

Remembering the life of....

Drew Robert Leraas, 25, Fargo, ND died on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Es-sentia Health, Fargo.

Drew Robert Leraas was born Aug. 4, 1993 in Fargo to Andrea Schroeder and Robert Leraas. Drew has been a fighter since his birth when he fought his way into this world. He attended Fargo Public Schools starting at Longfellow Elementary and graduating from Davies High School in the special education program. He enjoyed riding the bus and had many good friends in the program. He was a great communicator expressing himself in nonverbal ways. Drew had a way of letting his needs be known. His smile, frown, or feisty behavior said it all. He did not like to be ignored and he lit up when he had your attention. He had a great sense of Humor, a love for music, and his "shaker toys."

Drew was a fighter and battled his many illnesses with much strength. He surprised and often bewildered the medical community. He had a contagious laugh and smile and taught the family so much in his 25 years. Special thanks to Drew's many caregivers who played such a vital role in his life and became part of his extended family.

He is survived by his mother, Andrea (Jay) Hoiland; brother, Ryan Hoiland; grandmother, Linda Schroeder and her late husband, Robert; aunt, Kelly (Keith) Johnson; and uncle, Rob Schroeder (Kristi Hudson); cousins, Dylan and Lindsey Johnson and Kasey Rose and Tyler Schroeder; along with Drew's father, Robert Leraas and the rest of the Leraas family.



Sometimes I catch a glimpse
In softened waves of blue
My child, my heart....when I see a smile
I can't help but think of you

Sometimes these waves fill oceans
And feelings string on every shore
A collection of each memory
And in every way I wish for more

Sometimes I watch for answers
Because each day I call to you
I ask for faith and courage
And strength....to help me through

Sometimes I ask for bravery
Like dolphins in the deep
Because time moves oh so slowly
And sometimes the road is steep

Sometimes I want to scream
This was not what I had planned
Why you ever suffered
A mom can't understand

Sometimes I hear your laughter
And remember you at play
But my child I always miss you
Not sometimes, but everyday

~ Colleen Ranney



Celebrating
the life
of our dear

DREW



FUNERAL SERVICE

Arthur United Methodist Church

Arthur, North Dakota

Monday, May 20, 2019 - 11 a.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Quaya Ackerman

Music

Craig Olson, *soloist*

"On Eagle's Wings"

, *organist*

Hymns: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

"You Are Mine"

"In the Arms of an Angel" CD by Sarah McLachlan

Honorary Pallbearers

Drew's brother, Ryan & All of Drew's Cousins

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the service.

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