



Joseph Miller

September 3, 2008

Miller, Joseph A. age 47, of Coon Rapids. He was always so willing to help others. He gave of himself completely. He truly will be missed by his family and friends. He was loved deeply by his wife and children and he loved being outdoors enjoying God's creations. Survived by wife, Cindi; children, Johnathan and Hannah; sister, Renee Gruidl; brothers, Paul Miller (Sheila) and Mike (Christine) Miller; mother, Joyce Saucier; and father, Roger (Kay) Miller; also nieces, nephews, many dear friends and relatives. Preceded in death by grandparents and brother-in-law, Dan. Memorials preferred. (Hawaiian attire requested at funeral) Interment Epiphany Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial Friday, 11 AM, Epiphany Catholic Church, 111th & Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids with visitation one hour prior to service and Thursday, 4-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

Tribute Wall



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August 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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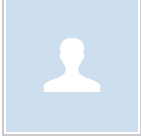
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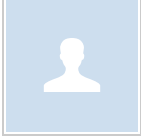


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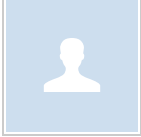
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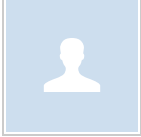
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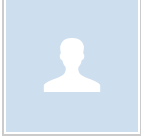
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“ To Joes Family, Many of us worked with Joe in Ireland over the years with BSC and he was always a great friend and just a fun person to be with. During his extended stays in Galway he worked closely with us and was respected by all as a good engineer and good friend. He was defined by his sense of adventure, integrity and fun. We are deeply saddened by his loss and our prayers are with his family and friends in the USA. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam Chris Frawley (Galway)

~

Chris frawley

September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Cindi, Johnathan, Hannah and the Miller family. I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I worked for Joe at BSC for about a year before leaving the company to pursue other career opportunities. Joe was a good boss to have. Not only was he willing to share his engineering knowledge with me to help me be a better technician but he was always fun to be around. His sense of humor helped me get through some of the longer days at work and he was always good at getting a smile or a chuckle out of everyone around him. I took my first business trip with him to San Fransisco. It was a good work experience overall and it was fun going to D&B's eating dinner and playing arcade games. Then he told the engineers that we were working with there that we had an early flight home (we had a late afternoon flight), then we went site seeing for the day and wouldn't you know it, when we got to the airport later in the day we ran into the engineer that we had told that we had an early flight-oops. Again, I'm sorry to hear of the loss. Joe will not be forgotten. Chris Schwab

~

Chris Schwab,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Chris Schwab - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“Cindi, Johnathan & Hannah, I know we've never met, but you are in my prayers. I was so fortunate to know Joe- I worked with him for quite a few years at Boston Scientific. Along with so many others, he had a lasting impact on me too, especially as a new engineer. He was such fun to work with, he really made it not seem like "work". He was a genius as far as I'm concerned, infectious in laughter, and so giving. He gave me career and engineering advice that really impacted me. I loved listening to all his stories about house projects and things he would tackle, out of sheer interest in improving things and helping others. I especially loved that Joe could bake and even had the time and generosity to bring it in to work. I still have his amazing recipe for his famous caramel brownies. They were the best brownies I'd ever had. I bet he invented them, too. I know the world is a much better place because of Joe. There really aren't many that have left such a legacy and impact as him, and in such a selfless way. Sincerely, Kristi Lilly

~

Kristi Lilly,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Kristi Lilly - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Cindy and Family, How sorry we are to hear of your great loss. We're only sorry we never had the chance to meet this great husband of yours. You all are in our prayers. God BlessBob & Dee Gross*

~

Dee Gross,

Brooklyn Park, MN

Contact Me

Dee Gross - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Miller Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I had the chance to meet Joe through his brother Mike, who worked with me at PDI. Several years ago, both he and Mike offered to come over to help fix my roof, because I really could not afford to hire it out. They were the greatest-- especially Joe, considering he didn't even know me. It meant a lot to me and I wanted to make sure that Joe's wife and children know how grateful I was for Joe's kindness and how sorry I am for their loss. Deborah

~

Deborah Taylor,

Little Canada, Minnesota

Contact Me

Deborah Taylor - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *To my big brother-Who other than Joe would take a weekend out of their busy schedule, fly to Dallas and redo a bathroom in two days? Who other than Joe would help me move many times and drive half way across the country more than once?Your loyalty, laughter and unconditional love have carried me through some of the bleakest days of my life. I knew I could always depend on you for guidance, support and advice. You never turned your back on me or my family.My girls and I are here to help Cindi, Jonathan and Hannah get through this difficult time, as you did for us.I thank God that you were given to our family and that I had the honor to call you brother. You will be dearly missed and we will forever feel your loss.Love Always,Renee*

~

Renee Gruidl,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Renee Gruidl - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Cindi, John & Hannah: I'm sure you realize what a wonderful husband and father you were blessed with. Who else would drive all the way to Dayton, Ohio to spend a weekend with a bunch of drumline teenagers??? Not to mention carting around all the band parents who needed rides and making several trips to local stores to get food, ice and prom decorations. I told Joe I would not go into a store with him because he played with everything on the shelves and was downright embarrassing! We will all miss the laughter Joe provided that helped break up the long band and drumline performance days. We are keeping you in our prayers, and if you need anything please don't hesitate to call us.

~

Dave & Lori Jansen & boys,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dave & Lori Jansen & boys - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *Cindi & Kids, I had the pleasure of working with Joe while he was in BSC. His ability to bring laughter and joy to his colleagues will be truly missed. My heart goes out to you and your family at this time of utmost sorrow.*

~

Rob Eyers,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rob Eyers - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So Bro, What cu doing up there? You’re not messing with everyone are you, have you done the pull my finger with the angels yet? Andrea thinks you’ll stick the kids’ fingers in their Birthday cake and call their parents to blame the kids like you use to do with her. I’m betting you’ll find some mischievous way to get a laugh and keep ‘em on their toes, just like you did here. Do you have time to ride your cycle? Everyone misses you more than you can imagine, everyone. As you know, I was a mess when I found out you’d moved along, couldn’t stop crying. Getting better, whenever I see a picture or share a story or think of how life won’t seem as rich without you here to share it the waterworks start again. Remember last Christmas making sugar cookies, geez, they were awesome. Always a family favorite, Joe falling asleep in his mashed potatoes in the high chair, I know you got tired of that one. One of my favorites is putting up Renee’s fence last summer in Dallas with you and Mike, joking around at Home Depot, digging holes with the auger, pouring cement, all of us working together and sweating like race horses! I think we had that section of the fence down and up in a few hours. Nothing was impossible for you to do. Gotta say I’m more than a little pissed you left the dance early though. Be sure to take a look at the funeral, Cindy’s asking everyone to dress in Hawaiian shirts, it’ll make the best of a sad affair. I know it’s exactly what you’d want, never did like suits much. In our day to day rush I’m not sure we ever take time to relish and share how much people mean to us. I remember a couple phone calls telling you how good I thought you were, talking thru problems, but never getting to the good stuff. You’re one of a kind Joe. The list of attributes goes on and on as many of your friends have written. Ultimately I think you’re just a great person that was willing to help anyone. I’m proud of you and I hope you know how much we all love you. Miss you.

~

Paul Miller,

Rocklin, California

Paul Miller - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

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~

Brad Peterreins,

Denver, Colorado

Contact Me

Brad Peterreins - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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Coon Rapids, Minnesota

September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ I walked in to work this morning and heard the news. I have sat next to Joe for quite some time here at St. Jude. Needless to say I am stunned and deeply saddened. Your family will be in our prayers.
John IbelingSt. Jude Medical

~

John Ibeling,

Otsego, Minnesota

John Ibeling - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Cindi, Johnathan and Hannah: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was a great man- fun to be around. He light up a room and made all feel welcome. He will be missed by all whose life he touched! The Ness'-Rick, Lisa and Jourdan

~

Lisa Ness,

Coon Rapids

Lisa Ness - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Cindi, Johnathan & Hannah, You know he was one and will always be the best brother-in-law, uncle anyone could ever ask for. He lived his life to the fullest all the time. I know my boys will always remember him as "Stuck in the Mud" Joe, and all the fun and goofy things he would teach them. You all know he will always be with you in heart and mind. Love you always, Beth Peltonen and Family

~

Beth Peltonen,

Elk River, Minnesota

Beth Peltonen - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My family and I had the honor of spending time with Joe and his family. We travelled together several times and would sometimes come together just for a meal. Joe was a truly unique individual, a sharp mind and wit, he had insight and prespective that solved complex engineering problems and reduced them to simple terms. He was hands-on, and did many of his own home improvement projects, built furniture, or cabinetry. But through his busy life Joe maintained a sense of humor that rivaled a teenage prankster. While this seems enough, Joe and Cindi maintained a family life that seemed to be something from a lost era. Their children were the focus of Joe's life and Joe travelled extensively with the family and did many activities together that helped maintain the closeness of a truly loving family. Even with the normal demands of work, family, and life, Joe was always willing to give a helping hand to friends or family. Moving people to new homes, small or large building projects, advice, or encouragement were available at a moment's notice. Joe's faith and commitment were remarkable. Joe and his family travelled with a mission group to New Orleans to help renovate homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Joe volunteered for a middle-of-the-night shift for Perpetual Adoration at his Parish. Joe was genuine. His passing has brought sadness to myself and my family. We share many parallels that seem to make our lives a reflection of Joe and his family. We share the same wedding anniversary, down to the same year and city of the wedding. We also have 2 children, a boy and a girl, of roughly the same ages. We shared many of the same philosophies and goals. The times spent together are truly memorable and treasured. It has also brought an awareness of my own mortality, and reminds me and my loved ones that we need to enjoy each other and our time together. Each day on earth is a gift from the Creator, as Joe now reminds us.

~

Ronald Bradley,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ronald Bradley - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“Cindy, Jonathan & Hannah: Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of your husband/father. We lovingly remember all the Dance trips we took together and loved reading through the Christmas' letters of changes and growth each year of your family. Know that Joe is resting in Heaven with the Angels, and lean on your faith during this difficult time. Jonathan and Hannah - you made your dad very proud! Cindy - you were the love of his life. Hold onto the memories you share, and take him with you in your hearts everywhere you go. He will always watch over each of you, and lovingly look down and smile. Take solace in knowing the three of you were his whole life! Look at all the woodwork he did, and remember the hours of love he put into everything he built. Always remember how much he loved each of you! Look to God and remember we don't always understand "WHY", but we have to let go and trust. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to contact us. Sending you all our love and prayers!

~

Melissa, Mekayla & Ryan Olson,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa, Mekayla & Ryan Olson - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. Joe was a colleague of mine at Boston Scientific. Joe spent his time with us at the office much the same way he lived his life outside of work. Genuine, talented and hilarious are words that come to mind when I think of Joe. My prayers are with you during this impossible time. Sincerely, Adam Huot

~

Adam Huot,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Adam Huot - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Cindi, Johnathan and Hannah (and all of Joe’s family), I am so sorry and saddened to hear about the loss of one of the greatest persons I have EVER known. My heart goes out to your family in this time of sadness. Just remember how he brought a smile to your face or made you laugh when you were down. I know how much his family means to him, as I’ve had the pleasure of hearing about the weekends and family vacations for years. Joe did more for others than he did for himself. Everyone that has come in contact with Joe has learned something, either personally, professionally, or from the advice he gave on a project around the house. He was the most selfless person I know. When everyone else was taken care of, that’s when Joe would take time for himself. He brought so many smiles to so many faces, even to people who didn’t know him (trust me, I was there). When people overheard what he said, the looks on their faces were so priceless, as was his huge smile and loud laugh! Joe was one of the gang. He was one of my best friends over the last 10 years. If I was ever in a bad mood, I knew soon, with a phone call or seeing him, it would not last long. At the end of every day I knew I would go home with a smile, shaking my head, thinking “where does this guy come up with all of this stuff?” He had a comment for EVERYTHING a person said (you know he was just waiting to use it). If there is ever anything I can do, do not hesitate to call. Joe will be missed by all. His life may have been taken from us too soon, but his advice, humor and Joe-isms will remain with everyone for a lifetime! The great memories will keep Joe with everyone! Love, Jon and Michelle Patterson

~

Jon Patterson,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jon Patterson - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindi, Johnathan and Hannah, I am so sorry to read about your loss. I know that we have never met and I haven't talked to Joe since high school, but I will never forget what a great friend he was to everyone that had the pleasure of being in his company. My prayers are with you and your family.*

~

Carlene Garrick (Olson),

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carlene Garrick (Olson) - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

~

patsy bishop,

Lake Elmo, Minnesota

patsy bishop - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Cindi, Johnathan, & Hannah: It is so difficult to put into words the sorrow we feel in losing such a loving friend. We feel so fortunate to have been able to travel with Joe and your family on vacations. When looking through pictures of our vacations we found that Joe was always in the center of the activities with the children. When in the pool, all the children would be hanging from his arms and around his neck. He was always involved in whatever the kids were doing. We will always remember stomping grapes at Biltmore Estate, riding the waves in the Atlantic Ocean, the sail boat ride in Charleston, the rodeo in Texas, the Space Museum in Kansas, and the many other things that we shared. Joe would always make the trips fun and exciting. We will never forget all the laughs. Joe would stop and buy fireworks during our trips and then set them off for all to enjoy on the Fourth of July. Everyone that knew Joe knows that he did things to enrich and make his family's life better. You were his top priority. The trips that you took as a family to Ireland, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, Disney Cruise, Florida, Texas, Charleston and numerous other destinations will be memories that you will have for a lifetime. They will be special memories that you will cherish and hold close to your hearts. Joe was always there to help us out. When we got a flat tire in St. Cloud in the middle of the night - on a work night - he got out of bed and came to help us get home. When we ran out of honey - Joe the Bee Keeper would replenish our supply. Joe was there when we needed help with woodworking things on our home. He was always willing to borrow a tool, the trailer, or make suggestions on how to accomplish a task. He has touched so many lives and been so unselfish and giving of himself. We can all learn so much from the examples he has set. Joe was a great cook and would share his food with us. Ron and Joe would take cooking classes together at the Canyon Grill in Coon Rapids. Joe bought Ron his first set of ramikins and torch to make Creme Brule. Joe shared his passion for Gopher hockey with Ron. They would go and sit in Joe's outstanding seats. They enjoyed the game, enjoyed each other's company, and of course the banter and jokes that would go back and forth from the time they met to the time they departed from one another. The friendship that Ron had

with Joe was truly special. When we think of the Millers - we think of Joe, Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah and how much they have become part of our family. It is hard to bear that we have to let one go - each one is precious to us. We will always remember Joe and he will live through each of us and our memories of times past. Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah - always know that we are here for you. Never hesitate to call or ask for help. We love you and you will be in our prayers!

~

Terri Bradley,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Terri Bradley - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“Cindi, Jonathon, Hannah, and all those who have had the opportunity to know and love Joe. I am hearbroken for your loss. As long as I have known Joe (and that has been a long time), he has been the most caring person, even in the middle of his jokes and lighthearted bantering. You are indeed blessed to have had this time with him, and will undoubtedly miss him with your every breath. Keep him close in your hearts, and hear his laugh in everything you do! Try to celebrate Joe's time here on earth, as he tried to celebrate each and every day, too! Joes request for Aloha attire in his honor is appropriate as: "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable. Joe was certainly an embodiment of "Aloha". Although he was not Hawaiian in body, he is Aloha in his spirit. Take care and keep his joy of life close to you always!

~

Natalie Miller,

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Contact Me

Natalie Miller - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

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John & Helen Conklin,

St. Petersburg, Florida

Contact Me

John & Helen Conklin - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Cindi, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

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Mary Ann Sallman,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mary Ann Sallman - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

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~

Chris & Janet Fletcher,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

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JB

“ Joe was a great friend and was always full of energy. He had a great laugh and would always keep things light before the stressful tests at the U (and he usually got the highest scores, too). He was always willing to help out and I'll always remember how he helped me roof my house in 90 degree temps. He was a very skillful craftsman in everything he worked on. He will be greatly missed by all and I will always remember his enthusiasm for his friends and family - "for sure for sure".

~

Jim & Pauline Borucki,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Jim & Pauline Borucki - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PL

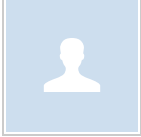
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Julie Gunn,

Keller, Texas

Contact Me

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Jon Patterson,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

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JE

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Judy Ekern,

Plymouth, Minnesota

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patsy bishop,

Lake Elmo, Minnesota

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GO

“ Cindi, Johnathon and Hannah - I don't know what to say except that I am so sorry to hear about Joe's unexpected and tragic passing this weekend. I know he was a wonderful husband, son and brother, and although I've never met you Johnathon and Hannah, I know your dad was a caring, fun and loving father to the both of you. Thinking back to the many times Joe and I spent together in high school and after, he always had a way of making your day brighter....a quick joke, a good natured ribbing or just his infectious smile, you couldn't help but smile when Joe was around. He was a great friend and he will truly be missed by his family and his many friends and lives that he touched. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now in this time of sadness. If there is anything that we can do let us know.

