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Morgan was the most amazing and brave young man. He faced imminent death multiple times and met it head on with a clarity about what was most important; his family, friends and having fun. His whole being exuded love to everyone he ever met and everyone returned it in kind. He was sweet, funny, smart, extroverted and loved to talk. There isn't a person, doctor or medical professional that didn't fall in love with him when they met him and were amazed by his will to live life to its fullest.

He loved all sports, but especially baseball. He had a knack for statistics and could recite who was traded to what team and when and where they went to school. Morgan avidly watched the Twins, Vikings, Gopher sports and college basketball. (He was crushed when Covid-19 cancelled March Madness). He was a voracious reader and discovered a love of history as he was graduating from Edina High School and entering Augsburg University. While he loved every history class he ever took, he was enamored with World War II. He was moved by the enormity of the losses when he visited Normandy, the D-Day beaches and Pearl Harbor.

While his heart disease gradually stole away his physical ability to experience life, he never looked at the world as a glass that is half empty. He only looked for the opportunities to have fun, to help others and to give and get love. In order to give back for all the support he received, he volunteered at Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. His final act of love was donating to Life Source so other people would have the opportunity for a new life. Our world now is very empty without him and all the joy he brought us.

Morgan is survived by his parents, Lori Larson and David Yesnes; sister, Sydney Yesnes; aunts and uncles, Shelly and Adolf Dockham, Karyn Olson and Terry Johnston, Gary Larson; and many cousins. Morgan was preceded in death by grandparents, Barbara and Erwin Yesnes, Mayme and Walter Larson; uncle, Greg Larson and aunt, Linda Riddle.

The family wants to thank the many medical professionals that gave Morgan the opportunity for an amazing 24 years and his family the chance to love him. Dr. Alison Cabalka, Dr. Yoav Messinger, Dr. Daniel Weisdorf, Dr. Michael Samara and Leslie Macho. Their constant belief in Morgan's ability to overcome every obstacle, gave us all the courage to persevere.

Private family services will be held. A Zoom Shiva will be held Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 pm. A memorial service to honor Morgan's life will be held later this year. You can help us continue Morgan's legacy by donating to Ronald McDonald House.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *I'm so shocked. Morgan always had a lot of plans and ideas going on. I had the privilege of meeting with him most weeks during his first year at Augsburg. He was authentic and genuine and funny and creative. I'm so sorry for the loss of his young life. Prayers and condolences to morgan's family.*

Kathy McGillivray - April 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM

JA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jace - April 24, 2020 at 02:55 PM

CA

“ *I extend my deepest sympathy to you at the loss of your sweet Morgan. Wishing you so much love and strength as you navigate your way through the difficult days ahead.*

Connie Adam

Connie Adam - April 24, 2020 at 10:50 AM

PH

“ *I remember going to the timberwolves and twins game with Morgan I always had fun going to his house. We always made each other laugh. He was like a brother to me.*

phil - April 23, 2020 at 09:56 PM

LY

“ *Linda K Yesnes lit a candle in memory of Morgan Alexander Yesnes*



Linda K Yesnes - April 23, 2020 at 05:52 PM

BC

“ Lori, David and Sydney our hearts go out to you for comfort. We are saddened for the world's loss of Morgan and his indomitable and inspiring spirit. His story has been one that I have and will continue to share with others as they face health challenges. The Cooper Family.

Bill Cooper - April 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM

BC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bill Cooper - April 23, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JC

“ I met Morgan at the MGC ping pong party last winter. We had a very nice conversation and I was struck by how engaging and friendly he was to everyone who came by. I had never met Morgan before, but he made me feel like we had known each other for years.
I only wish I had that ability! Our hearts go out to the entire family. Jeff Callinan and Family.

Jeff Callinan - April 23, 2020 at 01:56 PM

AS

“ We (the Slavitts) loved Morgan ever since we knew him from the third grade. We love the Yesnes equally. Since he was a small boy, our boys loved him as he welcomed them to Minnesota and became one of his first friends. Sweet, smiling, insanely smart, fun. Shooting hoops at the Roses well past when dinner started. I don't know how a personality like that can ever be replaced. I do know that many many people will carry that memory forward. We shower you with love. Lana, Andy, Cal, Zach



Andy Slavitt - April 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MM

“ I did not know Morgan or any of his family, but reading his obituary and all he did in his short 24 years truly touched my heart. He was so amazing and wise beyond his years. He will live on through those fortunate enough to have a second chance at life by receiving his organs. May this young man rest in peace.

Margie Gendler Marks

Margie Marks - April 22, 2020 at 10:50 PM

AD

“ Dear Lori, David and Sydney, We are so sad to hear this news. Morgan was such a dear heart -- I'm glad I we were able to spend a little time with him when you all were in the DC area a couple years ago. Much love to all of you -- we hold you in prayer. Arlene (Reva's daughter) and Basil



Arlene Decina - April 22, 2020 at 09:25 PM

GS

“ David, Lori, and Sydney. Laurie and I send our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. Morgan was truly and amazing and brave young man. I was always amazed by his incredible knowledge of all sports and the statistics he could recite. We are so sorry. Just know that we are thinking about you at this difficult time.

The Swiler Family

Greg Swiler - April 22, 2020 at 08:26 PM

PK

“ Peggy Kane lit a candle in memory of Morgan Alexander Yesnes



Peggy Kane - April 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences on the loss of dear Morgan. I have such fond memories of the life he would bring to class and can still picture his beautiful smile a spirit. What a blessing to all who had the privilege of knowing him and your family. Please know I'm thinking of each of you and sending a virtual hug. The world has lost a very special person and my heart is heavy, hearing this sad news.

Heidi Tarshish - April 22, 2020 at 07:05 PM

PH

“ These were some of my fav memories graduation and all night senior party. Also watching the timberwolves in a suite



phil - April 22, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JJ

“ James Johansen lit a candle in memory of Morgan Alexander Yesnes



james johansen - April 22, 2020 at 06:50 PM

LI

“ Dear Lori and family,

My condolences on the loss of Morgan - no doubt, he taught so many how to get the most out of this life - truly a gift. Am thinking of you and your family during these difficult days...Liz (Evans)

liz - April 22, 2020 at 05:56 PM

SA

“ I didn't know Morgan but he seemed like a wonderful guy. I'm so sorry for your loss
Amy Silvermann

Silvermann Amy - April 22, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SF

“ *Sue Friedman lit a candle in memory of Morgan Alexander Yesnes*



Sue Friedman - April 22, 2020 at 05:05 PM