

ADAM "SKEETER" MUESEGADES MEMORIAL #426



A single car accident July 29th, 2005 claimed the life of Adam H. Muesegades. Adam, 24 years, of W4760 Garton Rd. Plymouth, Wi. was driving east on Hwy. H in the town of Russell, Sheboygan County, when his car veered off of the road and struck a utility pole. Adam who was wearing a seat belt died at the site of the accident.

Adam is the son of Sandy and Henry Muesegades and brother of Augie. He graduated from Elkhart Lake High School in 2000 and from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton in 2003 with an Associate Degree in Marketing. He currently was a senior at Lakeland College earning degrees in Business Management and Resort Management.

To his family and friends Adam was known as "SKEETER". His dad gave him this name as a baby and he truly was a Skeeter. When Adam wasn't in school or racing snowmobiles he worked at MS Masonry, The Osthoff Resort and M&M Home Care, the later which he co-owned with a friend. He was an athletic person, described by friends as a "fitness nut". He taught spinning classes at Premier Fitness, enjoyed lifting weights and worked out at least five days a week. He would frequently be seen running the 5 mile walking path around Elkhart Lake. He was an inspiration to others and enjoyed encouraging others to run with him.

Skeeter has been on snowmobiles since a small child. He and his brother Augie would race around their father's farm. Skeeter also enjoyed riding dirt bike, spinning the tires and leaving marks whenever possible. Snowmobile racing is not new to the Muesegades family. Sandy raced ice ovals, in the USSA women's circuit, in the early to mid 1970's along with her brother Jim Drake. They both raced on the Plymouth track. Henry tried his hand at racing but did a better job wrenching in the 70's and he helped Adam with his sleds as he was able.

Skeeter #426 has been racing on the Snow-X circuit in both USSA and WSA races. He was making a name for himself in the Snow-X field racing at Regional and National races as Duluth, Winnipeg, Eagle River, Lambeau Field Green Bay, and Lake Geneva. He loved racing in his home town, Plymouth at the Plymouth Snow Rangers Classic Race of Champions. He enjoyed racing in front of his friends and family. He delighted at winning and just as much loved to please the crowd.

#426, Skeeter began Snow-X racing in 2002 racing a 440 Arctic Cat in the Sport 440 and 600 classes. He raced at USSA, WSA and Twin Lake races. This was the first year you saw him on the Plymouth race track. He took a 3rd. that year at the Eagle River Derby World Championship, Sport class.

One year of Sport racing and onto the Semi-Pros in 2003. Skeeter switched to a brand new Ski-doo, racing his stock sled in 440, 600 and Open classes. He painted his Ski-doo sled RED in the beginning of the year and it was BLUE by the end of the year. He dominated both the Semi-Pro 440 and Open classes at the Plymouth Snow Rangers Classic Race of Champions, flying high in front of the grandstand on his red Ski-doo. He ended the race season 2nd. In total points in the 440, 600 and Open WSA Regional circuit. Adam practiced at Gravity Park in Chilton and raced there whenever he could. Bob Schneider of Gravity Park became a good Snow-X friend of Adam and the x-tra practice really paid off for Adam. 2003 was his first taste of National racing and Adam welcomed the competition.

Racing was in Adam's blood and he was determined to improve. He and his cousin, Brian Drake decided to build a wood chip track right after the 2003 race season. The wood chip track would allow Adam to practice over the summer. Adam suffered severe burns while clearing and burning brush and grass for the wood chip track. He spent months at the burn unit in St Mary's Hospital requiring numerous surgeries and skin grafting. He became more determined than ever to Snow-X race and came into the 2004 season with 2 sleds, a stock and Mod sled. 2004 was the first time Adam had a Mod sled, a Ski-doo owned and supported by Dean and Bruce Coon, Fortified Racing, of Spring Grove, Illinois. His new 2004 stock Ski-doo took on a new color almost every week-end. Skeeter and Brian loved to paint and the fans were expecting to see something different every week-end and they did. Adam continued to race Semi-Pro and began to make a name for himself in the National Circuit, attending 6 National races. He ended the season first in points in all 3 classes 440, 600 and 800 Open in the WSA Regionals. He also ran numerous USSA Races and was 3rd. at the Snow-X/Ice Oval Race at the Eagle River Derby World Championship track. **Continued on page 18**



**2005
1st 440 & Open
Weyawega
USSA**

2005 brought him another new YELLOW stock Ski-doo and he continued to race at his favorite USSA, WSA and Gravity Park tracks. He set a record for the longest Snow-X jump at the Eagle River Derby track of 220+ feet and also was 3rd. in the Semi-Pro Stock class at the River. He won the 600 Semi-Pro National Championship class at Gravity Park, was 2nd. In the 440 class and 4th in the Open Snow-X National Race at Gravity Park. Adam ended the race season at Lake Geneva, WSA National with a 10th. place finish in the 440 stock class.

