 AM

WS

“ Wayne Swanson lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



Wayne Swanson - September 14, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ Nicky Berg lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



Nicky Berg - September 14, 2014 at 09:20 PM



*Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Van Bruggen Family... Heavenly Father,lay your loving hands upon this family and all that knew Wes and help their hearts to heal and surround each of them with a hedge of protection,In Your Loving Name... AMEN R.I.P. Wesley "Wes" Class of "88" Nicky(Peters) Berg and Danny Berg*

Nicky Berg - September 14, 2014 at 09:26 PM

ML

“ Michelle Lichte lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



Michelle Lichte - September 14, 2014 at 07:39 PM

TP

“ Tess Pogue lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



Tess Pogue - September 14, 2014 at 04:23 PM

DM

“ Don & Carol Mager purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.



Don & Carol Mager - September 14, 2014 at 02:30 PM

BS

“ Wesley RIP over your family and friends. U will be missed but not for gotten smile down on your family.



Beaver Soley - September 14, 2014 at 01:59 PM

SB

“ I miss Wes so much already! He was my best friend from high school. No matter how much time had passed he was always there to listen and make me laugh. I enjoyed every moment I spent with him. I am so happy that I spoke with him last week and told him how much I loved him and that I would always be there for him no matter what. Wes will forever be in my heart, thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Banks - September 14, 2014 at 01:48 PM

RB

“ I remember Wes' birthday party when Wes (and Wendy) moved from being nephew (and niece) to friends. My life was better.

Robert Van Bruggen - September 14, 2014 at 09:11 AM

SL

“ Wes will be missed! No matter how much time went by, he always greeted everyone with open arms and a big hug. Wes's laugh was contagious and always made us laugh as well. He adored our girls, and they will be better for knowing him. Our thoughts are with Amy, the kids, and VanBruggen family. May he rest in peace.



Steve & Chris Layton - September 14, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.



September 14, 2014 at 08:43 AM

JB

“ Wes had a personality bigger than life, he was loyal, funny, and someone you always wanted to be around. He was a brother to me and will never be forgotten. It was an honor to have him as a friend, and we are both better people for knowing him.



Jeff & Steff Brandenburg - September 14, 2014 at 08:14 AM

MH

“ Wes was the type of guy who always had a smile and made you laugh. Had some really good times playing ball with him when we were younger. Will miss seeing his Cubs posts every year and private chatting about the BB days. Prayers go out to his family, Amy and their kids.

Michael Howard - September 14, 2014 at 07:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.



September 14, 2014 at 07:11 AM

CM

“ Carla & Jeff Moolenaar lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen



Carla & Jeff Moolenaar - September 14, 2014 at 07:02 AM

AM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Alicia Klemp Moody - September 14, 2014 at 06:13 AM

FG

“ *Fran Goad lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen*



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**Fran Goad** - September 14, 2014 at 12:08 AM

PM

“ *Such a warm hearted guy with a huge smile :) so many memory's from HighSchool . Great guy . Always had everyone smiling and laughing ;) prays to the family ... So sorry for your loss*

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**Pam hurt misch** - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

 Sherry Misch

“ *Such a fun guy with a big heart. He will be missed. Praying for your whole family - I'm so sorry.*



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**Sherry Misch** - September 13, 2014 at 10:32 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Tammy Gehring lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen*



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**Jim & Tammy Gehring** - September 13, 2014 at 09:13 PM

LP

“ *Larry & Terry Postma lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen*




**Larry & Terry Postma** - September 13, 2014 at 08:59 PM



“ *You will be missed "Little Wes". Won't forget when you called me "Rhonda burger" along with "Big Wes". You will always have a place in my heart. You were such a kind and caring person. Sympathies to your family. God gained an angel, and the Holy Spirit will get your family through and give you peace in knowing that someday we will all see you again walking the "streets of gold". Love you. Rhonda*

**Rhonda DeVries** - September 13, 2014 at 08:33 PM

 Kris Osburn

“ *thoughts and prayers sent*

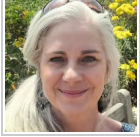
**Kris Osburn** - September 13, 2014 at 07:51 PM

JK

“ *Wes, Big Guy, you will be missed by many, the memories you've made for people, the Rev says give a big hug to brother Dave , our sympathy to your family, hugs to Amy and your kids.  
John and Karen*



**John and Karen** - September 13, 2014 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sending my sincerest and deepest condolences. Still in disbelief.. Wes found the time to always come see, chit chat, catch up and reminisce with me whenever I came back to DeMotte for visits. Find comfort in your memories.. Sending hugs and kisses. So so sorry. Without question the world is less special for all who knew him.*



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**Kari Musch-Belstra** - September 13, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.*



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September 13, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ *Stephanie Laughery lit a candle in memory of Wesley John Van Bruggen*



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**stephanie laughery** - September 13, 2014 at 03:52 PM



“ *Larger than life... I can't imagine the loss your family and friends are feeling. I'm so very sorry.*

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**Dawn Jones-Graham** - September 13, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.*



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September 13, 2014 at 03:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.*



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September 13, 2014 at 01:55 PM



“ *True humanitarian who had such an amazing zest for life. Wes, you brought a smile and a laugh to a great many people. May God bless and blanket your family with peace...*

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**Kristie Housman** - September 13, 2014 at 01:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wesley John Van Bruggen.*



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September 13, 2014 at 01:44 PM