

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Cremation will be held privately.

Memorial gatherings (one in Italy and one in the USA) in celebration of Kyle's life will be held in the near future, with details to be posted on <https://www.galantefuneralhome.com/> as they become available.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kyle's memory may be made to New Bridge. New Bridge brings balance to people's lives through counseling, housing and education. They are headquartered in Pequannock Township, N.J., and have locations throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. <https://newbridge.org/donate/>



In loving memory

KYLE ROBERT MAY



Rest in Peace

07-19-88 to 07-10-2020

Lived among us: 11,679 Days

“Handmade” Funeral Program for my beloved son,
Kyle Robert May, from Loretta Mae Piscopo (nee Kampka)

VISITATION

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
& FUNERAL SERVICE CELEBRATION 8:00 PM
Galante Funeral Home, 54 Roseland Ave. Caldwell, NJ 07006

Gentle Reminders:

Please bring your piece of art to present to Kyle. This art presentation will be held at the end of the Funeral Service.

You may also post your art on Kyle's Obituary Wall of Tributes.

Please bring and wear a mask as they are required by law.

Due to current restrictions regarding the pandemic, funeral home attendance is limited to fifty people.

Unlimited Zoom Meeting

attendance is offered via Livestream

(Please visit the Galante Funeral website for Zoom Meeting Information)

KATHLEEN EDWARDS-CHASE, Lead Pastor
The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, NJ



Obituary

Kyle Robert May, 31 years young of Pompton Plains, NJ entered into eternal life on July 10, 2020. He was born in Hackensack, NJ and later attended primary and middle school in Maywood, NJ. When Kyle was 9 years young, Kyle's mom took Kyle and black sketch book to 5Pointz in Queens, New York City to meet the one and only Mr. Jonathan "Meres One" Cohen, curator, artist, humanist and muralist. Meres took Kyle under his wing and helped shape Kyle to be the wonderful young man he became. Later, the May family moved to Pompton Plains where he graduated from Pequannock Township High School in 2006. Kyle's New York 7 Train artwork was nominated to be the cover of the High School Yearbook.

After his introduction to freestyle art in New York City, Kyle vowed to do whatever it took to hone his skills as an artist. He made it his intention to seek experiences and places outside of his comfort zone; and to walk in others' shoes and to feel their hardships, to better express himself as an artist, as a friend, and as a human being. Kyle completed an internship to become a tattoo artist, he designed murals on store windows, designed murals inside restaurants, designed and hand-painted clothing and sneakers, he helped Ms. Jeryl Abramson (another mother of Kyle and owner of Yasgur's Farm) organize the Woodstock Reunion at Yasgur's Farm, NY. Kyle was widely known for his freestyle and hippie art, and he made friends wherever he roamed. Kyle was comfortable in many situations, and needed no more than good friends, some paint and markers to be happy. Kyle was never concerned about money, or profiting off of his passion for art; in fact he would give (and has given) the shirt off of his back to someone who needed it more. Those that knew Kyle, know that he lived life to the fullest and loved to make people smile. His warm personality always made you feel good and welcomed.

Kyle was recently initiated into the artists wall of fame. He was so honored and happy. Kyle spent time in Arizona and Los Angeles, California pursuing art, which was his lifelong passion. His latest achievement, before the pandemic, was setting up the stage for Elton John at the Oscars in Los Angeles, California. He was invited to set up the post Oscar ceremonies for Elton John, but the pandemic terminated those plans. The recent sudden death of Kyle's brother, Brian May, brought him back to New Jersey for the funeral. His intentions were to go back to Los Angeles for the summer and then to move to Italy to live with his mother and step father, Antonio Piscopo, to tour Italy, interact with Italian artists and invite Mr. Jonathan "Meres One" Cohen to Italy to do aerosol art with Kyle and other famous Italian artists.

Kyle was a free-spirited artist, humanist and muralist, that did what he loved and contributed to the universe the way he knew how. His warm friendship, big hugs, kisses and smile will be forever missed.

For all of us who knew Kyle, he is saying, "I love you!." Above all his works of art, Kyle loved his friends, family and Alessandra Marie Minardi (soulmate)

He will be forever missed. Rock on Rockstar.

Kyle Robert May is survived by:

Loretta M. Piscopo (nee Kampka) and Antonio Piscopo, proud and loving mother & step father

Robert M. May, proud and loving father

Alessandra Marie Minardi (soulmate)

Kyle was predeceased by his treasured brother Brian May (10-31-1984 to 06-03-2020)

Bruce and Joyce Kampka, loving grandparents

Numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ralph "Butch" and Ginny Smith, loving grandparents



Order of Funeral Service

Welcome

Kathleen Edwards-Chase, Lead Pastor

Scripture Passage

Matthew 28:5-6

Easter Morning - "Jesus is not here. He is Risen"
Kyle is not here; he too is risen."

Prayer

Kathleen Edwards-Chase, Lead Pastor

Eulogy

Reading by Thomas Tompkins, Brother from another mother

Scripture Passage & Reflection

1 Corinthians 15:35

Physical Body | Spiritual Body

Tributes

By Loved Ones

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Present your art to Kyle (all invited to come up)

Music: Woodstock - Joni Mitchell

"We are Stardust"

<https://youtu.be/cRjQCvfcXn0>



WOODSTOCK LYRICS:

I came upon a child of God. He was walking along the road and I asked him, "where are you going?" And this he told me: "I'm going on down to **Yasgur's farm** I'm going to join in a rock 'n' roll band. I'm going to camp out on the land I'm going to try an' get my soul free."

We are stardust. We are golden and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden.

"Then can I walk beside you? I have come here to lose the smog and I feel to be a cog in something turning. Well maybe it is just the time of year or maybe it's the time of man. I don't know who I am, but you know life is for learning."

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By the time we got to Woodstock we were half a million strong. And everywhere there was song and celebration. And I dreamed I saw the bombers riding shotgun in the sky And they were turning into **butterflies** above our nation.

We are stardust. Billion year old carbon. We are golden. Caught in the devil's bargain. And we've got to get ourselves back to the garden.

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written & produced by Joni Mitchell | from the album Ladies Of The Canyon (1970)