



## Austin Boucher

May 11, 1995 - March 19, 2023

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN from 1:00 to 4:00 pm for Austin Boucher, age 27, who died March 19, 2023 at Regency Hospital, Minneapolis. A tribute to Austin's life will be held at 2:00 pm. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Austin was born in St. Cloud, MN to Chris Boucher and Becky Schindele. While Austin entered this world physically challenged, he set an example for all of us about how to live life to the best of our abilities. He demonstrated endless courage while navigating any obstacles in his way.

Austin graduated from Rocori High School with honors and enjoyed participating in Knowledge Bowl and volunteering at the local nursing home. He continued his education at St. Cloud Technical College with an emphasis on psychology. Austin particularly was interested in history and was able to attend the inauguration of the first black president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Austin found a way to travel independently to various states. He pursued and experienced a wide array of cultural cuisines. He was a strong advocate for people with disabilities and equality for all.

He is survived by his mother, Becky Schindele; father and stepmother, Chris

and Melissa Boucher; siblings, Morgan, Dawson, Maddie and Avery; grandparents, Bill and Adeline Boucher and Ken and Laurie Schindele.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the many medical facilities and staff that provided care to Austin throughout his life, in particular Minneapolis Children's Hospital, Gillette Hospital, and especially Regency Hospital of Minneapolis.

Memorials are preferred and donations will be made to Austin's most cherished foundations.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond  
151 Oakwood Ave. SE  
Richmond, MN 56368

*A tribute to Austin's life will be held at 2:00 p.m.*

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Today friends and family will celebrate the incredible life of Austin Boucher. He brought a relentless fight to the cause of healthcare for all. His advocacy was rooted in his own experiences but his aim was for all of us. He was a force and his impact lives on. When I bring my voice and purpose to the work of healthcare for all of us, I will carry Austin’s fight with me. Rest in power, Austin. 💙

*And, damn the snow.*

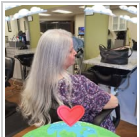
*Erin*

*Senator Erin Murphy #JoyFightWin*



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**erin murphy** - April 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Austin will be missed. After seeing him on Channel 11 during the elections one year, I contacted him on Facebook. I, too, am living with a life threatening disability. Told him to contact me if he wanted to be in touch with someone in the same boat. We spoke weekly since then. He was in the same political activities as my son. Hard to realize that he is physically no longer with us. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**Beth Ehresman** - March 31, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Austin Boucher.



March 30, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wenner Funeral Home - March 29, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Austin Boucher.



March 27, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Austin Boucher.*



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March 25, 2023 at 10:21 AM

PJ

“Austin was an inspiration right from the start. Phil and I remember when you guys found out that he would have disabilities, if he survived his birth. Clearly he was a fighter and one of the coolest kids we have ever met. As his parents his "milestones" had to be Miracles to you and I know you guys treasured things that most of us parents wouldn't think twice about. You became not only his parents but his advocates, educators, specialists, therapists, and his biggest cheerleaders.

This world can be cruel and certainly not "fair" but it sounded like Austin handled anything and everything thrown at him with style and grace. This tells me so much about you the parents and all those who played a role in his life. I can imagine there was questioning if you would be strong enough raising a son with disabilities. Austin would require extra love, guidance, encouragement etc.

It is very clear that Austin touched many lives and you should all be proud of the young man he became.

Everyone has a purpose in life and I am reminded of the Bible scripture Esther 4:14 which I have thought of many times when I question life and loss.

It says "Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been born" I believe God used Austin to minister to others in his own way to show that when even placed in a body that was different than others, he could overcome so many obstacles and succeed in the many areas placed on his path.

We have no idea how many people he touched just by being Austin, even in all of his suffering.

This was his purpose and I am so thankful that the Lord brought him into this world. It was a pure honor to know him.

We wish we could express the sorrow we feel just knowing you are bearing a loss so profound. We pray that you will find comfort in knowing we care. Love, Phil, Vikki and Girls

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Phil & Vikki Jones - March 23, 2023 at 08:09 PM

TN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kevin and Lee Neu*

**The Neu's** - March 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Austin Boucher.*



March 23, 2023 at 10:41 AM

DK

“ *John and I send you our deepest sympathy in the loss of Austin! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers! He was such a strong young man that lived his life to the fullest even with all his struggles! Always enjoyed visiting with him! Love Donna and John*

**Donna J Knaus** - March 22, 2023 at 04:52 PM

JW

“ *He was one of the few people that kinda kept intouch with me after I moved away from Coldspring in high-school I always remember him for how nice an caring he was*

**Justin White** - March 22, 2023 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ I remember going to camp as a kid and not knowing anyone. Austin was the first person to come over to me and say hi. Sort of break the awkward silence you know. We hung out a lot while at camp and stayed in touch for some time, but as time passed we drifted apart. I really wish we would have reconnected. He was always a happy go lucky person. Rest easy man.

Justin Stewart - March 22, 2023 at 03:02 PM

JC

“ It was an honor to know Austin as he was a true humanitarian. His love for people showed in his dedication to bringing a better life to others by improving healthcare, disability benefits and more. He was always strategizing what his next moves were going to be even till the end. When he laughed it would infect everyone in the room. He left a huge impression with all kinds of people from low income to politicians in higher office. Rest in Peace! Rest in Power!

Jane Conrad - March 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JR

“ Austin always found a way to share his ideas, knowledge and beliefs. He touched so many people in his life and never stopped believing. His health problems never stood in his way, he would find a way. What a shining example for others! So many wonderful memories of him at our family celebrations. Austin will be missed by many but his memory will live on! Our deepest sympathy to the family. Keeping all in our prayers and thoughts.



JoAnn & Rich - March 22, 2023 at 10:47 AM