

In Loving Memory: Stephen Israel Trice dies after a courageous battle with cancer

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Stephen I. Trice, age 22, the first born and only son of Community Activist & Organizer James B. Trice and Dionne L. Trice passed from this life at 12:10 AM on May 5, 2009. After a yearlong battle with cancer, it was Stephen's wish to peacefully die at home in the arms of his parents.

From the time of Stephen's birth to his untimely passing, Stephen's life was filled with excitement & challenges. Stephen was an over comer in every area of his life. He was an example of strength, resilience, perseverance and faith. Though his physical presence is gone, Stephen's spirit will always remain with us, along with the precious memories that each of us have about him.

Stephen, a graduate of South High in South Minneapolis, played football, softball, hockey and soccer. Stephen worked at Cub Foods on Broadway and later at West Indies Soul in the Global Market.

After high school, Stephen graduated from Transition Plus (a program to help young adults with learning disabilities enter community college) and took on a cooking apprentice program at PSP (People Serving People) cooking for residents of the shelter. Stephen was a hard worker, loyal friend and employee. Stephen's dream was to attend Le Cordon Bleu and become a Pastry Chef and open a restaurant alongside his sister Rachel as Sous Chef. He made awesome cheesecakes and cakes.

Stephen was a lifelong active member of Holding Forth the Word of Life Ministries, 2029 W. Broadway in N. Mpls. He participated in the youth ministry and was part of the Hallel tech ministry until his health no longer permitted.

Stephen is survived by his parents, James & Dionne Trice; sisters Rachel & Alicia Trice; nephew Zion Trice-Pratt; Great Grandmother Geneva Johnson; Grandmothers Margie Pernell of Sylvis, Ill & Dianne Sanders (Jimmy) of Milwaukee, WI; Grandfathers Archie L. Jones (Sherri) of Ewing, NJ & Algie (Sonny) Trice (Gertrude) of Rock Island, IL; plus a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, grands, god-brothers and friends. Special mention and regards to his girlfriend, Brea Zimmerman.

Lastly the family would like to offer a word of thanks and appreciation to the wonderful and kind doctors, nurses and medical staff of the University of Minnesota Fairview Children's Hospital & Masonic Cancer Center. You made 5B a home away from home for Stephen & our family with your compassion, care and real investment into not only the care & treatment of Stephen but our family as a whole. You guys were the friends we wished we never needed but the family

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we're glad we had. We are eternally grateful. Therefore we dwell not on how & why Stephen died but rather on how he lived and what he means to all of us. We would also like to thank our church family for all the prayer, financial support, strength and encouragement they offered us along with Al McFarlene and Insight News as well as other community people and friends. We love you for opening up your arms, hearts and wallets to help us.

Services will be held on May 16, 2009 at Holding Forth the Word of Life Ministries, 2029 W. Broadway in North MPLS. Drs. Rufus & Dianne Thibodeaux presiding. Viewing will begin at 10AM followed by a service at 11 AM In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred (612-522-5807)