



## Derek J. Adams

February 18, 1966 - May 10, 2019

ADAMS, Derek J. passed away on Friday, May 10th surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Derek was a talented musician who entertained many with his amazing guitar skills. Playing in his longtime band, Radioactive, was one of his greatest joys, and his bandmates were like family to him. Derek also enjoyed playing with his dog, watching sports and horror movies, and making others laugh.

Derek is survived by his wife of 25 years, Patricia (Forkin), his son, Reed, and daughter, Kirsten, and his loving parents, Herb and Shirley Adams. He was predeceased by his brother, Mark. He is also survived by his rescue dog Row Z, along with many extended family and friends. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at Wujek~Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr Road at Metro Parkway(16 Mile), Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Eulogy Service Friday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Please share memories with the family at their Online Guestbook at [Wujekcalcaterra.com](http://Wujekcalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

CC

“*So sorry to hear of Derek's passing. We have been coworkers since he started with RDA, though I haven't worked directly with him for years. Derek was always a great guy to work with as he brought joy and fun to even the most difficult of days. I remember him as someone passionate about life outside of work, so I'm sure he has left an amazing legacy in all those that he loved and cared for. Blessings to those mourning their loss.*”

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**Chuck Cova** - May 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MG

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you. I knew Derek from High School. He was friendly to everyone and always fun to be around. He will be missed but not forgotten.*”

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**Mary Oswald Gremel** - May 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WL

“*1 of my best friends growing up as kids going to Elmira and Kennedy Jr High.RIP Derek*”

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**William Lafleur** - May 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“*Shirley and Herb, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious son, Derek. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.*”

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**Marleen Hofmann** - May 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LE

“Derek and I were best friends as little kids growing up next door to each other. I often think about times and things that we did together that still make me laugh. I've probably shared a hundred stories about Derek with my husband and children. I cannot think of one unhappy minute with him. Rest now friend in our Lords loving arms. May faith in our Lord and savior comfort your family now and forever.”

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**Leah** - May 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EB

“I worked with Derek about 12 years ago, before I transferred into my current department. I learned a lot from working with him. One thing that stuck with me in particular is that the work we all do is important, but to never forget that our friends, our family, and our dreams are more important still. I'm grateful to him for helping this idea really stick with me, and will always remember him for it.”

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**Ehren Battermann** - May 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“To Derek's family...I can't tell you how sorry I am to hear about Derek's death. I had the pleasure of coaching him in basketball for 4 years at St Margaret's. He was a quiet leader on and off the court. Please accept my sincere sympathy. This world was truly a better place because of Derek.”

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**Jim Lewis** - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DL

“My dear family - I'm so sorry. May God give you the Peace that surpasses all understanding and comfort you in this season of grief. Love you, Deb & John”

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**Deb Labadie** - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“Oh my, my heart is just breaking over this. I am so sorry.”

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**Carol Cazabon** - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“To Patti, Reed, Kirsten and Mr. & Mrs Adams, my heart is broken for all of you. Derek was one of my oldest friends and I will never forget the great times we had growing up and playing basketball at St. Margaret's together. They were some of the best days of my life and I will cherish those memories for the rest of my life. All of my love to you all.”

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**John Bicknell** - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“Condolences from our family to the Adams Family. We'll always remember Derick and his love of music but more so for the love he had for his family.”

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**Rhys Blair** - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM