



Eric Flaum (1961-1997)

In his lifetime, Eric Flaum was a husband, a father, and a production manager and contributor for *Rolling Stones* magazine. For Kings Park, Eric was a student who graduated high school and followed his dream. He ascended the ladder of literature and writing to a height that few

from Kings Park have achieved. Those who taught Eric at Kings Park High School have only the highest of praise for his character and his ability.

Chris Mundy of the *Rolling Stones* magazine best described Eric Flaum: "We said goodbye to you on March 20, and once again you managed to find a way to comfort us. It has been that way from the beginning, 15 months ago, when you were diagnosed with a brain tumor, and so it made sense that it would be the same at the very end. At the service, a friend told the story about asking if he should make your eulogy humorous. "Cee-man", you told him, you can't make it funny enough." And it was. Yes we cried, and we spoke about your courage, but mostly we laughed at your corny old jokes and marveled at your capacity for love and enthusiasm for life. And there you were, just like you always were, in jeans and a Grateful Dead T-shirt, a basketball by your side and the mix tape that you obsessed over for this horrible day, blaring the Replacements, Neil Young and R.E.M. It is a testimonial to how you lived that we felt cheated at not being able to tease you about the goofy grin in your wedding photo or rile you by questioning your musical selections. That would have really gotten your goat. You leave behind a wonderful wife and two beautiful daughters, but also a host of us whose lives are better for having known you. Eric, we love you, we miss you, and the mix tape was perfect."