



John Amos Russell

May 2, 2015

Russell, John Amos Age 30, of Minneapolis, beloved child of God, died from leukemia on May 2, 2015. John was born to Pastors William Russell and Ann Svennungsen, on May 10, 1984, in Iowa City, Iowa and baptized at Zion Lutheran Church on July 29, 1984. A life-long Lutheran, John is a member of Edina Community Lutheran, Edina. A 2007 high school graduate, John worked as an artist at the Interact Center, St. Paul, MN, and as a Rancher at the Down Home Ranch, Elgin, Texas. John, born with Down Syndrome, was a friend and teacher to many. His unconditional love, faith in Christ and witness to God's grace have touched us deeply. He is survived by his parents; two dear sisters, Sarah Karlgaard (Daniel) and Mary Russell (fiancé, Geoff Buller); his nephew and niece, John and Annika Karlgaard; and countless cherished relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 6, 11 AM, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Visitation will be at the church from 5-7:30 PM, with prayer time at 6:30, on Tuesday, May 5, and one hour before the service. Memorials are directed to the Center for Worship and Music or the David and Kari Svennungsen Scholarship Fund of the ELCA.