

Eric John Robinson

October 2, 1984 – November 15, 2019

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Eric, our loving son, brother, father, uncle and friend.

Eric John Robinson, age 35, was born October 2, 1984, in Pierre, SD and passed away on November 15, 2019, from heart failure.

Eric was born with congenital heart disease. As an infant he underwent multiple open heart surgeries. Eric attended elementary school in Pierre, SD through the 3rd grade andat the age of 10, Eric moved to Sioux Falls, and attended both the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) and the Sioux Falls School District. Eric loved sports and played baseball for Washington High School and basketball for SDSD. Eric was very competitive on and off the athletic field and court. He graduated from SDSD in 2003. After graduation, he attended South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, Texas earning an Associates Degree in Computer and Office Technology.

While living in Texas, Eric met Abby Saiz, a loving, caring young woman and very special friend. Together they have a beautiful daughter, McKenzie, who is 5 years old and the love of Eric's life. He would move mountains for that little girl, and she was his proudest accomplishment. He wanted nothing more than to be a healthy and good father to her.

Eric loved living in Pierre, the Pierre Governors, fishing on the river, playing softball and baseball. He was an avid Florida State University football fan and cheered on the 49ers. He had the opportunity to see FSU play in November of 2018 and loved every minute of it even though they got beat by Notre Dame.

Eric loved to listen to music, especially Eminem and classic rock, he wrote music and poetry. He enjoyed reading novels about rap artists and sports icons, including his favorite, #23, Michael Jordan. He liked to dance and had smooth moves. He enjoyed going to and watching movies including the 100 million times he watched Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Jurassic Park, and most recently Joker and the newest Terminator movie. He was very proud of his shoe collection including his Air Jordan's and FSU shoes.

His favorite color was orange and he couldn't live without Dr. Pepper. Eric was a good cook and was infamous for his homemade taco pizza. He had a great sense of humor, liked to laugh, tell jokes and scare his niece. Eric made instant friends wherever he went whether they were hearing or deaf and he was proud to be a member of the deaf community. He had an infectious smile and personality. He cherished time with friends whether it was hanging out, playing video games or watching movies and sports.

Eric enjoyed traveling and went on many cross-country trips with friends. He traveled to the East and West coasts and said he never wanted to drive in Los Angeles again.

Eric loved spending time with family constructing Legos, playing board games, cards and doing puzzles. Eric was an animal lover and joked about being a dog whisperer.

Eric was a caring and giving person; he continued that in death through the gift of tissue donation.



Thankful for sharing his life are his parents, Steven (Pamela) Robinson, Dowagiac, MI; Marla Fischer Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Amy (Joe) Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD; daughter, McKenzie Robinson and her mother and special friend, Abigail Saiz, Uvalde, TX; niece Keira Ryan, Sioux Falls, SD; grandparents Howard and Marie Blachford, Orient, SD; uncles, aunts, cousins and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Jack and Bonnie Robinson, Pierre, SD and Marlin Fischer, Oldham, SD.

Visitation will be held with the family present Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 3-4 pm with a Celebration of Life at 4:00 pm Thursday at Heritage Funeral Home, 4800 S Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

Memorials will be directed to an educational fund for McKenzie Robinson.

Obituary obtained from Heritage Funeral Home