

*R*yan Jacob Koch was born on February 26, 1983, in Milbank, SD. He was the son of Mark William St. Martin and Elizabeth Anne Koch. Ryan started school in Milbank and moved with his family to the Twin Cities in 1987. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Ryan graduated from North High School, North St. Paul, MN, with the Class of 2001. He attended Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Ryan moved to California in 2004, and returned to Minneapolis/St. Paul in August of 2011. He worked in the food industry in serving and managing. He worked at various restaurants including Perkins, Cheese Cake Factory, TGIF, The Tavern, and Wild Boar. Ryan was a “gentle giant.” He was large in stature, but kind and loving inside. He had a spirit of compassion and was always kind to others. He touched many lives with his kindness.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents: Mark and Beth St. Martin of Milbank, SD; siblings: James (Pam) Glomstad of Hugo, MN; Angela Glomstad (Rob Grimli) of Milbank, SD; nephews and niece: Anthony, Cooper, and Bella; brother, Bill St. Martin (Whitney) of Sioux Falls, SD; grandparents: Mike and Gail Strobl of Twin Brooks, SD; as well as other relatives and many dear friends. Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents: Jon Koch, Bill and Cleo St. Martin; and uncle Ryon Gross.

# *Ryan Jacob Koch*



*February 26, 1983 - April 7, 2018*

*Forever In Our Hearts*



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard His call.  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and to thee  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Ryan Jacob Koch*

WHO WAS BORN  
February 26, 1983  
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME  
April 7, 2018  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.  
American Lutheran Church  
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT  
Rev. Bob Hansen

MUSICIANS  
Mary Bjordahl, Organist  
Ray Ogdahl, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS  
James Glomstad   Bill St. Martin   Charlie St. Martin   Josh Koch  
Dave St. Martin   Robert Grimli   Jeff Strobl   Eric Strobl

HONORARY BEARERS  
Ryan's Aunts and Uncles  
And Each Person That Was Somehow Touched By Ryan

INTERMENT  
Milbank Cemetery  
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION  
Ryan's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the service, please join  
the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota