



Eric Michael Detwiler

April 17, 1985 - April 28, 2015

Eric Michael Detwiler, age 30, of San Francisco, California, formerly of Bloomington, passed away at his residence on Tuesday April 28, 2015. He was born April 17, 1985 in Beech Grove, Indiana to Kenneth Lee Detwiler and Cynthia Southwood Detwiler.

Eric was a 2004 graduate of Bloomington High School South and attended Ivy Tech Community College before entering the United States Army. While in Bloomington, Eric worked at Grazie Italian Eatery and Options for Better Living. In 2007 after his discharge from the Army, he moved to San Francisco where he continued to work in the restaurant industry, serving as a chef's assistant. He also volunteered at the food market, the community dinner, and the senior program in his local community, Railton Place, and was active in the veterans program there.

He is survived by his parents Kenneth Lee and Cynthia Southwood Detwiler of Bloomington; siblings April Strasler and her husband Rett of Bloomington, Amy Hutchison and her husband Adam of Crawfordsville, and Samuel Detwiler, Valerie Detwiler, and Katrina Detwiler, all of Bloomington. Eric's grandparents Betty Southwood

of Terre Haute, and Fred and Patricia Detwiler of Warsaw survive, as well as nieces and nephews Ava, Clementine, and James Strasler, and Charles, Alexander, Molly Jo, and William Hutchison. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Patrick, and Daniel Andrew Detwiler.

A memorial service to celebrate Eric's life will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Evangelical Community Church in Bloomington. Visitation will be held Tuesday May 5, 2015 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eric's family. I just received news and feel a deep sadness. He was good friend. I remember the last time I saw him. He was so concerned about my own personal struggle. He may not have knownd how loved and appreciated he was by the community. May he be at peace. Take care Man. Love you Eric!

TJ Stevenson - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

AL

“ I am terribly sorry for your loss. I wish your family a strong beginning down the path to healing this summer, and patience with the length of time it takes to achieve peace.

Allen Hahn - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

LU

“ Truly sorry to hear about your loss. I knew Eric when growing up with his brother, Sam. Love and condolences to you guys.

Lucien McRobbie - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ He called me 'Bromac': Bro for Brother and Mac as a shortened version of McCarty. I called him my friend. When I last saw him, I asked him to hug me lightly because I had a recent neck injury. If I'd known that would be the last time I would see him here on earth, I would have asked for a stronger and longer hug.

I met him when he visited our church. He had such a light about him. I watched people being drawn to him; not just the young, but our entire church -- he was loved by so many, most likely because of his huge capacity to love. He genuinely cared about people. One of my favorite memories is when he came to Game Night. He played different games with different people. He was not discriminatory or into cliques; he played with whoever needed a partner.

He was very intuitive and sensitive and knew how to put people at ease. And he was comfortable discussing a variety of topics, even if he didn't share the interest.

Sometimes we talked on the phone or sent texts, sometimes we'd go out to eat, sometimes we would walk and enjoy nature. He made me a deal once: if I attended a rock concert with him, he would go to an opera with me. He loved new experiences.

Each time we spoke, he asked about my wife and son -- by name -- and wanted to know how they were doing. He would share openly and honestly about his struggles with addiction. Sometimes we would argue (oh, yes, he loved a good argument from time to time); even so, we always ended our conversations with 'love you, Bro!'

The few times I visited him where he lived (the Tenderloin), he was so protective of me and my safety. I wanted to protect him, too, and keep him safe from the demons and addictions that chased him. It was a hard lesson for me to learn I couldn't fight his battles.

To quote from *El Shaddai* (a favorite worship song of his):

*Through Your love and through the ram, You saved the son of Abraham.
Through the power of Your hand, turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees, You were the God who really sees.
And by Your might, You set Your children free.*

You are now free, my dear friend. Rest well in the loving arms of your Savior!

Michael McCarty - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

ST

“ *Ken - So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Stefanie Maddy - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

JA

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family.*

James Carnes - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PA

“ *My condolences to the Detwiler and their extended families and the friends of Eric Detwiler. It is so hard to lose anyone, let alone one so loved, and so young. Eic was blessed in this life to be a part of such a loving and thoughtful family. Eric, you will be sorely missed and I know, always loved and remembered. God bless all of you and Godspeed Eric. xxxxx Pam*

Pamela Jansen - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

RI

“ Dear Ken and Cindy,

We are so, so sorry for your loss. We remember Eric as an energetic and mischievous little boy, full of life. We pray for you at this dark time that you would feel the loving arms of our Lord carrying and comforting you through this time of grieving. Your family influenced us in so many ways and we always remember our time in Bloomington fondly because of it.

*With love and condolences,
Bob and Rita Sleys and family*

Rita Sleys - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

KR

“ *We are praying for you all! When thinking of Eric we can't help but smile at the memories we have of he and Sam in boxing ministry and youth group at Southside. Praying you will lean on Christ and find comfort*

Kim and Aaron Roach - October 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM