



Max Bryant Johson

January 27, 1987 - May 26, 2023

Max Bryant Johnson, 36, died May 26, 2023 at Kaiser Medical Center in Ontario, California. Max was born January 27, 1987 in Fargo, North Dakota; the son of Ray and Connie Johnson. He became a child of God by Holy Baptism shortly after birth, before having the first of many surgeries for complex congenital heart disease.

As a toddler Max lived in Napaskiak, Alaska; and learned a few words of Yupik while cutting his teeth on Eskimo delicacies. He reveled in the attention he received from caregivers and students at the school where his parents taught. After moving to the High Desert, Max attended schools in Apple Valley and graduated from Granite Hills High School in 2006. He later moved to North Dakota and graduated from the North Dakota State College of Science with an Associate degree in Applied Science in 2014. Living and working there for a time gave Max the opportunity to be close to his grandparents and his aunt and uncle. After returning to Apple Valley, Max worked as an associate at the local Walmart where he enjoyed seeing friends and acquaintances who had come to shop.

Max loved music and played drums and guitar. He enjoyed 'jamming' with and spending time with friends. Fishing with his uncles and friends was a favorite activity. Max loved his brothers, and was very proud of them. And much to the pleasure of his family, Max was a 'homebody.'

Max was an example of quiet courage, never complaining about the discomfort and illness that stemmed from his heart defects, though they took a

toll on his energy and his potential. Max was a member of Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church and prayers will be offered for him at Mass on June 17. He was strong in his faith; a believer in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the life everlasting.

Max is survived by his parents, Ray and Connie; his brothers, Jacob and Samuel; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is also survived by many friends who made his life sweeter with their gifts of humor and warmth.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Victorville at 11:00 AM on June 10th. In remembrance of Max, memorials will be directed to the Ethan Lindberg Foundation which supports children and families affected by complex congenital heart disease.

Tribute Wall



“ *Max, our Angel*

Definitely gone too soon but will always be close by...he really did touch many lives and will live on forever in our hearts. I personally find comfort in knowing that Heaven has gained a rock n roll Angel...

Cindy O'Donnell - June 12, 2023 at 10:20 PM