

Paul Simon Koster

October 31, 1978 – March 9, 2007

Paul Simon Koster, formerly of Worthington, MN, died on Friday, March 9, 2007, in North Mankato, MN.

The sad news of his unexpected death hit his family and members of the deaf community as a shock.

Paul attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) in Sioux Falls. He graduated in May 1997 with four other classmates who all were very close to each other. As a student at SDSD, he participated in varsity basketball, served as an officer of his class, and participated in oratory contests and other activities in and outside of the classroom. In the spring of 1997, SDSD placed first in the Great Plains School for the Deaf Oratory Contest at the Iowa School for the Deaf. Koster was a member of the SDSD team that brought home the traveling trophy. He took great pleasure in his and his classmates' accomplishments at SDSD.



Many people remembered Paul as a kind and generous person. There was a time when the television in the boys' dorm at SDSD was broken and could not be fixed. Koster went out and bought a new TV for the dorm with his own money—money earned from his part-time job. It was a generous donation to the school.

After high school, Koster attended Gallaudet University for two years. He married Teresa Bell on June 12, 2001. Their daughter was born May 1, 2003.

Paul was a good carpenter and was proud of his job. He often worked with his best friend, his dad. He most recently worked for Lindsay Windows in Mankato.

Memorial services for Koster were held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at the American Reformed Church in Worthington, followed by a private burial of his cremated remains in the Worthington Cemetery.



Larry Puthoff, a former teacher and superintendent at SDSD when Paul was a student, gave the eulogy.

Carmen Steen and Lynda Nix interpreted the service for the deaf community.