~

Greg & Regina Olson,

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Contact Me

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DV

“ I am very sad to hear of your loss. Joe was honest, enthusiastic and positive and his loss will be felt by many.

~

Daniel VanCamp,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

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~

Chris & Janet Fletcher,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

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MK

“ Dear Miller Family, I am deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. The world was a better place with Joe around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Mark Kraus,

Minnesota

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BB

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Bob Bursaw,

Andover, Minnesota

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Keller, Texas

Contact Me

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EE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was such a pleasure to work with during his time at Boston Scientific. He was always quick with a smile, joke, and offering help whenever needed. He will be greatly missed.*

~

Erin Ernst,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

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RL

“ I was stunned to hear this news. I worked with Joe during his time at St. Jude and grew to appreciate his honesty in friendship and good nature. He was deeply committed to his family, friends, and church and did not hesitate to provide his time, advice, or guidance to those of us who were privileged to know him. Joe was a good man in every sense of the word and he will be missed deeply. The Lehnert family offers its prayers to the Miller family for the Lord to provide them the strength and guidance through this difficult time.

~

Rick & Donna Lehnert,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

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~

Mark Christianson,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mark Christianson - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Cindi, Johnathon and Hannah - I don't know what to say except that I am so sorry to hear about Joe's unexpected and tragic passing this weekend. I know he was a wonderful husband, son and brother, and although I've never met you Johnathon and Hannah, I know your dad was a caring, fun and loving father to the both of you. Thinking back to the many times Joe and I spent together in high school and after, he always had a way of making your day brighter....a quick joke, a good natured ribbing or just his infectious smile, you couldn't help but smile when Joe was around. He was a great friend and he will truly be missed by his family and his many friends and lives that he touched. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now in this time of sadness. If there is anything that we can do let us know.

~

Greg & Regina Olson,

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Contact Me

Greg & Regina Olson - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

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~

Melinda Kovach,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melinda Kovach - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I am very sad to hear of your loss. Joe was honest, enthusiastic and positive and his loss will be felt by many.

~

Daniel VanCamp,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Daniel VanCamp - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PN

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~

Peter Ness,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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MK

“ *Dear Miller Family, I am deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. The world was a better place with Joe around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

~

Mark Kraus,

Minnesota

Mark Kraus - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

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~

Sue Saltarelli,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Sue Saltarelli - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Cindi, Johnathan and Hannah...Our hearts go out to you at Joe's tragic passing. He was one of a kind, and anyone who met Joe couldn't help but like him. If there is anything we can do to help support you, please let us know. Our prayers are with you.*Bob and Mary Bursaw

~

Bob Bursaw,

Andover, Minnesota

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Mike Miller,

Red Wing, Minnesota

Contact Me

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EE

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~

Erin Ernst,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

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Todd and Lisa Latterell,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

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RL

“ I was stunned to hear this news. I worked with Joe during his time at St. Jude and grew to appreciate his honesty in friendship and good nature. He was deeply committed to his family, friends, and church and did not hesitate to provide his time, advice, or guidance to those of us who were privileged to know him. Joe was a good man in every sense of the word and he will be missed deeply. The Lehnert family offers its prayers to the Miller family for the Lord to provide them the strength and guidance through this difficult time.

~

Rick & Donna Lehnert,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rick & Donna Lehnert - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IJ

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Steve Larsen,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

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Kelly Reinking(co-worker),

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Contact Me

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Jl

“ I walked in to work this morning and heard the news. I have sat next to Joe for quite some time here at St. Jude. Needless to say I am stunned and deeply saddened. Your family will be in our prayers.
John Ibeling St. Jude Medical

~

John Ibeling,

Otsego, Minnesota

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Jeff Strong,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

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RB

“ My family and I had the honor of spending time with Joe and his family. We travelled together several times and would sometimes come together just for a meal. Joe was a truly unique individual, a sharp mind and wit, he had insight and prespective that solved complex engineering problems and reduced them to simple terms. He was hands-on, and did many of his own home improvement projects, built furniture, or cabinetry. But through his busy life Joe maintained a sense of humor that rivaled a teenage prankster. While this seems enough, Joe and Cindi maintained a family life that seemed to be something from a lost era. Their children were the focus of Joe's life and Joe travelled extensively with the family and did many activities together that helped maintain the closeness of a truly loving family. Even with the normal demands of work, family, and life, Joe was always willing to give a helping hand to friends or family. Moving people to new homes, small or large building projects, advice, or encouragement were available at a moment's notice. Joe's faith and commitment were remarkable. Joe and his family travelled with a mission group to New Orleans to help renovate homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Joe volunteered for a middle-of-the-night shift for Perpetual Adoration at his Parish. Joe was genuine. His passing has brought sadness to myself and my family. We share many parallels that seem to make our lives a reflection of Joe and his family. We share the same wedding anniversary, down to the same year and city of the wedding. We also have 2 children, a boy and a girl, of roughly the same ages. We shared many of the same philosophies and goals. The times spent together are truly memorable and treasured. It has also brought an awareness of my own mortality, and reminds me and my loved ones that we need to enjoy each other and our time together. Each day on earth is a gift from the Creator, as Joe now reminds us.

~

Ronald Bradley,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

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Steve Larsen,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

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MO

“Cindy, Jonathan & Hannah: Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of your husband/father. We lovingly remember all the Dance trips we took together and loved reading through the Christmas' letters of changes and growth each year of your family. Know that Joe is resting in Heaven with the Angels, and lean on your faith during this difficult time. Jonathan and Hannah - you made your dad very proud! Cindy - you were the love of his life. Hold onto the memories you share, and take him with you in your hearts everywhere you go. He will always watch over each of you, and lovingly look down and smile. Take solace in knowing the three of you were his whole life! Look at all the woodwork he did, and remember the hours of love he put into everything he built. Always remember how much he loved each of you! Look to God and remember we don't always understand "WHY", but we have to let go and trust. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to contact us. Sending you all our love and prayers!

~

Melissa, Mekayla & Ryan Olson,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

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Coon Rapids, Minnesota

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AH

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. Joe was a colleague of mine at Boston Scientific. Joe spent his time with us at the office much the same way he lived his life outside of work. Genuine, talented and hilarious are words that come to mind when I think of Joe. My prayers are with you during this impossible time. Sincerely, Adam Huot

~

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Woodbury, Minnesota

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LN

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~

Lisa Ness,

Coon Rapids

Lisa Ness - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Phil Ebeling,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

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BP

“ Cindi, Johnathan & Hannah, You know he was one and will always be the best brother-in-law, uncle anyone could ever ask for. He lived his life to the fullest all the time. I know my boys will always remember him as "Stuck in the Mud" Joe, and all the fun and goofy things he would teach them. You all know he will always be with you in heart and mind. Love you always, Beth Peltonen and Family

~

Beth Peltonen,

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JB

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~

Jim & Pauline Borucki,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Jim & Pauline Borucki - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“Cindi, Jonathon, Hannah, and all those who have had the opportunity to know and love Joe. I am hearbroken for your loss. As long as I have known Joe (and that has been a long time), he has been the most caring person, even in the middle of his jokes and lighthearted bantering. You are indeed blessed to have had this time with him, and will undoubtedly miss him with your every breath. Keep him close in your hearts, and hear his laugh in everything you do! Try to celebrate Joe's time here on earth, as he tried to celebrate each and every day, too! Joes request for Aloha attire in his honor is appropriate as: "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable. Joe was certainly an embodiment of "Aloha". Although he was not Hawaiian in body, he is Aloha in his spirit. Take care and keep his joy of life close to you always!

~

Natalie Miller,

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Contact Me

Natalie Miller - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Cindi, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

~

Mary Ann Sallman,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mary Ann Sallman - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Cindi, Johnathan, & Hannah: It is so difficult to put into words the sorrow we feel in losing such a loving friend. We feel so fortunate to have been able to travel with Joe and your family on vacations. When looking through pictures of our vacations we found that Joe was always in the center of the activities with the children. When in the pool, all the children would be hanging from his arms and around his neck. He was always involved in whatever the kids were doing. We will always remember stomping grapes at Biltmore Estate, riding the waves in the Atlantic Ocean, the sail boat ride in Charleston, the rodeo in Texas, the Space Museum in Kansas, and the many other things that we shared. Joe would always make the trips fun and exciting. We will never forget all the laughs. Joe would stop and buy fireworks during our trips and then set them off for all to enjoy on the Fourth of July. Everyone that knew Joe knows that he did things to enrich and make his family's life better. You were his top priority. The trips that you took as a family to Ireland, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, Disney Cruise, Florida, Texas, Charleston and numerous other destinations will be memories that you will have for a lifetime. They will be special memories that you will cherish and hold close to your hearts. Joe was always there to help us out. When we got a flat tire in St. Cloud in the middle of the night - on a work night - he got out of bed and came to help us get home. When we ran out of honey - Joe the Bee Keeper would replenish our supply. Joe was there when we needed help with woodworking things on our home. He was always willing to borrow a tool, the trailer, or make suggestions on how to accomplish a task. He has touched so many lives and been so unselfish and giving of himself. We can all learn so much from the examples he has set. Joe was a great cook and would share his food with us. Ron and Joe would take cooking classes together at the Canyon Grill in Coon Rapids. Joe bought Ron his first set of ramikins and torch to make Creme Brule. Joe shared his passion for Gopher hockey with Ron. They would go and sit in Joe's outstanding seats. They enjoyed the game, enjoyed each other's company, and of course the banter and jokes that would go back and forth from the time they met to the time they departed from one another. The friendship that Ron had

with Joe was truly special. When we think of the Millers - we think of Joe, Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah and how much they have become part of our family. It is hard to bear that we have to let one go - each one is precious to us. We will always remember Joe and he will live through each of us and our memories of times past. Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah - always know that we are here for you. Never hesitate to call or ask for help. We love you and you will be in our prayers!

~

Terri Bradley,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Terri Bradley - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindi, Johnathan and Hannah, I am so sorry to read about your loss. I know that we have never met and I haven't talked to Joe since high school, but I will never forget what a great friend he was to everyone that had the pleasure of being in his company. My prayers are with you and your family.

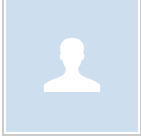
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Carlene Garrick (Olson),

Anoka, Minnesota

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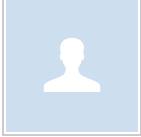


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Janet Kubicki

September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the best Uncle in the whole world-23 years with you was better than a lifetime without you. I will never forget you and the good times we had together. Rest in peace. You touched many lives and were taken away far too soon. Watch over us. All my love. Andrea*

~

Andrea Gruidl

September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ We're sorry for the loss of a warm-hearted, generous, energetic, wholesome, and true man.

~

Elise Madden,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

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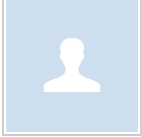
“ We've all lost a great friend. My thoughts and prayers are especially with Cindi and Johnathan and Hannah, with Joe's parents and sister and brothers, with Cindi's parents and brothers and sisters, and with all of their families. May the love of those around us help all of us through the days ahead.

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Amy Matison,

Fridley, Minnesota

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LI

“ To Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah-When we heard of your devastating loss, my heart sank. This is truly a great loss for all!Please know that you will all be in our constant thoughts and prayers!May God bless you with comfort and peace that can only come from our Lord himself!Love, Lisa Iverson and family

~

Lisa Iverson,

Cambridge, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lisa Iverson - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Cindi, I was shocked and saddened to hear the news about Joe. It seems words are not enough right now, but I hope you and Hannah and Jonathon are taking comfort in the thoughts, prayers and hugs of your friends and family. When I think of Joe it is always with a smile, remembering a witty comment or funny moment. Keep those good memories with you and know that my family is keeping you all in our thoughts.

~

Sherry Holcomb,

Cincinnati, Ohio

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Pamela Finney,

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Amy Matison,

Fridley, Minnesota

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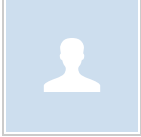
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“ *To the best Uncle in the whole world-23 years with you was better than a lifetime without you. I will never forget you and the good times we had together. Rest in peace. You touched many lives and were taken away far too soon. Watch over us. All my love. Andrea*

~

Andrea Gruidl

September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ To Cindi, Johnathan, and Hannah-When we heard of your devastating loss, my heart sank. This is truly a great loss for all!Please know that you will all be in our constant thoughts and prayers!May God bless you with comfort and peace that can only come from our Lord himself!Love, Lisa Iverson and family

~

Lisa Iverson,

Cambridge, Minnesota

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SH

“ Cindi, I was shocked and saddened to hear the news about Joe. It seems words are not enough right now, but I hope you and Hannah and Jonathon are taking comfort in the thoughts, prayers and hugs of your friends and family. When I think of Joe it is always with a smile, remembering a witty comment or funny moment. Keep those good memories with you and know that my family is keeping you all in our thoughts.

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