Adam was pumped after the 2005 race season and was bound to do even better in 2006. He, his brother Augie and friends spent the spring of 2005 making a wood chip track to practice on at his father's farm north of Plymouth. He began practicing, wood chipping, shortly before he died in July. Skeeter was anxiously waiting the 2006 race

season. He had 2 new Ski-doo sleds, a stock and Mod ordered.....

SKEETER #426 was an Independent Snow-Cross Racer.....He had lots of support from his family and friends. His brother, Augie was his #1 supporter. You would see Augie at almost every race and could hear him and Adam yelling at each other at all the races. Augie stood by Adam and spent countless hours during the week in the trailer working on the sled, giving and taking orders. Adams parents along with Grandma Esther and Grandpa Wyman Drake, Uncle Jim Drake, John Brotz, Sheboygan Yamaha and Fortified racing all helped make Adams Snow-X dreams come true.

Adams pit crew changed slightly from year to year and race to race but there were the regulars that helped him succeed. Adam realized how important his pit crew was to him and knew the long hard hours they put in. Adam would work side by side with them. Adams sled always look perfect, was taken apart each week, gone through and polished to look like new. Augie, Travis Kestell, Brian Drake, Jeremy Roth, Kyle Thomas, Matt Schuette, and special Snow-X friends Bruce Coon, Dean Coon, Joe McGinnis, Eric Craig, Fred Voytovich Scott Hennessey, Andy Stewart and Jason Tinus were always there for Skeeter.

Adam's main supporter and "Good Luck" charm was his girlfriend and soul mate Caitlin Brotz. Caitlin spent every weekend at the tracks and during the week in the snowmobile trailer waiting for Adam to finish working on his sled. You could hear her cheering him on in the stands as she video taped his races.

Adam made many snowmobile friends and race fan friends over the years. For those of you who knew Skeeter well he was always a last minute kind of guy. Fixing sleds right up to the start of the race. One always knew when Adam was around. He enjoyed taking those X-tra practice laps, loved taking a run up the ski hill, duct taped a flash light for a head light, would yell and scream on the starting line and pushed the flagman right to the limit.

Skeeter's charm and kindness was known to all racers. If someone needed help or parts he was there. There were lots of times he needed help and other racers were there for him. His race family is very special to him. Out on the track Adam was respected by his fellow racers. On the track he raced hard whether it was a heat or a final.

We remember our precious son, brother and soul mate, Adam for all the goodness and happiness he brought to our lives. We are so very "Blessed" to have had him for 24 years. Our family appreciates all the care, support, love and prayers we have received from our Snow-X family and friends. To commemorate Adams love of Snow-Cross Racing we are contributing to the purse of the Pro-Star Stock and pro-Star Open Snow-X Classes. We will add \$1000.00 to each of these two classes at the Plymouth Snow Rangers Budweiser Classic Race of Champions this year and each year there continues to be races at Plymouth.

We thank the Plymouth Snow Rangers for accepting this Memorial in memory of Adam SKEETER Muesegades.

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**Eagle River
Longest Jump
220 feet**

Just this morning 11-26-05, the opening day for Semi-Pro Snow-X races at Duluth our family received a note and race picture of our son #426 from James Urquhart, Editor of Snow-X magazine. He stated, "Though I never had the chance to meet him, I watched Adam race a bunch of times and it was clear that he was someone who was committed to and loved snowmobiling. His racing improved.....and he was on his way to becoming a TOP Semi-Pro. I wanted to send you this photo of Adam. It was taken during the Semi-Pro heats on Sunday morning, December 14, 2003, at the WSA Canadian National at Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is perhaps the best photo I have of Adam. I hope you like it. We can all consider ourselves lucky to have known Adam and to have been able to watch him race."

THANK YOU Race family and friends for all your kind words and deeds. It is your kindness that has helped us through these very difficult days. We will always remember Adam's beautiful smile, kind words for all, and zest for life.

He truly is motivating and inspiring SKEETER we love you and miss you very much.....

Respectfully,
The Muesegades Family
#426

