



Don't think of me as gone away
My journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is but one

Just think of me as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think of how I must be wishing
That you could know today
How nothing but your sadness
Can really go away

And think of me as living
In the hearts of those I touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And I know I was loved so much

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Eric loved to spend his time watching TV, listening to music, and going for car rides, but most of all he loved hanging out with his buddies at home. On holidays his family looked forward to when Eric could come home so they could enjoy his spirited toy fights, watch him tease his mom, catch him turning on every TV in the house, and make him laugh so hard he couldn't catch his breath. Eric will be remembered for his hugs, his infectious smile, his belly laughs, and his boney toe jabs. Most of all, he will be remembered for his ability to make a bad day good.

Eric deeply touched everyone he met; he was a gentle soul who loved abundantly.

Eric is survived by his parents, Mary Jo (Gale) Benson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; his second mom, Theresa Swenson of Pipestone, Minnesota; his siblings, Matthew (Michelle) Sandberg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Brianna (Josh) Hoffman of Fort Myers, Florida, Jason Donaldson of Sanford, Florida, Melanie Rye of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jeremiah Benson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and his other brothers, Jeremy, Wayne, and Dylan.

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Altar Servers - Olivia Baatz, Nobles Battz, Sophia Baatz

Lectors - Pat Roush and Barb Menson

Eucharistic Minister - Gale Benson

Scripture Readings

Wisdom 4:7-15 I John 3:1-2 Matthew 18:1-5

Music

Organist - Carol Haubrich

Soloist- Kevin Paulsen "Ave Maria"

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"Alleluia" "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

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