



## Austin Carlen

May 20, 2013

Austin Robert Carlen, age 20, of Cokato, formerly of Dassel, died, Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Richmond Area. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Philips Catholic Church in Litchfield with Father Joe Steinbeisser officiating. The interment will be held at the St. Ignatus Catholic Cemetery in Annandale following the service.

A visitation will be held on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel. There will be a one hour visitation prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Austin Robert Carlen, the son of Kevin and Nicole (Kelly) Carlen was born on March 14, 1993, in Litchfield, Minnesota. He grew up in Dassel and graduated from the Dassel Cokato High School in 2011. Austin was a member at St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin where he was both baptized and confirmed.

Austin was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, and snowmobiling. He could often be found on a tractor helping his grandfather on the farm. He was a member of the Cokato Kings baseball team for the past few years. Austin was a past member of the DC Charger football team, basketball team, and a catcher on the baseball team.

While in high school Austin started his own lawn mowing and snow removal business and recently purchased a landscaping company. He also had worked for Hector Farms, helping with the spring and fall field work. He was doing well and enjoyed being his own boss and helping others. One of his greatest joys was working with the land, be it in a tractor or on a lawn mower working to create the perfect stripe pattern on a lawn.

Austin had a generous heart that overflowed with love for his family and friends. A phone call was all it took and he would stop everything to help. From his almost daily phone calls to mom and dad just "seeing what's up" to stopping at his younger cousins home to play, and stopping at the farm to check in, he was always putting others first. He experienced

more in his 20 years than some do in a lifetime.

He is loved and will be eternally missed by his parents, Kevin and Nicole Carlen of Dassel, sisters, Lexi Carlen, Anna Carlen, Alyssa "Bisser" Carlen all of Dassel, and his brother of the heart, Brady Stamer, paternal grandparents, Harlund and Mary Carlen of Dassel, maternal grandparents, Tim and Robin Kelly of Dassel, great grandparents, Dennis and Marlys Ortquist of Cokato, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Robert & Beverly Kelly, Norman & Lila Carlen, great great grandmother, Helen Salmela, great great grandmother, Doris Kelly, and great great grandfather, Claude Gillman.

# Comments

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“ There are no words to express the sorrow and ache we feel in our hearts for your loss. Even though we cannot be there physically, please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you and your family. Love you all.

**Keith and Diane McNew family** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ I am so sad about the death of Austin. It is at this time that there are no good answers or reasons but we have to have faith. Life is not simple.

Joyce Aakre

**Joyce Aakre** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Carlen Family - please accept our Condolences. We know how much Austin meant to you, please remember he is now in the Father's hands.

**Todd and Marie Labat** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ My prayers go out to the Carlen family. My daughter was a classmate of Austin's and always spoke highly of him. May you feel the warmth of his angel wings as you go through this journey. Lord, wrap your arms around our small town You know it's going to be hard to say goodbye, Spread your peace to all the families Help them as they try to understand the reasons why. The town is small where I come from News travels fast around here ya know, Lifetime friends were made on our playgrounds, It's going to be hard to let them go. There's a welcome sign here as you enter There are lots of people here for you to meet, But when a hometown boy goes missing, You can see the tears flow down the whole main street. Here I am just sitting in the darkness Contemplating all this rain, In the distance I can hear a lonely heartbeat I can feel my neighbor's pain. When friends gather to talk about their memories And all the times that they have shared, They feel the hole that says you're missing And the emptiness that says so many cared. Our little town is sad you left so early There's something about it that doesn't seem quite real, It's going to take some time to get through this It's going to take some time to heal. Small towns are kind of like one big family They sure know how to pray, Although you are gone from us this moment We know we'll all be together again some day. Sherry Hancock

**Sherry Hancock** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Carlen family. You are all in my thoughts.

**Jim Grierson** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Deepest sympathies to all of you. My heart weeps with you at this very difficult time. Prayers....

**Gloria Kotila** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Please accept my sincerest condolences. Austin is a great man, and I deeply cherish the times we were able to chat when I was home. Regrettably I am unable to be there for you all in your time of need. Austin is in heaven with the Holy Father, no doubt gazing down on the outpouring of support and memories being shared. As we say in the service, "never forgotten". I love ya buddy.

**Quinn Kelly** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Please know that you now have one huge guardian angel watching over you all. Have comfort in knowing that. He will be with you always in your hearts. God Belss you all. Dodi (Fank) Hoff

**Dodi** - May 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM

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“ Dear Kevin and Nicole and Girls  
My Deepest Sympathy is extended to you at this time. Everytime I think of Austin, I too get a big Smile. As we were going thru Pictures of Austin, he has a smile in everyone. He lived Life to the fullest and his Memory will always live on. Gail

**Gail Nelson** - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM