



Eric G. Collins

May 15, 1971 - April 17, 2014

Eric G. Collins,

42, of Arlington Heights, IL, passed away suddenly on April 17, 2014 as a result of a pulmonary embolism.

Eric was born to Bruce and Janice (Bjorne) Collins of Kingsford MI on May 15, 1971 and was a 1989 graduate of KHS. He graduated from St. Norbert College in 1993 with a degree in psychology and communications. It was there he met the love of his life, Laura McCaskey and they were united in marriage on September 2, 2000.

He served as interim Director of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI where he developed many lasting friendships. He was currently employed as as Senior Manager, Human Resource Business Partner for Lundbeck Inc. in Deerfield, IL.

Eric's loves were his faith, friends (especially "The Boys") his family and the Chicago Bears.

Together he and Laura were a wonderful team in raising their four children. He spent every minute he could with them and enjoyed supporting their activities and coaching their teams, especially swimming. He also currently participated in a Master's swimming program. He was a member of Our Lady of Wayside Parish.

He is survived by his loving wife, Laura; cherished children, Lillian (10), Evan (8), Leah (6), and Ethan (4); devoted son of Bruce and Janice Collins, loving brother of Todd (Kim) Collins of Aurora, IL and a sister, Kirstin (Matt) Rose of

Cedarburg, WI, dear son-in-law of Lil (Don) Korff and the late Timothy McCaskey; fond brother-in-law of Kevin McCaskey, Brian (Amanda) McCaskey and Scott (Nancy) McCaskey and fun, loving uncle of Anthony, Emily, Hannah, Grace, Hayden, Madeline, Abigail, Kaitlyn, Brooklyn and Emily. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Edwin and June Bjorne and George and Helen Collins. His circle of friends extended throughout the country. As one friend said, " To know Eric was to love Eric"

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 3-8PM at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner Street (Northwest Highway/ Route 14 at Rand Road) Des Plaines, IL. Funeral will be Wednesday, April 23, 2014, beginning with prayers at 10:00 AM at the funeral home and proceed to Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 440 S. Mitchell Street, Arlington Heights for funeral mass at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Eric G. Collins Memorial Fund (to benefit his children's education) c/o Oehler Funeral Home is appreciated.

Condolences to the family of Eric Collins may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the local arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Oehler Funeral Home
2099 Miner St.
DesPlaines, IL 60016

Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
440 S. Mitchell St.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Olson lit a candle in memory of Eric G. Collins*



Edward Olson - October 22, 2014 at 04:01 PM

TA

“ *Dear Jan and Bruce,
We remember Eric from the old "Waves" swimming days. He was in HS when Nate was getting started. It was always fun to watch him swim and do well for the team. It sounds like he kept his love of swimming through the years. That was great. We know first-hand the loss of a son and know this is a very hard time. God gives the grace to come through. It isn't easy or quick, but does happen. I remember the days waiting for the last relay for the boys on Sunday in Milwaukee at the State Meet. It's never easy to lose a loved one, especially a son. Tony & Sandi Adams-Quinnesecc, MI*

Tony Adams - May 01, 2014 at 10:10 PM

JR

“ *We are Eric's friends from his days at Fortune Lake, and we remember our time together with great joy. Sending prayers and love your way...
Jonathan & Dawn Rundman*

Jonathan & Dawn Rundman - April 27, 2014 at 10:42 PM

SD

“ Dear Jan and Bruce, I was so sorry to learn of your loss. Our prayers go out to you and the family in this very difficult time. While I never had the honor of meeting your son and his family, I was able to see your joy in them when you spoke of going to Ill. to visit with them. Know that your tears and loss are felt not just by you but by our community. May our Lord and Savior be with you now as He is with all of us who share your loss. Sincerely, Steve Kaad, Kirsten Kaad and the staff at Kaad Family Dentistry.

Stephen A Kaad DDS - April 23, 2014 at 05:49 PM

RW

“ As one among many of Eric's Fortune Lake Camp friends, my heart aches for you, his family. Eric's life was too short, but he lived and loved so well! I give thanks for Eric's life! This Easter season shouts at us with loud alleluias -- "He is risen indeed!!!" I pray that you will feel God's love and strength as you adjust your lives without Eric's physical presence. His spirit will be with you always. I pray that, in time, you will find the "peace that passes all understanding." -- Ruth Warmanen, Crystal Falls, MI

Ruth Warmanen - April 23, 2014 at 08:07 AM

GA

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences.
Gary and Annette Anair.

Gary Anair - April 23, 2014 at 06:38 AM

MS

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Collins family. Eric was always a nice guy in school and an excellent swimmer on the swim team.

michelle schneider - April 22, 2014 at 09:01 AM

BK

“ My sympathy to the Collins family. Surprised and sorry to read about Eric's passing My prayers are with you. RIP Eric. Bruce, Jan, and the rest of Eric's family, I know Eric brought you much joy. Grasp that, knowing you did the same for him.

Bryan Kesler

Bryan Kesler - April 22, 2014 at 07:27 AM

DL

“ Our hearts are heavy and our prayers many for your family as we mourn the loss of your son, father, husband. We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Dean & Sue Van Loon

Dean Van Loon - April 21, 2014 at 01:51 PM

LA

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF ERIC'S PASSING. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

LARRY & DARLENE LARSON

LARRY - April 21, 2014 at 12:49 PM