



## Eric J. Polka

June 7, 1990 - December 26, 2016

Eric J. Polka, 26, passed away suddenly of Monday, Dec. 26, 2016 in Chicago. He was born June 7, 1990 in Libertyville, where he remained a resident for most of his life. He was a member of the Community of Christ Church and a 2008 graduate of Libertyville High School. Eric was a former employee in his family's business, Real Wheels in Gurnee and also had his own fashion clothing company.

Surviving are his loving parents, Jan and Sherri Polka; his daughter Ella and her mother Dru Goodman; his twin sister Shanna Polka and brothers, Gregory (Laura) Polka and Cory (Anneke) Polka. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Lucille Polka and Lee and Gloria Sancken.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until time of services at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

RE

“ This news got to me so late I was reflecting on my life and how I got to this point, and it was all Eric Polka. He motivated me to get off my moms couch and got me drawing again. He had this big plan to become a clothing designer and recruited me, just like that I was on a train with a bag and a bike from Sacramento to Chicago. He was truly misunderstood he helped me look forward to independence as I was getting over losing my first born. I was 21 and never had a job and lost my kid some how he talked me into leaving and going solo. He had promised me a gig at his family's business just to get by while we made our designs and talked to stores about selling our product. It wasn't what he had said once I got to Chicago, I was slapped with some cold hard truths. We gave it a go but it didn't work out I ended up working all of the time trying to keep a roof over my head and we lost touch. hearing this all because I wanted to thank him "get in contact" all I can say is I am in tears and I owe this guy everything I hold dear, a wife, a three year old daughter and another kid on the way. Everything I have accomplished would not be without this man, and I am torn I wasn't there to steer him as he did me. I hope you rest in peace mybff skating ledges forever! I owe you and your family a lot and feel like I am some how responsible, god this is hurts.

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ron elkin - May 23, 2019 at 02:26 PM

SK

“ My deepest condolences go out to the Polka family. I'm praying for peace and comfort for you. Keep the good memories close and know that Eric is with God. Sonya Kelly

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Sonya Kelly - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

KB

“ *Jan and Sherri. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your son Eric. We were so, so very sorry to hear the news of his passing. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Karen & Al Burnham** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

LS

“ *Grief is the price we pay for love. "May the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you". My deep condolence for this unfathomable loss. I'm so sorry.*

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**Lisa Sheffield** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

LS

“ *Dear Polka Family, In this time of great sorrow, I send my deepest regrets for the profound loss of your son and brother. I am so sorry. "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit". "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds". My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Lisa Sheffield** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

KL

“ *My heart is broken for your incredible loss. So very sorry this amazing life was cut so short. So many lovely memories of Eric and their Rondout class. My deepest sympathies.*

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**Kim Larsen** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

MB

“ Words seem to be of such little comfort for a loss of this magnitude. May your hearts be open to God's love and healing peace. Know that you are all being lifted in prayerto the Good Shepherd.

Mike and Joyce Babbitt - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JS

“ Jan and Sherri I so sorry to hear of your loss. I meet Eric at several trade shows over the pass years. He was a bright, enthusiactive and personal young man. God bless you and your family.

John Seehof - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

BL

“ Jan and Sherri I so sorry to hear of your loss. I have meet you at FDIC before when BJourn Cannon introduce you to me. You and all your family will be in our prayers

Butch Ledlow - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

ES

“ To the entire Polka family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this devastating time. There are no words that seem appropriate but please know, you all are in our thoughts and prayers!

