



Darby E. Brown

October 12, 2012

January 22, 1962 – October 10, 2012 Darby E. Brown passed away on October 10, 2012, at home surrounded by the love of his family after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Visitation will be Friday, October 12, 2012 (TODAY) from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Parish Prayers will be at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will continue from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning at St. John's Abbey Church in Collegeville, Minnesota. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 13, 2012 with concelebrants, Fr. Nathanael Hauser O.S.B. and Fr. Jerome Tupa, O.S.B. Darby was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky. His father was in the Army so Darby's first years were spent in Germany. His family later lived in Seattle, Washington and Anchorage, Alaska, where he graduated from East High School in 1980. He was the oldest of five children. He met his wife, Linda Jonas-Brown, in Fairbanks, Alaska and they married in Anchorage, Alaska on December 31, 1987. Darby's most proud accomplishment was raising 4 boys. DJ and Dexter were born in Alaska. Darby and Linda later moved to Hawaii where their third son, Dreston was born. In 2000, they moved back to Minnesota as Linda is from this area. In 2005, they welcomed son #4, Dana. Darby was a wonderful family man, always putting Linda and his boys first and above all. He tried to give his boys all the life tools they need to succeed. His dedication to his wife and boys governed his every breath, never leaving a moment that wasn't fully and emotionally vested in their welfare. Darby never complained about his own pain or put his needs above another's. He was most recently employed at

Knife River as a contract manager. He loved his job, co-workers, math, numbers, and work were just another of Darby's many passions. Darby loved sports, but baseball was his favorite. He played on many baseball and softball teams and loved coaching DJ and Dexter's little league teams when they lived on Oahu and Lanai, Hawaii. Darby never missed a baseball game of DJ and Dexter's and drove to Illinois and Florida numerous times to watch Dexter play college football and baseball. If Darby wasn't participating in sports or watching his boys play sports, he was watching them on television with great zest and enthusiasm. He also loved golf and bowling and played on weekly leagues until recently. Those left to honor Darby's fantastic, fun, selflessness, full and enjoyable life are his loving wife, Linda Jonas-Brown; 4 sons, DJ and Dexter in Waite Park, Dreston and Dana at home; his parents, Ann and Ned Brown of Sun Lakes, Arizona and Tacoma, Washington; siblings, Susan Martinson of California, Patrick (Gloriane) Brown of Vermont, Dori (Derek) Brown of Tucson, Arizona, Penny (Brent) Sweeting of Oregon; nieces and nephews. He was also survived by his mother-in-law, Rose Jonas; in-laws, Carol (Sam) Tschida, Paul (Shelley) Jonas, Pete (Tina) Jonas, Larry Jonas, Mary Jonas (Paul Sandell), Therese (Steve) Todd, and Judy (Mark) Spies. www.caringbridge.org/visit/darbybrown

Tribute Wall



“ *Darby E. Brown*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *You guys are in my prayers at this very difficult time. Much love and peace to you all.*

Melody Allen - October 12, 2012 at 06:37 PM



“ *Thinking of you always.*

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“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs to you all.*

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