



## David Cooney

November 20, 1977 - July 4, 2006

David James Cooney, age 28 of Wadena and formerly of Waite Park, lost his battle with cancer on Tuesday, July 4th. David was born on November 20, 1977 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena to his parents William Peter & Patricia Ann (Youngbauer) Cooney. David graduated from Wadena-Deer Creek High School in 1996. After graduation he attended the Staples Technical College and earned a degree in Graphic Arts. With his degree in hand he went to work for Auto Trim & Sign in Waite Park in 1999, where he worked until earlier this year. David was active in his church and the Knights of Columbus. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, riding his ATV, computers and doing artwork. David was known for his bright smile and for making friends easily with all kinds of people. He will be missed by all of his family and friends. David was preceded in death by his father Bill. He is survived by his mother Patricia of Wadena; sister Margaret Dukowitz of Motley and brother Jeff of Sebeka. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 7th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with celebrants Fr. Don Wagner, Fr. Michael Kellogg and Fr. Albert Holmes. Burial will take place next to his father in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena following the Mass. Pallbearers will be Joshua Richter, Matthew Richter, Matthew Youngbauer, Donald Cooney, David Cooney & Devin Youngbauer.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart goes out to you, Pat, Jeff and Margaret.  
I can only imagine what a sense of loss you feel at this time.*

*David was such a fine young man.*

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**Shonna Brasel (Brauch)** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *We will sure miss Big Dave around here at AutoTrim. He was a  
great workmate and friend.*

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**Grady L Petty** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *David was a true and dear friend. He would give you a helping hand  
whenever you would ask for it. He didn't prejudge he took you for  
who you are.*

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**Paul Strom** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *David was a true and dear friend. He would give you a helping hand  
whenever you would ask for it. He didn't prejudge he took you for  
who you are. He would help you become the best version of  
yourself.*

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**Paul Strom** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I have sat here now for about ten minutes trying to find the words... I think that it is safe to say that the highlight of my ten year class reunion was seeing the reaction on David's face when some of us went to see him. David taught me so much in the past couple months about the true meaning of life. For that I will be forever indebted. Pat, Jeff, and Margaret, know that you will be in my prayers.

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**Mac Nelson** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You have our sincerest condolences in your loss. David was a special person who touched many people through his life. He will be missed.

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**Mike Sellman** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My condolences to the family. David was a great guy and he will be sorely missed by all. I don't always understand the Lord's reasonings behind certain things but He got a good one when He took David. God Bless!  
Stacy

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**Stacy Westman** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of David. He was a wonderful person. He always had a smile on his face and was so very friendly. His smile and friendliness made everyone's life better! Thank you for being such a great person David!! We will miss you dearly.

*Deepest Sorrows,*

*Cory Thorstenson*

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**Cory Thorstenson** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Our sincerest sympathy to you Pat, Jeff, and Margaret. David will always be remembered for his smile, his great outlook on life, and his bubbly personality. He truly brought happiness into our lives. We and the kids will always remember the Halloween Party and the game of football in the yard. He will be greatly miss.

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**Andy and Melissa (Dixon) Vanderpool** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Margaret and family:

*Sending you my sympathy.*

*Brenda*

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**Brenda Walz** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

*I remember Dave as a student of mine. He graduated from CLC and the Communication Art and Design program in 98 or 99.*

*I remember him as a fun sort of goofy guy, always smiling always laughing about things and jokes.*

*He was an enthusiastic student and not afraid of making friends with the instructors (me)! It was a pleasure to have him in the program, he became part of the family.*

*He came back to see us last year. I am so sorry I didn't know he was in the hospital. I would have liked to see him; I've been there too. But all I can say now is that he, surely, is in a better place and that place is overjoyed to have him.*

*Again I am fortunate to have had him in my life.*

*All my prayers to him and his family*

*Don Garey*

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**Don Garey** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *I'll always remember David for his easy-going laugh and his sense of humor. He and I could joke about the cows on South Park. (I'm sure he's still saying "Move along people, nothing to see here," up in heaven.)*

*I'm thankful for the conversations we had on the way back from Rochester to St. Cloud this past Spring. I got to know him better. He was a good man. I'll miss him.*

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**Mike Youngbauer** - July 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM