

Celebration of Life



Justin Andrew DeSorrento
February 5, 1977 - July 17, 1997

Every so often we are privileged to know a man who is destined to rise above his peers. His marks of distinction are observed from an early age, and his accomplishments are many and varied as he settles into a routine of excellence.

Justin Andrew DeSorrento was such a man of distinction, from his selection as a model for major fashion magazines, to his rise through the highest ranks of Tae Kwon Do, all the while learning to develop a "touch" on his soccer ball. As Justin grew older, he emerged as a natural leader among his friends. At his urging, others learned from his skills on the soccer field and mountain bike trails; and, although many tried, few could follow in his tracks through deep powder and near vertical terrain.

Justin was very selective about his close friends, very critical of his own performance, very focused on his major interests, very accomplished on the sports field and mountain trails, and he prayed for fresh powder every morning.

Justin's achievements were not limited to athletics. He was a highly skilled photographer, an excellent writer and a talented poet. He traveled extensively through Asia, including China, Japan and Mongolia, and visited Europe on a dozen separate occasions.

Deeply loved by his parents and his sister and his grandmother and admired by friends, Justin will be remembered as always having a smile on his face, a great sense of humor, always being generous and kind to others, and caring about the environment, for which he was planning to dedicate his life to ensure its proper use and protection.

For those who failed to gain from these things in Justin, your lives have been short-changed. For those who know the real Justin, your lives will be more bountiful.

For Suraya, Jim and Karen, life will go on, but it will never be as much fun. We will gain strength from this tragedy, and we will benefit from the outpouring of love from our friends. We will cherish our love and memories of Justin until the day we die.

Speakers

The Reverend Monsignor John V. Anderson

Jim Galbreath

Jay Busch

Alan Johnson

Travis Boyle

Brian Murray

Friends of Justin

Tom Kaesemeyer

Family Members Present Today

Jim and Karen DeSorrento, parents

Golden, Colorado

Suraya K. DeSorrento, sister

Golden, Colorado

Gloria Graham, grandmother

Barrington, Illinois

Dr. Joseph and Carol Jeraci, uncle and aunt

Syracuse, New York

Joe and Gloria Patrovsky, great uncle and great aunt

West Palm Beach, Florida

Steven and Helena Stern, cousins

Ponte Verde Beach, Florida

PRINCESS

A LOVE RISES FROM HER LIKE NO OTHER,
HER LIFE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH JOY AND SOMETIMES ANGER AS A MOTHER.
SPIC AND SPAN SEEM TO BE AN INTERNAL TRAIT,
WE ALL RESPECT THIS, AS THERE IS NO HATE.
PROPER ACTIONS WITH A WILD MIND,
SEEM TO GET HER OUT OF ANY BIND.
ELEGANT AND GORGEOUS ARE EVIDENT AT A GLANCE,
PEOPLE LOVE TO CONVERSE WITH HER AT ANY CHANCE.
MY LIFE HAS BEEN GUIDED AND SHAPED BY HER COMMAND,
SHE SEEMS TO BE MOST COMFORTABLE AMONGST SUN AND SAND,
PROUD OF WHO SHE IS AND WHERE SHE'S BEEN ALREADY,
AN ANGEL COMES TO MIND THAT IS NOT WEAK, BUT EXTREMELY STEADY.
A CAREFREE AND WARM SMILE ARE NOT A RARETY,
WITHOUT HER MY LIFE WOULD HAVE UNCERTAINTY NOT CLARITY.
WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY, BUT I LOVE YOU MOM A.K.A. PRINCESS
AND I PROMISE THAT ON THIS GLORIOUS DAY YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO
DEAL WITH ANYONE'S MESS!

MOM,

A MATERIAL GIFT IS ONLY SHOWN NOT HEARD
THAT IS WHY I'VE CHOSEN TO GIVE YOU WORDS
OF MEANINGFUL WORDS.

HAVE A GREAT B-DAY. YOU'VE EARNED IT!

LOVE ALWAYS,

Justin



DAD,

IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR
FOR US ALL. I HOPE THIS
WILL LIGHTEN UP YOUR DAY!

