



Ryan Johnson

June 28, 2016

Ryan Patrick Johnson of Robbinsdale, Minnesota chose to end his struggle with bipolar disorder on June 28, 2016. His beautiful spirit and loving nature touched so many people in his 25 years of life. We will miss his brilliant smile, charming nature, and infectious sense of humor. His smile brought sunshine into our days and joy to everyone he met. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, July 9th at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Visitation will be from noon – 2 pm followed by a memorial service and fellowship. In lieu of flowers, you may honor Ryan's memory by donating to advance research benefiting loved ones suffering from bipolar by going to <http://bbrfoundation.donordrive.com/campaign/ryan-p-johnson>.

Ryan was born on May 8, 1991 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He is survived by his adoring parents, Mary Jo and Patrick Johnson; his brother, Nathaniel Johnson; Nathaniel's partner, Kristen Kloubec; grandparents, Joan Butler, Terry Butler, and Ronald and Patty Johnson; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Ryan attended Cross of Glory Preschool in Brooklyn Center, Lakeview Elementary in Robbinsdale, Sandburg Middle School in Golden Valley, Cooper High School in New Hope, the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Ryan lived like every day was his last and never wanted to waste a minute. He played piano, percussion, and guitar. He

participated in baseball, football, cross-country running, and wrestling, and continued to work out even during his most difficult days.

Ryan had a heart for God and working with others. In elementary school, he was chosen to accompany “special needs” children to Como Park Zoo. In high school he worked as a youth counselor at a Christian boy’s camp and was selected to be a personal attendant to a young man with down’s syndrome. In college he worked in a group home for young men with social and behavioral challenges and volunteered at a summer camp for boys with muscular dystrophy. Most recently, Ryan worked with Special Olympics during graduate school.

Although we will miss him every day, especially his warm smile, he will forever remain in our hearts. Please help us keep Ryan’s legacy alive by doing one selfless act of kindness in his honor each year on May 8th. It will mean the world to Ryan and those who love him!

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Memorial Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *I met Ryan in a small group he was attending on Tuesday nights. He was such a talented person. I couldn't see through to his true pain - or maybe I chose to be blind. I was unaware of the depths of his pain as he always presented himself so well. I was deeply shocked and saddened when I heard and am inexplicably sorry for your loss. This has humbled and reminded me how fragile life is. - Adam Moen, 651(329)4375*

Adam - August 31, 2016 at 09:02 PM

AP

“ *Dearest Patrick and Mary Jo,*

Although I never met Ryan, I know Patrick for a long time and Patrick's friendship as colleague means a lot to me and it is always a pleasure to work with him so his son must have been a wonderful boy. When one of your lovely children passes away it is one of the most difficult things to cope with. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with all of you in dealing with the loss of Ryan.

*Sincerely yours,
Auke and Ina*

Auke Poutsma - July 13, 2016 at 04:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 08, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 07, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 07, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 06, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ *Pat, Mary Jo and Nathaniel, my heart is breaking for you all. I am so terribly sorry to hear this about dear Ryan. No words can help the pain you are feeling but I know "Grandma" Erma has found him in heaven and welcomed him with a huge hug. Much love to you all and God bless.*

Melissa (Callinan) Tveit - July 06, 2016 at 09:57 PM

KO

*Prayers to your family. Grant and I discussed the little league years spent with Ryan. We will always remember his smile. God bless him.
Karen Oscarson and Grant Aslakson.*

Karen Oscarson - July 09, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 06, 2016 at 08:30 PM

MN

“ *Mary Nicol purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



Mary Nicol - July 06, 2016 at 01:40 AM

C2

“ *Carver College of Medicine, Class of 2018 purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



Carver College of Medicine, Class of 2018 - July 05, 2016 at 05:08 PM

TJ

“ *Tim & Sandy, Muir & liz, and Scharlemann & Jason purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



Tim & Sandy, Muir & liz, and Scharlemann & Jason - July 05, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 05, 2016 at 01:10 PM

BS

“ *Bill (U Of I Grad Student) lit a candle in memory of Ryan Johnson*



Bill (U of I grad student) - July 05, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



July 05, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TD

“ *The CCOM Learning Community Faculty Directors purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ryan Johnson.*



The CCOM Learning Community Faculty Directors - July 05,
2016 at 10:21 AM