

**Cole Brandon DeBoer**, 37, of Eagan, MN, passed away in Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN, on February 28, 2024, with his loving family by his side. Cole had been in a coma for several weeks following pulmonary aspiration.

Cole was born in Grand Forks, ND on February 18, 1987, the first born of 3 sons of Dennis Allen and Kelly Lynne (Knox) DeBoer. Cole was baptized and confirmed at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Crookston and raised on the family's farm, near Crookston, with his brothers, Brady and Alex. He attended Our Saviors School from pre-school to 6th grade, and graduated from Crookston High School with the Class of 2005. Cole then attended and graduated from the Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks. He was employed with Fertile Lawn in East Grand Forks for several years. Cole decided in 2019 to attend Adult and Teen Challenge in Brainerd, MN – a decision that would change his life for the better. The positive impact from this program shaped Cole to be the best version of himself that he could possibly be, while also making lifelong friends who were like brothers to him. A few years later he decided to go back to school at Metropolitan State in St. Paul, MN to become a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. Cole made the Dean's List his whole time attending and this would have been his last semester. He was so proud of all his hard work and accomplishments.

Cole was an extraordinary son, brother, cousin, uncle, Godfather, and legend. He adored his Godson Aiden who he couldn't wait to see and make smile or laugh. Cole had a smile that could light up a room and people would naturally gravitate to him. He loved any and all sports, and especially playing pickleball with his brothers or anyone else he could find that would dare. He also loved playing pick-up basketball games and frisbee golf. Cole (CatDaddy) loved catfishing which he had a passion for from a very young age, and he would go down below the farm to the river always hoping to one up his best catch. He had a very competitive nature and was always up to any challenge. Cole had a very deep and passionate love for God, his family, and friends.

Cole will be very sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his Dad and Mom, Dennis and Kelly DeBoer, of Crookston; his brothers, Brady DeBoer of Fargo, ND and Alex and Haley DeBoer of Crookston and their children, Aiden, Cole's Godson and nephew, and Avery, his niece; girlfriend, Amanda Johnson of St. Paul, MN and her children, Johnathon and Nevaeh; his grandmothers, Colene DeBoer of Crookston and Claudia Knox of Fisher, MN; great aunts: Pearl Radi of Fargo, ND, Vivian Berg of Vancouver, WA, and Susan Gibbons of Eagan, MN; aunts and uncles: Gary and Beth DeBoer and James and Nell DeBoer of Crookston, Todd DeBoer of Baxter, MN, Mark and Nancy Knox of Fisher, MN, Monique and Darrell Utzinger and Scott Knox of East Grand Forks, MN and Stephen Knox; and many cousins, extended family and friends.

Cole is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Francis "Franny" DeBoer and James "Jim" Knox; aunt, Marcie DeBoer; cousin, Joshua DeBoer; and other family.

*Treasured be the memory of Cole Brandon DeBoer.*

*Special thanks to all the Doctors, Nurses, Palliative Care Teams, and Father Cassian of Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN, for all the care and support given to Cole and the family.*



*In Loving Memory*





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# Cole Brandon DeBoer

February 18, 1987 ~ February 28, 2024

## Prayer Service and Sharing of Memories

Friday, March 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home - Crookston, Minnesota

Led by Fr. David Baumgartner

## The Mass of Christian Burial Honoring Cole's Life

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Crookston, Minnesota

Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding



## Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-7

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Mark 4:18-22

## Special Music

"Deep Within"

Psalm 51 "Be Merciful, O Lord"

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

"On Eagles Wings"

"Lord, I Need You"

Monica Winter, Cantor and Organist

Teen Challenge Choir

## Casket Bearers

Cole's Beloved Cousins

Erin Doth

Tiffany Abrams

Linsey Galli

Jessica Schuster

Jamie Carangue

Jordan DeBoer

Jenna Deterding

Ashley Engel

Andrew Knox

Janessa Quanrud

Emma Knox

Phillip Knox

Evan DeBoer



## Inurnment

Oakdale Cemetery - Crookston, Minnesota

*On behalf of all of our family thank you so much for your very kind expressions of sympathy.*

*They have meant so much to us and will never be forgotten.*

*Thank you also for being with us, whether in body or spirit, as we*

*Celebrate the Life of Our Wonderful Son, Brother, Uncle, Boyfriend,*

*Grandson, Nephew, and Cousin.*

With Our Gratitude and Love,

Dennis and Kelley – Brady – Alex, Haley, Aiden and Avery – Amanda, Johnathon and Neveah

Grandmothers Colene and Claudia – Great Aunts - Aunts, Uncles and Families





### ***Gone From My Sight***

*I am standing upon the seashore.  
A ship, at my side, spreads his white sails to the moving breeze  
and starts for the blue ocean. He is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch him until,  
at length, he hangs like a speck of white cloud just where  
the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.  
Then, someone at my side says, "There, he is gone."*

*Gone where?*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. He is just as large in mast,  
hull and spar as he was when he left my side.  
And, he is just as able to bear his load of living freight to his destined port.  
His diminished size is in me -- not in him.*

*And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, he is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching him coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here he comes!"*

*And that is dying...*