Eric and Jennifer Schlett - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

BP

“ Jan, Sherri and Family, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Eric. No words can ever comfort you from this loss. Please know your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.All our love,Brian Parquette and Melanie Matis

Brian Parquette - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jan, Sherri and family, I am so sorry for your deep loss and my prayers are with all of you at this time. Iris Baron*

June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for you loss. No words must describe your pain. May God be with you during this difficult time. Carrie Oswald Workman*

June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Miss you Rodman!*

**Brian Goodman** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *December 31, 2016 Sherri and Jan , We send our prayers and condolences to you folks and your family at this time of the huge loss of your son Eric . We are never prepared for huge loss . The circle of prayers will help for now , but in the days to come you will need that same support in those quiet hours when you remember those times that are lost and you will become angry and ask in your prayers , WHY ? The good memories and good times will help ease the pain somewhat .. Hopefully these words might help to comfort each of you at this time .. ---- With love , concern and fellowship and in Jesus Name Sincerely , Clayton and the Derrow Family ..*

June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jan, Sherri and family, Sending you my most heartfelt and deepest condolences. With sympathy,*

**Lisa Moehling and family** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

KD

“ I'm so sorry that he is gone, but he is not forgotten. This time of year will never be the same. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Kelly and Paula Dalton** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry. There are no words. I pray for the entire Polka family to find the strength to get through this very difficult time. Thoughts and prayers. God bless.

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**Lisa Hansen Beebe** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ I'm deeply lost for words. Never wanted this day to come, Polka will live forever through us in our hearts and fun and bad memories. He was my best friend after high school. My thoughts and prayers go out to Polkas family, His GF Dru and baby girl Ella. My heart goes out to his Family, sibilings, and Parents. Sorry Shanna, praying for you all for this deeply sad passing.-Dylan J

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June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ Dear Jan and Sherri, Words cannot explain the sorrow and pain we feel for the loss of your son Eric. We send you our love and heartfelt prayers that you may find strength during this very difficult time. Love, Sam, Darka, Emily and Annie

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**Sam Saperstein** - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

RG

“ To the Polka Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Roxanne Greenberg - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

SZ

“ To all the Polka family and friends, My condolences to all of you. May the memories of Eric help you through this sorrowful time. Sincerely,

Sharon Zahnle - June 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

BJ

“ To all the Polka Family. Jan and Sherri deepest regrets for the loss of your son, Eric. Cory, Greg, and Shanna our condolences for the loss of your brother. We remember him as the happy little boy that had fun searching with our family for Christmas Trees, so excited when "Santa Bob" showed up at your back door and exploring our property in Boscobel, WI. Keeping the happy times and fond memories, the most important ones at this difficult time, near and dear in your hearts. Our love, thoughts and prayers goes out to you all.

Bob and Dawn Janssen - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

JF

“ To the Polka Family, we are so sorry for your loss. John and I are sending our prayers for you today. May Eric Rest in Peace now.

John & Cindy Fickel - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

PD

“ Jan, Sherri and Family, We are so saddened by this news. No parent should have to lose a child. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will see you today at the services. Love, Paul & Heidi

Paul & Heidi Darley - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

EC

“ Saddened to hear of Eric's passing. My heartfelt thoughts are with his family at this most difficult time. I will always remember him for his smile and gentle sensitive spirit

Elaine Cole - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

BN

“ Jan, Sherri, & Family, Please accept my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences at this sad and difficult time.

Brian Nash - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

PD

“ Jan, Sherri and the Polka Family We are so sorry and heartbroken to learn about Eric. Your family is in our thoughts and Prayers. Love Peter and Karen Darley

Peter and Karen Darley - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

CG

“ Jan, Sherri, Greg (Laura), Cory (Annika), and Shanna, I'm so sorry for the loss of Eric. May his smile, laugh and memories comfort you during this time of pain and the days to come. God bless all of you and my prayers and thoughts are being sent to you all. Sincerely, Caryn Ireland Gray

Caryn Gray - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

RG

“ Words can't describe the emotions I feel right now. Eric was loved by all who knew him and I am grateful I got to call him my roommate for a short duration. Prayers to your family Eric from all your friends at 1st & Lake. We will miss all the good times playing bags with you man!

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**Ryan Garippo** - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM

DS

“ Lighting a candle for Eric and Eric's family. I wish I would have known him better.

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**Deborah Shanahan** - April 27, 2018 at 04:34 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Eric's passing!! I truly pray that he's at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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January 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss God bless you.

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December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM