

## Eric R. Ream

May 11, 1983 - August 21, 2014

Eric R. Ream, 31, of Oswego, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2014 at his home. He was born May 11, 1983 in Aurora, Illinois.

Eric graduated from Minooka High School in 2004. He was the Aktion Club treasurer; was a member of the Fox Valley Special Recreation in Aurora, where he participated in softball, volleyball, golf and basketball; and was a member of the Kendall County Special Olympics, where he participated in snow shoeing, swimming, track and bowling. Eric worked at Ream's Elburn Market.

Eric is survived by his loving parents, James and Sharon (Seib) Ream of Oswego; his brothers, Brian Ream of Los Angeles, CA and Sean Ream of Aurora; his paternal grandmother, Phyllis Ream of Elburn; and two uncles, Richard (Carol) Seib of Aurora and Randy (Janelle) Ream of Elburn.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Robert Ream; and his maternal grandparents, Walter and Ruth Seib.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Walt DeMoss officiating at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, where visitation will be held from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Monday, August 25, 2014. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.d](http://www.d)

[aleidenmortuary.com](http://aleidenmortuary.com) to leave condolences for Eric's family or sign the guest book.

Memorial contributions in Eric's memory may be made to the Kendall County Special Olympics Family and Friends, 2420 Rock Creek Road, Plano, IL 60545.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric R. Ream



Daleiden Mortuary - August 22, 2014 at 07:34 PM

CE

“ Sharon, Jim and boys~  
We were so sad to learn of Eric's passing. What a beautiful spirit he was, and what a difference he made in the lives of others. I will forever picture him Walkman in hand, headphones on, dancing and singing during dances at Traughber.  
He will be missed immensely, but we hope you can all take great comfort in the joy he brought to others, and the lessons he taught us all.

Jeff and Christy Ernst and Family

Christy Ernst - August 26, 2014 at 04:48 PM

JC

“ Sharon and Jim, I never had the pleasure of meeting Eric, but if he is anything like his parents, I am sure the world is a better place because of him. Please, know that our prayers are with him and your family. Julie and Joe Chivari

Joe Chivari - August 26, 2014 at 07:15 AM

MM

“ *Michael & Chris Mills purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Eric R. Ream.*



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**Michael & Chris Mills** - August 25, 2014 at 03:02 PM

RS

“ *I remember when Eric was about 4 years old he saved my son's life. Sharon and I were visiting at their home in Aurora when Eric got very upset. When checking to see what the problem was my 2 year old had fallen in their wading pool and was laying on the bottom of the pool under the water. Eric tried heroically to get him out...He was my hero that day and will always remain in my heart as a very special young man. I am so sorry to learn of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Roberta Shoaf*

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**Roberta Shoaf** - August 25, 2014 at 02:50 PM

EL

“ *Sharon and Jim,*

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Eric's smile was always so warm and welcoming. He must have touched many lives with his warmth. Our thoughts are with you and your family,*

*Ellen and Don Ljung*

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**Ellen Ljung** - August 25, 2014 at 11:28 AM

VB

“ *The things I most remember about Eric are his smiles and hugs. He always seemed to have one at the ready. He loved to dance, sing, play video games, and eat. I think the only time I didn't see a smile on his face was when he was hungry. He used to entertain us at work by going into the parking lot with his headphones and Walkman to dance and sing without a care in the world or go into our sound booth and do the same. We loved that about him. Eric was also quite an athlete, winning MANY Special Olympics medals, and, from what I hear, was a consummate flirt. He will be missed by many, but his bright, endearing, happy spirit will live on forever.*

*Vicki Busby*

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**Vicki Busby** - August 25, 2014 at 09:41 AM

RI

“ *Eric was a joyful soul. He was in many ways superior to most people in the world in that he so freely expressed his emotions, affection for friends, and his thoughts (no matter who was looking or listening). Blessings to the Ream family. We will miss Eric.*

*Rich Busby*

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**Rich** - August 25, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Eric R. Ream.*



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August 25, 2014 at 07:18 AM

LB

“ Sharon,  
*My sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. When you and I worked together, I recall meeting Eric many times.*

*Loretta Burke (from Traughber)*

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**Loretta Burke** - August 24, 2014 at 11:52 PM

BJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers..*

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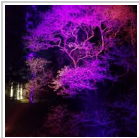
**Bonnie and John** - August 24, 2014 at 02:07 PM

BD

“ *I remember when Eric wore the catchers gear in baseball he couldn't see when he was wearing the helmet. From Benjamin DeBruin.*

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**Benjamin DeBruin** - August 24, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *I've known Sharon for many years and have so many great memories since Traughber. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family in such a difficult time.*

*Sally Kempton (Toma) and family*

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**Sally Kempton** - August 24, 2014 at 09:14 AM

MT

“ Although I didn't know Eric well, my memories of Traughber are full of his smiles, dancing and singing. So sad to hear he has left us so soon. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.

*Melissa Davis Tripp*

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**Melissa Davis Tripp** - August 24, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Eric R. Ream.



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August 23, 2014 at 11:40 PM

NB

“ The Southern Illinois Classens (Deb, Matt, Nikki and Tim Baum) send their prayers and thoughts to the Reams. We may not have been able to see Eric much, but he always held a special place in our hearts. We gladly make a donation to Special Olympics in his honor!

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**Nikki Baum** - August 23, 2014 at 10:58 PM

CB

“ Eric was a good friend. One of the first athletes I meet at KC Special Olympics when I started Olympics. I would always ask Eric if he was keeping out trouble, he would would say in a stricted voice and say I am not a trouble maker



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**Cody Brown** - August 23, 2014 at 09:47 PM

TC

“ My love and prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. Eric was a wonderful joyful spirit that touched so many people...he will truly be missed!

*Tracey Crawford*

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**Tracey Crawford** - August 23, 2014 at 09:39 PM

BL

“ Another life taken too soon from the Longford kids. My heart is heavy in the passing of Eric. Each time Fiona rides her adult tricycle I think of Eric and the Ream family. Thank you Eric for teaching me at a young age what a difference maker people with special needs can be in the world. Our conversations on the corner of the court are priceless memories. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family.

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**bridget lee** - August 23, 2014 at 03:52 PM

JF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Jason Fox** - August 23, 2014 at 02:03 PM

MW

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Eric from my volleyball days at Traughber Junior High. He was always smiling & was such a bright light everywhere he went. I'll be praying for you all. Heaven gained another angel for sure!

*Blessings,  
Molly (McGovern) Woodall*

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**Molly Woodall** - August 23, 2014 at 11:51 AM



“ *Carol Seib lit a candle in memory of Eric R. Ream*



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**Carol Seib** - August 23, 2014 at 09:33 AM



*Eric has always had a very dear spot in our hearts. His smile and his welcome will always be seen and heard. Eric isy a very special angel. Rich, Carol and Michael Seib*

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**Carol Seib** - August 23, 2014 at 09:38 AM

AH

“ *Jim, Sharon, Brian, & Sean,*

*My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to all of you. Eric was a very special man and he will be missed. I couldn't have asked for a better prom date for my little sister. He was always a gentleman and was always putting a smile on everyone's face. Eric held a special place in my heart, and he always will.*

*Love and hugs,  
Adrienne Hensel*

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**Adrienne Hensel** - August 22, 2014 at 10:49 PM

MH

“ Dear cousins, Jim and Sharon, Brian and Sean...We are so saddened to hear of Eric's passing. What an awesome joy he was for and to our family! He was an unexpected and unconditional gift to all who met him. How lucky you were to call him son, and how fortunate he was to have you as family. Our hearts are heavy for you these hours and days. We send you our prayers for good memories to eventually take away the grief; we wish for a future peace to enfold all of you and keep you well. God's blessings, Marcia and Jack; Mallory and Ryan and families.



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**Marcia Hill** - August 22, 2014 at 10:48 PM

SR

“ Sharon, Jim, Brian, Sean...

*Our hearts are very heavy. Eric was a special part of our family. He was always smiling and accepted every opportunity for hugs and kisses. He was always up for an adventure!! He is so loved and will be greatly missed by all. We love and treasure our friendship with Eric always, We have very special and fond memories of him. Love you all so much and feel your loss...Les and Stevie xo*

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**Stevie Russo** - August 22, 2014 at 10:25 PM

AP

“ Jim, Sharon, Brian and Sean,  
If there is one thing that stands out in my mind about Eric is his LOVE of MUSIC. When I worked at JRC and Eric would be hanging out,,he always had his Walkman and headphones on.I could hear him in the next room singing at the top of his lungs and dancing around in pure joy. I remember him dancing at DJ jobs I did and even at some of my band gigs!  
Eric is a pure and beautiful soul.  
Keep on Rockin' Eric!!!!  
Love and Prayers  
Andre, Barb, Elaina, Emily and Eric Peraza



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**Andre Peraza** - August 22, 2014 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ Sharon, Jim, Brian and Sean,  
We are sending our love to you all at this very sad time. I'll always remember Eric's wonderful smile and those great big hugs! You gave him a wonderful life.  
Love,  
Mary and Monty  
David and Blake

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**Mary Bernstein** - August 22, 2014 at 09:04 PM

JS

“ Mr. and Mrs Ream and Eric's brothers never got to meet Eric in person but knew him so well through Jack Malinovich he was so proud of Eric. Eric has left his earthly home but he has joined God's everlasting choir in HEAVEN. He is a star in HEAVEN. Judy and Chuck Saffell

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**Judy and Charles Saffell** - August 22, 2014 at 08:19 PM

DZ

“ Sorry, but we did not know him but as parents with a child with sever disabilities we are very sorry at the loss of your child. We have been family friends since 1977 and have had a close and loving relationship with your family. I will never forget that until you got to know his grandfather that he stuttered, but once he was your friend he had no problem. I wish our kids were so trusting like that. I remember when the boys were kids and living above the store. Wish loving help in your time if loss.

*David, Janice and Hannah Zehnpfennig  
AKA the 10 penny family*

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**David Zehnpfennig** - August 22, 2014 at 07:59 PM

FG

“ Eric was one of my best side kicks when I worked at Fox Valley Blueprint,He would come by and visit his Grandfather at work and hang out with me. Rest in peace my friend...

*Frank Garcia*

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**Frank Garcia** - August 22, 2014 at 04:54 PM



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August 22, 2014 at 04:09 PM



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August 22, 2014 at 03:59 PM



“ *We are grieved to hearing about Eric's passing.*

*Last time we saw Eric he was at the helm of the good ship Scaramouche in San Diego Bay. A few minutes prior he was in the throes of a bout of seasickness being comforted by Janelle. But once he got his hands on the wheel and the wind in his face he was back in form with a big smile.*

*God Bless,  
Dave and Linda Fore*

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David Fore - August 22, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ *Although I hadn't seen Eric since camp, he always held a special place in my heart. He was the sweetest guy ever! He would always get a little homesick, a testament to how close his family was. And he gave the best hugs! My life was better for having known him, he will be greatly missed.*

*Lola, Camp Nurse*

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Lola Whalen - August 22, 2014 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ Coached Eric at Kendall County Special Olympics and was so used to seeing him around, he was always so positive and gave a big hug when I saw him. Rest in peace Eric, you will be missed, John Morrison

John Morrison - August 22, 2014 at 03:02 PM

SA

“ Special Olympics Illinois-Sandy & Amy purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Eric R. Ream.



Special Olympics Illinois-Sandy & Amy - August 22, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ Eternal Love was purchased for the family of Eric R. Ream.



August 22, 2014 at 12:51 PM

KA

“ I coached Eric for a couple years at FVSRA. He was such a positive person and always willing to lend a hand. He was so incredibly kind to all his friends and fellow athletes and just a joy to be around. One of my favorite memories of Eric was from a few summers ago playing softball. He had a solid hit, ran as fast as he could to first and beat the throw. He stood on base pumping his fist, and couldn't have been prouder! He'll be greatly missed.

Kari - August 22, 2014 at 12:30 PM

RA

“ I haven't seen Eric in too often in the past few years, but when I did see him, he was always smiling and friendly. He would always wave and say hi and he often asked how I was. He would always ride his bike around the neighborhood and sing to music he was listening to. I will always remember him telling my family about how he was going on vacation and he packed a pair of underwear for each day so that he knew how much longer he would have to wait to see my brothers again. Eric was definitely a joy to have around the neighborhood and he will be greatly missed. Prayers and condolences to the entire Ream family from Rachel Mateyka

Rachel - August 22, 2014 at 11:34 AM

SP

“ Stephanie Pierce lit a candle in memory of Eric R. Ream



Stephanie pierce - August 22, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Eric R. Ream.



August 22, 2014 at 08:22 AM

SH

“ I haven't seen Eric in probably over a year, but I used to see him almost every day as I lived next door. He would always wave and say hi and come ask my brothers to play Harry Potter on the Wii (which he was amazing at). But the one thing I will always remember is sitting in my house during the summer and seeing him riding his bike through the court, singing at the top of his lungs without a care in the world! He would zip around on that bike and it made my day better every time I heard him jamming out to his tunes. :-) He was such a character and definitely brought a smile to my face every time he was around. You will be greatly missed my friend! Sending condolences to the whole Ream Family. Lots of love, Shannon (Mateyka), Joe, and Wyatt Minor.

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**Shannon** - August 22, 2014 at 05:53 AM

JH

“ Eric was a wonderful, compassionate person who always had a smile and time for everyone. We so enjoyed having him come on our yearly trip to the Cub game with us, win or lose, as he was such a big fan. He helped brighten our lives and the lives of many people that he touched. We will greatly miss him. Our love to the Reams, Jim, Janet and Craig Hissong.

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**Jim Hissong** - August 21, 2014 at 10:07 PM

TK

Eric always made everyone smile when at Traughber whether singing "All Shook Up" or dancing in the gym. He brightened your day with his energy. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and remembered by so many whose lives he touched in such a positive way.

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**Tim & Jackie Randall (Steven & Keven)** - August 24, 2014 at 09:36 AM