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Eric Steven Blackburn passed away in his sleep at his mother's home in Minneapolis on September 4th, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 11, 1972 in Golden Valley MN.

As a youth, he enjoyed little league baseball, board games, chess, hiking, the Twins and the Vikings. He especially loved hockey, and attended many North Stars and MN Wild games. But his favorite lifelong pastime was fishing.

As a Boy Scout, he spent a week in the Boundary Waters hiking, canoeing and fishing. But his BWCA adventure was cut short when a pot of boiling cocoa spilled, scalding his leg. It took an emergency 3-day portage to get him to a hospital in Ely MN.

Following his graduation from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis in 1990, Eric went to work for Arthur Anderson LLP. During his tenure there, he developed a passion for creativity in the kitchen, eventually leading to his enrollment at The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institute of Minnesota, where he graduated in June 2003.

Eric found his true calling, happily working in various restaurant kitchens throughout the metro area until shortly before his passing. He was always in demand to prepare something special for family get-togethers, and his tasty and unique contributions will be missed by

all.

Eric loved his son Shane, and he loved his dog Dex.

Eric is survived by his parents, Loreen (Lori) Blackburn of Minneapolis and Arthur Blackburn of Keaau HI; son Shane Blackburn of St Paul; brother Benjamin Blackburn of Minneapolis; sister-in-law Nilda Blackburn of Coon Rapids; grandmothers Twila Bourdeaux of Waipahu HI and Emeline Perna of New Hope; uncles Lonnie Perna of Brooklyn Center and Russell Eley of Maple Lake; aunt Chiemi Eley of Maple Lake; nephew Orlando Blackburn of Coon Rapids; nieces Emerald Blackburn of Coon Rapids, Jasmine Pastones of Anoka, Julie Pastones of Glendive MT and Nicole (Nikki) Pastones of Glendive MT; step-brothers Jon Amundson (Lisa) of Golden Valley and James Amundson (Suzy) of Bloomington.

A private Celebration of Life for Eric will be held for family and friends on Saturday, September 14.