



## Kelly Francis Eckert

August 1, 1957 - May 19, 2011

There is now a gigantic hole in the universe that can never be filled. Not all the galaxies of stars or all the oceans of the world or all the mountains crumbled into it can fill the void left by the absence of our kind, caring, gentle, generous, humorous, loving son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, Godfather, cousin and friend, Kelly Francis Eckert. The only thing that might come close to filling this great void is the multitude of our tears and the magnitude of our sorrow. Kelly Francis Eckert 1957 - 2011 Beloved Son and Brother Age 53 of Saint Paul died May 19, 2011. Kelly is predeceased by his father, Donald Eckert, grandparents Fred and Kathryn Eckert, Blanche and Herman Mielke and Frank McDonald. He is survived by his mother, Patricia, his twin brother Kerry, brothers Kevin (Char), Shawn (Patrice), Donovan (Misty), and Guy; sisters, Sheila, Patreesa (Joe), Maura (Roberto) and Valerie (Lionel). Uncle Peter (Peggy) Mielke, Aunt Diane Utecht; nieces and nephews, Brett, Alyse, Sheila, Graciela, Lucho, Antonio, Sayla, Cathireena, Earl, Clover, Riley, Ronan, Kaylea, Hayden, Macy, Ryan, Mya, Aysha, Mario, Sergio, Emilio, Raeann, Robert; cousins, Claire (Bryant), John, Richard, Mark (Rebecca), Cynthia, Sandra and Thomas; seventeen great nieces and nephews; and friends too numerous to list. Memorial gathering 4-8PM (with remembrances at 7PM) Wednesday, May 25 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W at Mackubin, Shoreview. Memorials preferred.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ We were so sorry to hear about Kelly. How we all long for the day when the pain of losing someone in death is no more. John 5:28,29

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**Kevin Johnson** - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *"To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence." - Swami Chinmayanandji*

*Dear Kerry and the entire Eckert family: I am sorry to hear of the loss of Kelly. My thoughts and wishes of strength are with you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Sara** - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

“ Dear Kelly,

*My African Brother. You are gone too soon. I cannot keep back the tears. You were one of my favorite friends and brothers. Coming all the way from Africa, I didn't know that God had special brother here for me in Minnesota. But here you were, the first friend I ever made in Minnesota. You were there all the years when I was flying and when I got married and had a family.*

*I will remember when you loaned me the mercedes. That was quite fancy too.*

*Trips to St. Paul will never be the same without you here.*

*My family fees the pain of your loss. Even my mother-in-law in Africa is mourning your loss.*

*Rest in peace, brother. May God keep you till we meet again.*

*Your only African Brother,*

*Isaac*

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**Isaac Owens** - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ You are the kindest, sweetest person that anyone could ever know. You never complained about anything that was thrown your way. You were always there for everyone else making them laugh, making them feel better about what they were going through.

When we got together for holidays and special occasions, no one knew what you were going to say but we all knew it would be something witty, funny and make everyone feel at ease. You had that way about you and could even make a terrible situation okay and helped us deal. We miss you greatly and want you here today.

They say it was your time to go. I said it can't be so. I have yelled, screamed and cried and begged for you to come back.

People tell me you are no longer hurting or in pain and a in a better place but I don't agree. You were needed much longer here. Apparently, someone else needs you more.

I believe that you are looking down on us and still trying to make us feel better and looking after us every moment. You are there in every corner, every room, every thought and we love you like crazy today, forever and always.

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**Misty** - May 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ you were my best friend and i will miss you. there is a big hole in my heart that you took with you that will never be filled again as long as i live. RIP my brother.

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**Kerry** - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM