



## Joseph Matthew DeCoteau

October 20, 1985 - August 13, 2013

Joseph Matthew DeCoteau, 27, Bismarck, left us suddenly August 13, 2013, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis, MN. Services will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, August 21, at Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Thomas R. Marcis, Jr., and Rev. Douglas J.D. Bergelin officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Tuesday, August 20, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Joe was born in Bismarck on October 20, 1985, to Deland DeCoteau and Lori Karlson-DeCoteau. He was educated in Bismarck, graduating from Bismarck High School in 2004. Joe enjoyed working with people and made this his career. His big dimples and contagious smile always lit up the room, and no one could give a hug like him. On August 28, 2010, Joe's daughter, Sophie was born. His time with her was very short. Sophie was his world. Not one day passed without him talking about his little Sophie. He cherished every moment he had with her. She will forever have a special angel watching over her. Joe enjoyed all sports but especially football and UFC. There wasn't a sports trivia question he didn't know. Through his life he made many friends. He was a kind, caring, compassionate man. He will be greatly missed by his family, daughter, Sophia; father, Deland DeCoteau; mother, Lori Karlson-DeCoteau Leon; sisters, Delonna Chad, and Meggan; nephew, Andrew; his long-time friend, Ryan Miller; close cousin, Kenny Frye; and also many family and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Marilyn

Karlson; and paternal grandparents, Beverly Martel and Walter DeCoteau.

# Tribute Wall

FS

“ Hi lori, my husband was in the same room as Joe on the 6th floor and you snd i spoke a few times. I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family. You are a very strong and brave woman and Joe was lucky to have you for his mother. I've thought of you and Joe so often and prayed for peace fot bioth of you. My husband is still here in the hospital. We hope to go home next week. God bless you.

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**Flo sheridan** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOSEPH. MY THOUGHT AND PRAYER ARE WITH THE FAMILY,

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**ANN CURRAN** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Deland, Lori and FamilySo sorry for your loss - Joey has always been in my thoughts over the years. He will be missed

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**Gail Valentine Phillipe** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I am sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. He could always make me smile and I will never forget him. He finally went home. Celebrate his life. My prayers to all of his family.

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**Shaun Joseph** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ Sorry for the Decoteau family. Joe was a great guy and a hilarious person to be around. He will be missed by so many people. He always had a way to make someone laugh and that will never be forgotten.

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**Guest** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was an amazing individual whose kind, caring nature influenced those around him. As one of his former teachers, I truly enjoyed having him in class and will miss hearing about his accomplishments. He was a very special young man. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Lyn Biederstedt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To the family of Joseph Matthew DeCoteau,I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Psalm 34;18 With sympathy,

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**kelsey lee** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I'm so sad to hear about the loss of Joe - he was great to be around and could always make everyone smile. He will be miss --- thoughts and prayers are with you all!

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**Jessica Meyer - Bismarck** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Deland and family Please know how very saddened I am for the loss of your Joey. Please be strong in these tough moments of your life. I also experienced the same situation. One thing I can only say is just enjoy the moments you had with Joey and ascertain that you keep living without regrets.*

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**Ben & Sons** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Joe, you are my family and you were one of the most wonderful person anyone could hope to meet. Since I first heard you left us I've been recounting all the memories of our years growing up, and how you and Kenny were as much brothers and Kenny and I. I will miss you so much, and just remember that your family will always love you. It's been hard to grasp the fact that you are no longer here, but I am glad that you no longer have to suffer. We'll see each other again, I love you Joe, and thank you for everything you have done for your family. I am so grateful you have so many people who love and miss you, and I can only hope that you know all the love that is being felt for you every minute of every day.*

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**Jonathan Frye** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Sorry for the loss of an amazing man. Joe you will be deeply missed and never forgotten. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Shelly** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My condolences to Joe's family, May he rest in peace. God bless*

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**Crystal** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM