



Nathan Johnson

April 18, 1980 - April 22, 2005

Nathan Vernon Rodney Johnson was born on April 18, 1980 to Butch and Colleen (Becker) Johnson in Wadena. Nathan passed away at home, with his loving family beside him, on Friday morning (April 22) at the age of 25 years. He enjoyed music and hot-rodding in his Corvette. Nathan loved spending time with family and friends. He touched people's lives in a way too few know how to. He will be missed by his family and the many friends he leaves behind. Nathan is preceded in death by his uncle, Tim Becker and grandparents, J. Herbert and Eldora Johnson. Nathan is survived by his parents, Butch and Colleen; brother, Matt of Wadena; grandparents, Vernon and Betty Becker of Wadena and Sonny and Myrna Johnson of Eagle Bend; and his extended family of relatives and friends. [View this Videotribute](#)

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TK

“ *Nathan you will be missed. It has been a privilege knowing you.*

Trisha Kraemer - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *To see the happiness that Nathan brought to his family and the love shared, what a wonderful gift and the many wonderful memories to treasure forever.*

Sallie & Patrick Mooneyham - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Butch, Colleen, and Matt,*

Our prayers are with you.

Dan & Amanda Johnson & Family - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Colleen and family,*

My heart goes out to you in this hour of your grief. Your devotion to and care for Nathan has been a wonderful example for all of us. You have exemplified love and caring coming from deep within your hearts with a constancy that makes most of us marvel at your strength of purpose. His constant loving care from his family and from all of the doctors and nurses in Wadena has been joy for us to see. Please know that we share some small portion of your sorrow in his loss.

brenda windels - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ A very special girl introduced me to Nathan and his family. I'm glad she did. I remember the time when we took Nathan out in my boat. Now keep in mind Nathan is a lot like his dad, a motorhead and likes loud toys that go fast. Well that's my boat. Nathan was grining from ear to ear on that trip. He loved the wind in his face and going fast. I don't think he ever let his dad forget that he was seen behind the wheel of a Ford truck either. Nathan you will be missed Buddy! You touched a lot of peoples hearts. Take care we will meet up again someday. Have that corevtte of yours ready to go, I'll be expecting a ride. Colleen, Butch, Matt you guys stay strong and I'll always be there for ya. Your a great family who has taught me alot in life.

Rob

rob davis - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ you have my deepest sympathy, im a better person because i knew nathan and i will never forget him.

tanner Muehler - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ You have our deepest heart felt sympathy. The video was a wonderful expression of Nathan's life. He was truely happy and loved his family, he showed that in his wonderfully happy smile and sparkling eyes. I am so glad we were able to know Nathan. Tim, Terri, Tanner, and Tyler.

Terri Muehler - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have so many fond memories of Nathan. I remember meeting him for the first time and him having this smile that could brighten any room. As time went on we became better friends. He was like another little brother, but not as annoying. Sometimes I would go over to Nathan's and we would go for walks or just sit around and talk. For a person of few words he definitely had a lot to say. There were a couple of times, when his dad was out of town, we took out the corvette. We didn't go far but we had fun. Even when Nathan wasn't feeling well I remember him supporting me by sitting in the stands watching my high school basketball games. Nathan had a way of touching everyone he met and was a true friend. Nathan is someone I will definitely tell my daughter about when she's old enough. He didn't complain when most would have, he took what life gave him and lived it to the fullest, and gave more than he took. These are qualities of all good role models. Nathan is a true friend that will always have a place in my heart. Sorry I couldn't be there in person.

Love Kyle, Lisa, & Maya (born on Nathan's B-Day, April 18) Benham

Kyle Benham - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Colleen and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Blessed are those who knew Nathan.

April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Johnson Family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Thank you for sharing the video of Nathan, he is a very special person.

Your Friend,

Hally Damm

Hally Damm - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Colleen and family,*

Please know I am with you in spirit, sending you love and strength.

God's blessings to you,

Nancy Fish

Nancy Fish - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *I am so fortunate to have known such a wonderful person. Nathan was the strongest and most courageous person I knew. Nathan taught me so much about perspective. It was an honor knowing him. Thank you Nathan for teaching me so much about life. I will miss you. Gina*

Gina Thomas - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Ever since I heard the news I have thought of little else. My heart goes out to all of you. Nathan was a real inspiration to those of us with limitations who face challenges every day. What a valiant spirit he had!

When I think back to the school days at Wadena Elementary when I had the privilege of working with Nathan while Jeanne was on adoption leave, I remember the fun we had, laughing and joking during our speech/language lessons. What a trouper.....

Thank God for the blessing of Nathan.

Love, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Kollodge - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our prayers are with you all. Nathan will be greatly missed. Remember the lives he has touched and that he will always be looking down on you. We love you & God Bless.

Chad & Ashley Christianson - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. No matter how much you expect this kind of thing it is still not easy. Even though your heart feels broken just remember and envision Nathan running through a field of wild flowers laughing and talking God's ear off. It is one of the only things that helps my mom and I get through the days, even to this day. Take care and know that we are thinking and feeling for you.

Love,

Shannon Lynk

Shawn & Shannon, Ryder, Hunter & Aiden Lynk - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM