



# Randall James "Randy" Prince

JUN 3, 1974 - JAN 13, 2008



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## **Randall James "Randy" Prince**

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**M**r. Randy Prince, age 33, died Sunday, January 13, 2008 in Goodyear, AZ while awaiting a Liver transplant. He was born June 3, 1974 in Grand Rapids, MI to Richard and Sandra (Williams) Prince; and had resided in the Muskegon area for most of his life prior to moving to Arizona 10 years ago. Randy was a stand-out basketball player at Western Michigan Christian High School, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Ferris State University. He was a former member of Bethany Church and was employed by The Grout Doctor prior to his illness. SURVIVORS include his girlfriend, Cindy Synodis of Avondale, AZ; 1 daughter, Skylar Prince; his mother, Sandy Prince of Grand Haven; 2 brothers, Richard (Cheryl) Prince of Twin Lake and Robert Prince of Tempe, AZ and by 2 nephews, James and Joseph. Randy was preceded in death by his father, Richard A. Prince, Jr., on September 4, 1997. SERVICES will be 1 PM Saturday at Bethany Church with Pastors Dave Sieplinga and Lou Roossien officiating. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. VISITATION with Randy's family will be 2-4 & 6-8PM Friday at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442 (231-726-5210). and one-hour prior to the service on Saturday at Bethany Church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to Randy's family to help defray funeral expenses will be appreciated.



# Events

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### Visitation

**Friday**, January 18, 2008

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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**Anonymous** posted:

With our deepest sympathies. We knew Randy as a wonderful, caring person who was a special friend. We will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Pat & Ron Fiedler##imported-end##

January 30 at 9:19 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy, I know you were with Cindy and the rest of us yesterday but I wanted everyone to know what a beautiful memorial service Cindy hosted in Arizona in your honor. She is an incredible woman and I am honored to call her my friend. She was strong and beautiful throughout the day! I feel very privileged to have witnessed your love for each other. It truly is one the most enduring, beautiful things I have ever seen. I am forever grateful for having caught a glimpse of such an abundant amount of love between two people; it makes my heart smile =)##imported-begin##Tammi Utley##imported-end##

January 28 at 2:29 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Baby, I miss you so much right now - it hurts.Robert and I are having your memorial service at our house tomorrow. Give both of us the strength to get through tomorrow. I feel you with me every day. I know your watching over and protecting me. There has been so many ways that I know your guiding and with me. I know it was you with me when I got home and the garage had been open - you didn't let anything happen to our house - you knew I couldn't take anymore. I know it was you that made me feel Skylar the other morning.I know you will never leave my side and be with me always. We have a connection like no other and you'll always be in my heart, soul and mind.Watch over your mom, Swerve and Base... they need you too. I always told you... you're stronger than you know and that's what is getting me through this. You know how much I love you and I always will. Everyday I'm grateful for having you in my life. You're the love of my life and always will be.I love you my sweet baby.##imported-begin##Cindy Synodis##imported-end##

January 26 at 5:18 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Cindy and The Prince Family, May you all find some peace thru this difficult time. Cindy, thank you so much for allowing Our Family to meet your love of your life and your soul mate. My heart hurts so much for you and your sadness. Randy's smile would light up the room and I will remember that always. He will always be your angel and protect you as he promised you. To the Prince Family, thank you for sharing Randy with ALL of us, his friends and family for so many years. He has touched SO many lives and will continue forever. And to Sklar, your Daddy will watch over you always. With deepest sympathy, The Johnson Family. Randy rest in peace....##imported-begin##Alana Johnson##imported-end##

January 25 at 8:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Randy, Cindy's obvious love and dedication towards him said it all...he was a very special person.Lucky for those who meet and greet with him today and lucky for everyone that knew him here on earth.My thoughts and prayers to Cindy and Randy's family.##imported-begin##Marlo Sackett##imported-end##

January 25 at 3:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

There's not much more that I can say that hasn't already been said here. It's sad to have someone so young taken so suddenly. My last memory of Randy was of him playing his favorite game of hoops when KVCC was in town playing against MCC. We can all take solace in the fact that you are in a better place, and probably playing some one on one with dad right now. May God continue to be with all of the family during this hard time. Our prayers go out for you.##imported-begin##Doug Hewitt##imported-end##

January 24 at 4:35 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Cindy and Family, May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Our deepest sympathy are with you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Carlos & Sandra Luna##imported-end##

January 22 at 12:47 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Randy, your Mom & Robert always say that no matter what I am a part of the family and so I say to my "lil" brother, please know you brought many smiles & laughter to us all with your big grin and numerous practical jokes! I will never forget the hug, our good times at the pool, our debates into the night, the many-many football games watched & fought over, Ethiopian chicken (!) and the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Skylar. Rest in Peace Randy Prince ~ Robert & I promise you, Cindy will be looked after in AZ with much love & kindness. May the entire Prince family find peace in their memories of Randy. God Bless You All. Tammi Utley##imported-begin##Tammi Utley##imported-end##

January 22 at 10:35 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Randy. He was truly a pleasure to coach at Ferris State. Always quick with a smile and willingness to learn he was the ultimate competitor and even though his senior season was a tough season he took on every challenge that was thrown his way. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bill SallHead Men's Basketball Coach##imported-begin##Bill Sall##imported-end##

January 21 at 12:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To all of Randy's family and friends: my prayers are with you! I am going to miss you Randy! We had some great times with him and will always have great memories of him. I am really going to miss hanging out with Randy and Cindy...going out, bowling, telling stories and laughing like no one else was around! Randy had an amazing spirit and I know that he will continue to watch over his family and friends like he always did.##imported-begin##Crystal Manchester##imported-end##

January 21 at 7:05 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sandy, Dick, and Bob, my heart truly goes out to you and you are in my prayers. Randy was such a good friend through both grade school and high school. Whenever I reflect on my life at MCS and WMC, Randy is a big part of the memories. Not only was he an amazing athlete, he was a kind and generous person that always made me laugh. He will be dearly missed. May God bless you during this difficult times. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kim Szczepanski (Douma)##imported-end##

January 20 at 12:22 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My sweet baby - you are truly the love of my life. I can't believe that I am not going to be able to come home to your smiling face everyday anymore. I know though that you will always be with me. You promised me that you will always be my angel - you'll watch over and protect me always. It has been so good for me to come back to Michigan and meet and see all the people and places that we talked about. I still can't feel my heart, but I know you will help me get through this. I'm going to miss so many things about you and us... our snuggle time, watching FRANK'S PICKS on Sunday mornings, you playing with my hair, rubbing my feet after a long day in heels, making us dinner and spending time together, your hugs (you know how much I loved when you wrapped me into you) and our poker/yahtzee nights. So many things, but I have them all in my heart and mind. There won't be a day or minute that goes by that you won't be in my thoughts. I love you forever, you're the love of my life, my soul mate and now you're my angel. I love you baby.##imported-begin##Cindy Synodis##imported-end##

January 19 at 4:01 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

KVCC Cougar in Heaven and on Earth. Rest in peace. With Love from the Hill family.##imported-begin##Brad Hill##imported-end##

January 19 at 2:30 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I only new Randy from playing basketbal while attending Kalamazoo Valley, but he was a gerat baketball player and an even better HUMAN BEING.##imported-begin##Charles Smith##imported-end##

January 19 at 2:04 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Very sad news, we were at KVCC together and I spoke to bunch of the former teammates and everyone was just blown away. Randy was a great person and an all around great guy. Your family is in our prayers. We just found out today, if we would have known we would have been there. Condolences from: Tom Mansfield Scott Hunter Jesse Ward Mike Williams Brad Hill ##imported-begin##Tom Mansfield##imported-end##

January 19 at 2:01 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Randy now becomes the second all too young Warrior to pass on. Randy and Dave Doorn will now be reunited upstairs while we are left to remember their incredible skills. I remember Randy while broadcasting games during their state championship, not only as their best player but a classy person whose demeanor on the court was an integral part of their state championship team. That group will always go down as one of my all time favorite teams in any sport.##imported-begin##Jim Moyes##imported-end##

January 19 at 4:46 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am deeply shocked and saddened to learn of Randy's passing. Thank you to Keith Guy for contacting me on Thursday evening. Randy was one of the very finest players on one of the very finest teams in Kalamazoo Valley Community College history. But more than his unselfish, skilled play, he was a joy to coach. Always reliable, always committed, and always team-oriented, he gave his best. May God bless all of his family and loved ones as his passing reminds all of us of the preciousness of life here on earth.##imported-begin##Coach Shilts##imported-end##

January 19 at 3:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sympathies go out to Sandy, Dick, Bob and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Eric Workman##imported-end##

January 19 at 2:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Prince family my prayers and thoughts are with you in the loss of your son and brother! May the Lord give you strength and encouragement. Dont forget the good times which will keep him close!##imported-begin##Jenna Houck##imported-end##

January 18 at 6:39 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I was a coach of Randy's at Kalamazoo Valley and actually got him to sign the letter of Intent at his house. Once he was signed, I called my wife and told her Randy was the missing piece to our puzzle! He proved it out by leading our team to 23-6 and 30-2 records. To this day I remember how the three players from Muskegon...Leroy, Janocus and Randy lead our team through the 30-2 year and State title. He was a special player and person I look forward to seeing again in Heaven! Randy was truly one of the happiest guys I ever coached. Ironically, I just watched the KVCC vs. Owens game in the 94 Regional final looking for ways to make our current Owens team play more together...I couldn't find a better group to copy. Love you Randy!##imported-begin##Kevin Skaggs##imported-end##

January 18 at 3:53 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We have nothing but fond memories of Randy and his family. Our hearts truly go out to them in this very difficult moment. May God bless you all with only the peace that He can provide.##imported-begin##Jeff and Jennifer Somers##imported-end##

January 18 at 3:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sandy and family, We are so sorry to hear about the death of your son Randy. I don't know of anything more painful than the loss of a child, no matter how old that child is. We wish we could make it to Muskegon to see you this weekend, but we are unable to do so. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Glenn & Wilma Van Til (Cousin Wilma)##imported-begin##Glenn & Wilma Van Til##imported-end##

January 18 at 3:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

There is a great sadness in parting with one who---though only here for a short while, will FOREVER be close to my heart! Hey Big Guy, I know you are hear someplace the difference being that everything is exactly how we all imagine..... PERFECT:) I am hear always, and I know why God took you from us at this young age it is because he needed your tall bald head to help all of us little people here. I love ya big guy, forever and always. May you rest in peace, as I know you are! -Leigh Hanneken 1-18-08##imported-begin##Leigh (Leigh-lo to Randy) Hanneken##imported-end##

January 18 at 2:37 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Randy and I played basketball together at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Everyone knows Randy for being a great basketball player, but I knew Randy for being a great person. I'm really going to miss and will never forget my friend, teammate, and buddy. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##Leroy King, Jr.##imported-end##

January 18 at 1:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I remember Randy and his brothers Bobby and Richard at my mom and dad's house with their parents for shaklee. My sister's and I, Becky, & Sharon, would all play and mess around. Randy was my first boy crush. Can't believe he's gone. My deepest sympathy to his family, girlfriend and daughter.##imported-begin##Barb Carpenter (Korson)##imported-end##

January 18 at 12:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sandy,Dick,and Bobby- Our thoughts and prayers our with you. We haven't seen you very much but you are thought of often. Randy was such a gentle giant with a smile on his face always. Adam often says that our son Tyler plays basketball like Randy. We can only hope he and our daughter can become gracious and humble in being an athlete like Randy was. Adam loves to share "back yard" stories with our kids. Randy is once again playing basketball with his dad in Heaven. We can only imagine the fun they are having. We love you guys.##imported-begin##Adam,Jennifer,Tyler, and Lauren Prince##imported-end##

January 18 at 9:16 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy was a special part of my life all through college. He meant so much to me, I would do anything for him! He often crosses my mind, wandering what he's up to now. When I received the news tonight, I kept thinking that I was going to wake up from a bad dream. Randy was a very kind and caring person who loved his family so dearly! I am truly sorry for your loss! He will be deeply missed! Randy, I will never forget you!##imported-begin##Jacque Gorbics##imported-end##

January 17 at 6:48 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all of you as you go through this difficult time. God bless.##imported-begin##Frank and Jeanne Klobucher##imported-end##

January 17 at 5:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Prince, Dick, Bob:My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. There is little I can say about Randy that you don't already know, and that others haven't already told you. He was my teammate, my friend, and one the kindest individuals I have had the pleasure to know. Stay strong, and God be with you.##imported-begin##Mick koster##imported-end##

January 17 at 4:02 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Prince family: My deepest sympathy to all. Watching Randy play basketball at WMC was a treat for me in my job at the Chronicle. He could pass, rebound, shoot, dunk and block shots with the best I've seen over the years. He seemed like a great teammate, friend, competitor and supporter for his school. May God comfort you at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike and family##imported-begin##Mike Mattson##imported-end##

January 17 at 3:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will be missed greatly! It was an honor to have grown up with you- especially since all those years in grade school you were the only one who was ever taller than me! I admired your athletic skill and will always remember your giant smile. May you be at peace and may God have a special place for you.Joy##imported-begin##Joy Collier (Schuitman)##imported-end##

January 17 at 12:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With love and sympathy.##imported-begin##Uncle Bruce, Aunt Joni, Michael, John and Kevin Prince##imported-end##

January 17 at 12:32 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I still see your smiling face and kind heart. Many a day hanging out with you guys at the Prince home and watching you all play ball in the driveway. Laughing, slamming on one another (and I do mean slamming, not dunking!) and just having a great time, as brothers and friends should. You had such a way of making everyone feel good, feel welcome. It's way too early for you to go, but you and your family are in my heart. While reading your obit, I am honored to tell you my daughter shares your birthday. We are going to celebrate you to. May God be surrounding you with His arms as He welcomes you home, with your Dad at His side and may God surround your family with strength, comfort and peace that only He can give. In Christ, Melia##imported-begin##Melia Phelps##imported-end##

January 17 at 10:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sandy, Dick and Bob, we extend our deepest sympathy to you during this difficult time. We have such good memories of Randy. He was always such a nice guy. We trust you feel God's presence during this time. Marlene and Jerry##imported-begin##Marlene and Jerry Koster##imported-end##

January 17 at 10:11 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy was a great friend. I am blessed to have known him. I have endless funny memories of him. Randy, you will be missed by many. May the Lord give the Prince family comfort and peace during this difficult time. -Rhonda (DeBoer) Hill##imported-begin##Rhonda (DeBoer) Hill##imported-end##

January 17 at 6:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Prince family, Our deepest sympathy are with you during this time of loss. Randy will always be considered a member of our family because of his relationship with Cindy. Dave and Sharon Hink##imported-begin##David and Sharon Hink##imported-end##

January 17 at 5:41 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Thanks to Randy (and I guess the rest of the team), WMC enjoyed a state basketball championship in 1992 and it was thrilling just to be a fan in the stands. Although Randy was THE star player and could certainly have been conceited, he was anything but, and always was approachable and humble. My heart goes out to your family. May you experience God's promise that He is near to the broken-hearted.##imported-begin##Robin (Essebaggers) Hollebeek##imported-end##

January 16 at 7:19 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy was a great friend who will be truly missed. I have many great and funny memories of Randy. May the Lord be with the family at this most difficult time. I'll miss you! Julie (Ypema) Ekkel##imported-begin##Julie (Ypema) Ekkel##imported-end##

January 16 at 11:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy wasn't just friend growing up, he was my big brother. I looked up to him in so many ways and not just because he was that much taller. I'll never forget walking the 1/2 block to go to the Prince house and play basketball for endless hours at a time. All those baskets I rebounded for him so he could get in 500 shots a day. My right ankle is still messed up after spraining it in their backyard playing hoops. Randy was one of a kind. He was a natural in almost anything he participated in. And who could forget his finesse with the ladies. I don't know how he did it. May the Lord give the Prince family strength and a sense of peace. I will miss you Bro. Brian##imported-begin##Brian Sipe##imported-end##

January 16 at 11:47 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I will never forget growing up with you and Dick & Bob. You guys were like brothers to me. I remember hanging out at your house on Emerson after school on numerous occasions. We always had to be quiet and were forced outside because your parents would be sleeping. Since the backyard consisted of pavement and basketball hoops, there wasn't much to do except watch you out-dunk your brothers. I'll never forget the time that me and Heidi Muston were trying to be dunk stars like you and broke the short rim in the garage. I'll never forget what an honor it was to be a cheerleader for such a standout athlete. I'll never forget your kind heart and how you would do anything for anyone, and how you helped my dad with his pool. I'll never forget the last time I saw you on a visit to Michigan years ago and the fun we had catching up on things, talking about how much our lives had changed. It still has not sunk in that I am actually here writing this right now. You will be missed by a lot of people whose lives you touched, but especially missed by myself and the entire Natte family.##imported-begin##Melissa Natte##imported-end##

January 16 at 11:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy was an incredible friend growing up through grade school and high school. I will always remember his humor and incredible talent in every sport he participated in. I will never forget in high school when he shot five half court baskets in a row during lunch. Incredible athlete. I last saw Randy when Ferris State's basketball team visited my college, Lake Superior State, in Sault Ste. Marie. Bobby Wiersema and I took Randy on a tour of our small campus in the middle of winter. Randy did not like the cold at all. I can only imagine that's one reason why he went to Arizona. I certainly can't blame him. God bless you and your family Randy. You will truly be missed, but never forgotten. Your friend, Mike##imported-begin##Michael Maycroft##imported-end##

January 16 at 10:30 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Randall James "Randy" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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