



Nathaniel Douglas Johns

May 14, 1997 - May 11, 2009

Age 11 of North Oaks, died May 11, 2009. Nathaniel Douglas Johns was born May 14, 1997-the happiest day of our lives. Preceded in death by grandparents, Alfred and Catherine Johns. Survived by parents, Doug and Jodie; brother, Matthew; grandparents, Brian and Shelagh Marsh; and many other family members. A true delight, Nathaniel loved his family and friends, school, baseball, and swimming with his brother. His radiant smile lit up any room. He maintained an indomitable spirit of hope and kindness while valiantly facing tremendous physical challenges. Nathaniel's life impacted the manner in which medicine is practiced, promoted inclusion in education, and inspired ministry for those with disabilities. We are grateful for marvelous organizations that Nathaniel participated in like Make-a-Wish, Miracle League Baseball, HopeKids, Courage Camp and PICK. Our "professor of love" taught all who met him the true meanings of unconditional love, patience, and tolerance. We know he waits for us with Our Father in heaven. We will miss him dearly and look forward to the glorious moment when we are reunited. God bless and keep you Big Cub. Funeral service 11AM Saturday, May 16 at EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTER, 7777 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park with visitation from 9AM until time of service. Memorials preferred to the National Kidney Foundation, 1660 Highway 100 S, Ste 530, Minneapolis, MN 55416.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ I was in Nathaniel's class at Turtle Lake. There are lots of great things about Nathaniel. I will miss him. My family and I are praying for Nathaniel and his family.

Kenan Smith - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My heart goes out to you for your loss. May the scriptures give you hope and strength. Psalms 34:18 says "God is near to those broken hearted; and to those crushed in spirit he saves." You are in my prayers.

Debbie Rich - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Although I only met Nathaniel once, his spirit always showed in the way you, Jodie, talked about him. I'm guessing he is lighting up heaven with that wonderful smile and kind heart. Take care of yourselves, I believe he would want that.

Wishing God's love and strength to you all,

Dee

Dee Moris - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Matthew, Jodie and Doug,
Please know how heartbroken we were to hear of Nathaniel's passing. Eternal life is where we're finding our hope each day. Our class is praying for peace for all of you, and we'll keep Matthew close when he comes back to school.
God's peace to you all.
Love,
Mary Jo Severson

Mary Jo Severson - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We will miss Nathaniel very much. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dan, Jeni, Abi, Micaiah, and Noah Carlson - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We will miss you so much Nathaniel, but are forever thankful for what you brought to this life. What you brought to our lives. Nicholas was proud to be your friend. You both were so much alike. Kernicterus made you and Nick brothers. Love made you and Nick friends forever. You will be forever in our hearts.
Chrissy, Karl, Nicholas and Christopher Thau

Thau Family - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM