



## Eric Kurt Witzel

June 17, 1976 - October 14, 2021

Eric Kurt Witzel, 45, of White Bear Lake, passed away on Thursday, October 14th surrounded by his family and friends. He leaves behind his wife Ellen and three children, Maggie, Addison and Mason. He also leaves behind his parents, Marie and Gary; mother and father-in-law (John & Marilyn); in-law's, Kelley (Richard), Susan (Lee), Heather (Matt), and John (Rachel).

Eric was an amazing son, husband, father and friend. He had a love for the outdoors and being on the water all four seasons. Teaching his children about the outdoors was one of his favorites.

Eric was a friend like none other. There was nothing he wouldn't do for you. His friends have all been like brothers to him.

Eric was an only child but had many aunts, uncles, cousins, and 19 nieces and nephews that will miss him dearly. He was truly one of a kind.

Eric was adopted at birth and recently found his birth parents. He also learned that he has three younger half sisters, a niece and a nephew. He had the pleasure of meeting almost all of them.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; aunt, Anita; uncle, Jim; godmother, Holly; godfather, Bob; and brother-in-law, David.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, October 29th at Eagle Brook Church in White Bear Lake, 2401 Buffalo Street, White Bear Lake. Visitation will be from 9-11AM and will be followed by a service at 11 AM. All are welcome.

Memorials preferred.



# Tribute Wall

TK

“ So sorry to heard about the loss of your son - our prayers go out to your family.



Tim & Kathy Kaliszewski - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Sorry for your loss. We are friends with Steve & Debbie Lies, and were told recently that they had connected with Eric.

Rich and LuAnn Cameron - October 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I wish I could be there in person to pay my condolences, but I'll be out of town. I'll be sending prayers, love, and strength to Eric's family and friends on Friday. May you continue to find comfort in the memories you made with this wonderful man. I know that I'll miss his bluntness and humor. Witz was one of the best!



Heather Jerabek - October 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ So sorry for your loss. I have admired Eric over the years from the information provided by you Marie. :I wish I could have met him in person.



Arvin and Becky Larson - October 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Ellen, Maggie, Addison & Mason words for such an unimaginable loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Terry & Barb Granger** - October 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and for your kids losing their dad.

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**Stacey Koenig** - October 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Regretfully, I'm not able to be at the funeral. I will reflect on my memories with Eric in CA during the MN service.

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**Melissa Kellenberger** - October 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My heart goes out to all Eric's family especially to his Mom and Dad, Marie and Gary and to his wife and children. Prayers for the peace of God for all of you as only He can give. My thoughts and prayers for support through love and prayers during these very difficult times. From all in Wayne's and my family to each one in your family - deepest sympathy and love.

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**Sharron Scholzen** - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I never met your your family.. but my daughter was in small group with Maggie as a leader. She came home one And could not wait to go back! She loved everyone and talked about Maggie! Maggie, our family is saying Lots of prayers for you and your family! So sorry for this incredibly difficult loss!

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**Nash Jaime** - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My heart breaks for you. Use the village around you to get through this unbelievable loss.



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**Sara Hahne** - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We love you all . We are with you daily in our Hearts : sending Blessings of Peace, Comfort, Joy and Love forever daily .

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**Don & Catherine Raunig** - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I can still hear you saying my name and laughing with me around a warm fire, while offering me some venison heart I had never thought I'd try. You left us too soon man, and I didn't know that I could miss someone this much anymore, but I cry a lot these days. I think about your happy smile and your jokes, and all the joy you had, and it just reminds me of all I never got to tell you about how great a person you are. I don't know who to talk to about this, but I really really really miss you Uncle Eric! May you rest in Love and In Peace, and I hope you and my dad get to be friends in heaven (he just turned 60 this year, so go easy on him).



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**Stone Nguenkam** - October 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I worked with Eric for over 10 yrs at Greatbatch, I even fished with him once. Great guy. My wife and I are so sorry for your loss. I know that at this awful time things are tough , but keep in mind that times will improve.

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**Dave Griffin** - October 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM