



## Corey Berkman

September 26, 2009

Corey DeVere Berkman, age 35 St. Cloud November 13, 1973 – September 20, 2009 A Memorial Service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN for Corey DeVere Berkman, age 35, who died in a roadside accident. He was coming home from the Tomahawk Motorcycle Rally near Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Relatives and friends may call from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Wenner Funeral Home (151 Oakwood Ave. S.E.) Richmond. Corey was born in Minneapolis, MN to Glenn and Karen (Rausch) Berkman. He worked for Peter's Body Shop as an auto body technician and he also worked at All Care Towing. Corey enjoyed playing softball, pool and throwing darts with his friends. He collected and repaired old vehicles and motorcycles and did some custom painting. He was a member of the Patriot Riders and the St. Cloud Eagles Aeire #622. Survivors include his parents, Glenn and Karen of Richmond; grandparents, Ken and Laura Rausch and Doris Berkman and many friends and family. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Virgil DeVere Berkman and his great-grandparents.

# Tribute Wall



“ Corey Berkman

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ I am so sorry to the loss of your son Corey. My deepest sympathy.

Amy Stoltz - September 27, 2009 at 12:49 PM



“ Glen and Karen my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Cory was a great classmate and a very good friend, he will be missed.

Chad Harstad - September 25, 2009 at 11:51 PM



“ Glen and Karen, I am just at a loss for words to even describe my feelings about this. You are both terrific people and I will never forget the times that Corey and I spent together at the Creative Institute, listening to Great White in his big gray van, and going to prom with him. We recently reconnected thanks to Sherri and Corey told me a week or so ago to call when I'm in St. Cloud. I still have his number in my checkbook. I am very thankful to have known Corey and to know you. My prayers for God's blessings continue and I know that one day, we will all meet again for the eternal ride.

Michelle Marotzke Hull - September 25, 2009 at 10:53 AM

LR

“ Corey - I'm glad I had the opportunity to become your friend and enjoy many Tomahawk Fall Rides together. I heard your whisper the other night and yes, I will keep in touch with your parents and take great care of Shannon.

*I can still see your bright smile and hear your great laugh! I can't believe you are gone, when I close my eyes trying to sleep I see you there. You will live in our hearts forever and will always be in my thoughts!*

*My husband Rich and Shannon just finished making a large cross similar to your necklace for us to place at the accident scene tomorrow. After we attach the cross and sprinkle the flowers near it we will be taking pictures, I want you to smile!*

*They should be returning soon from getting the sample of the memorial patch we are having made for your friends and family. Your memory will join thousands of miles of Harley rides in the near future.*

*Glenn & Karen - You raised an awesome son that enjoyed life to the fullest. He is a product of how you molded him and we have you to thank for who he was. I want you to know that you will forever be involved in our lives and have gained a very large family as a result. I hope Glenn will ride with us in future Tomahawk Fall Rides! Can't wait to give you a great big hug tomorrow.*

---

**Lisa Roberts** - September 24, 2009 at 08:20 PM

LH

“ My heart breaks for you! I've know Corey for about 3yrs and I can honestly say I've never met such an amazing person in all my life as Corey was to me. He has been there for me in some really hard times in my life and even the "flat tires" i've had. He never once let me down. Even though I feel I may have let him down :( We played softball together,he gave me a ride on his bike(he thought it was so weird how i would giggle when we took the corners, i couldn't help it :) He even picked me up once in the All Care Truck.. I needed a ladder to get in. My thoughts and prayers are with you Glen and Karen. He spoke so highly of each of you. I lost my dad 1 yr ago and I can't imagine what pain and sorrow you are going through. I will be here for you in anyway you need me to, even though we've never met. I would love to help as a way of letting Corey know I did and DO care about him and always will. Lynn... 320-291-9938

---

**Lynn Henkemeyer/Umlan** - September 24, 2009 at 07:22 PM

EI

“ Corey had went to see Amanda Overmyer play in Tomahawk Friday night during Fall Ride. She also rides and rode that weekend (although not with Corey). I received an email from her today...It is as follows:

*Selina,*

*Please share this with all of those who are grieving:*

*It has been brought to my attention that a very dear friend and family member of yours has passed in a tragic accident. I would like you all to know how truly sorry I am for each of your loss. I, too, have lost close family members, 3 actually, and I recognize the difficulty you are all going through right now. The best thing I can tell you from my experience is to hold tight to your loved ones and grieve together as they are the only ones who understand and feel what you feel. I never had the privilege of knowing Corey personally, however, Selina tells me he was a very special person. God works in very mysterious ways and take comfort in knowing that he didn't take Corey from you, he simply brought Corey to him. Celebrate his life and know that every time you fire up your Harleys, he is watching and protecting each of you. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers, and remember to lean on each other as well as God and you will get through this together.*

*Ride Free,*

*Amanda*

---

**Email Amanda Overmyer - American Idol - September 24, 2009 at 06:43 PM**

RK

“ Glenn and Karen- I met corey at last years fall ride and had a small pancake breakfast sunday morning. Just before we left, he gave a small "safe ride" momento to another. I had never seen that before. that was really neat. I know he was a fine person and as parents you had alot to do with that. I have been thinking about him and will not forget him. As a rider, you always wonder about things like this. I will get pictures of are weekend and will keep one on my "ultra" for a safe ride. my thoughts are with you and family. Take care, you will see him again.

---

**Randy Karlen** - September 24, 2009 at 03:31 PM

MH

“ My prayers are with you! To have a loss this soon in life is not easy! He was a great classmate!

---

**Mindi Huna** - September 24, 2009 at 01:35 PM

KF

“ Glenn and Karen.... my heart aches for your loss and you know how much I thought of Corey! He was such a great person and a friend. You are in my thoughts and deepest prayers. May God heal you and bring light to your hearts...

*Rest in Peace Corey... a high school classmate and forever friend.*

*Ride on!*

---

**Kelly (Fults) Frank** - September 23, 2009 at 11:43 PM

BO

“ Glenn and Karen-We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son-we can't imagine the heartbreak you are going through. Our thoughts are with you. Bruce and Judy Olson,Barrett, MN.

---

**Bruce and Judy Olson** - September 23, 2009 at 08:35 PM

SP

“ Corey was a great man with an abundance of love in his heart and far too little time in his life to share it with the world. He spent his final weekend in Tomahawk at Fall Ride - doing what he loved the most. I rode with him most of the weekend. He was always a safe – responsible driver. Saturday he said he wanted to go to Timm’s Hill, so that is where the group ended up. He had not been there in a long time and only had vague memories of it. We got off the bikes and made the hike to the top. At the top, he debated whether he wanted to go up in the tower - because he was afraid of heights. I coaxed him to the top and made sure to take pictures of him up there to show his family. He was so proud. We stood up there for quite a while and enjoyed the view looking at the changing colors and trying to pick out anything that looked familiar (nothing did).

The entire group went for dinner at the Happy Snapper and then headed back to Tomahawk to listen to the music downtown. Corey shopped around and purchased several t-shirts and patches for the 2009 Fall Ride. He took forever to shop and I teased him about how picky he was over his purchases...he wanted to get them just right since he was shopping not just for himself but others. We stopped in at the meat shop and sampled / bought some fresh meat (he had the fresh garlic sausage – he absolutely loved that one the most) and we shared some fresh made beef jerky. As we were walking, I asked him what he was looking for in life...what he wanted out of life – he laughed and said, “A nurse would be nice”.

*If tears built the stairway,  
and memories the lane, we’d walk  
up to heaven and bring you  
home again.*

*Corey, you will be forever in our hearts and memories – your loss is a great one...*

---

Selina Paro - September 23, 2009 at 08:19 PM

SL

“ Glenn and Karen - We are so sorry for the loss of your son. You are in our prayers.

---

**Steve & Lynette Lothert** - September 23, 2009 at 03:38 PM

JW

“ I just met Corey last Friday and rode with him most of the day. From my brief time with him, it was obvious to me he was a great person and enjoyed life and his bike. My condolences to his family and his friends.

---

**John Welton** - September 23, 2009 at 02:25 PM

LA

“ Corey you will be truly missed. You were a one of a kind guy with a contagious smile! Thought and prayers are with family and friends.

---

**Lacey** - September 23, 2009 at 12:10 PM

SL

“ Corey has been at our home many times because he was my nephew's best friend and Godfather to my grand niece. We are so sorry to hear of this senseless tragedy. This world needs more young men like Corey.  
Please Lord, take Corey into your arms and comfort those who witnessed his last moments. Provide strength and peace to his family. Amen

---

**Sharon Litzau** - September 23, 2009 at 11:47 AM

AP

“ I had gotten to know Corey for the past 4 years through Tomahawk. We always looked forward to seeing him and he knew he always had a group to ride with. He was full of life and so caring, always making sure he was riding safe. I was able to ride with Glenn one year and the two of them had a relationship that I was proud of. I was lucky enough to spend the weekend with Corey and my sister, we had lots of laughs and lots of pictures. He was a wonderful person and I will truly miss his contagious smile and laugh! My last Hug goodbye to him Sunday Morning will forever be in my memory. May God be with his family and all that he touched during this tragedy.

---

**Amy Paro** - September 23, 2009 at 09:22 AM

JD

“ I did not get to know Corey but from the comments on the newspaper sites and looking at the facebook page I know I would have liked him alot. I was heartbroken to have witnessed the end of his life, knowing how many hearts would be torn apart by this senseless loss. There was a feeling of peace after he passed. I prayed over him as I held his face and hand. He was not alone and Benji was there for him-what a hero to stay by him until he could not take it anymore. I know from my experience as a healthcare provider that he did not suffer. My deepest sympathies and prayers continue for his friends and family.

---

**Jennifer Dart** - September 22, 2009 at 11:04 PM

JH

“ To a friend, and past pool teammate. We miss you and you will never be forgotten..Marja and I miss you buddy. My prayers go out to the family.

---

**Jon Hines** - September 22, 2009 at 08:36 PM

KH

“ Words cannot express how much Corey will be missed by all that had the honor of getting to know him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Glen and Karen.

---

**Katie Hanson** - September 22, 2009 at 07:42 PM

SL

“ Corey will missed by all who got to know him. He was a special friend to my family. All of you will be in our prayers as you go through this tough time.

---

**Sherri Linderman** - September 22, 2009 at 04:06 PM

JH

“ Corey was a great co-worker and friend. He will be missed by all. Monday was a very sad day at All Care Towing, we all miss him so much. Your family is in our prayers. Coreys facebook is getting alot of condolences too, thought you'd like to know.

---

**Jeff Hoeschen** - September 22, 2009 at 01:03 PM

JH

“ To a great co-worker and friend, rest in peace buddy, you will be missed.

---

**Jeff Hoeschen** - September 22, 2009 at 12:59 PM