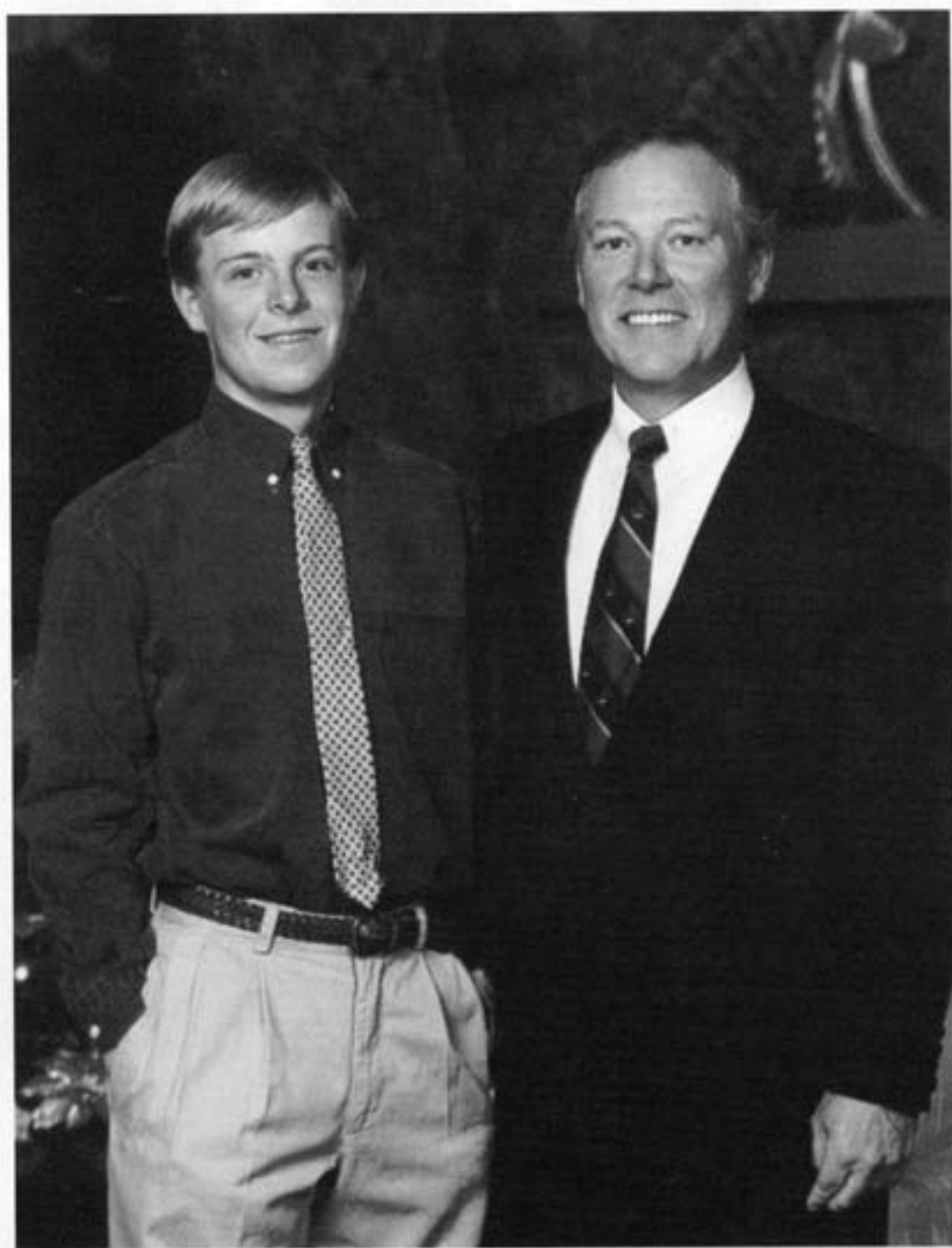
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

CAPTAIN

HE IS A MAN RESPECTED AND OBEYED BY ALL,
IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH FOR PEOPLE TO ACT UPON HIS CALL.
POWER AND PRESTIGE ARE A COUPLE OF HIS MANY CHARACTERISTICS,
NOT SAY THERE DOES NOT LIE A GRASP OF THE ARTISTIC.
LIFE EARNINGS ARE A RESULT OF SELF PRIDE AND PERSISTENCE,
IT SEEMS HE IS ABLE TO CONQUER THE MOST DEMANDING RESISTANCE.
A WARM HEART AND HUMOROUS SPIRIT LEAD HIS FAMILY AND DESIRE,
YET HE WILL ALWAYS INSIST UPON PROPER ATTIRE.
HIS INFLUENCE REFLECTS UPON MANY
AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP MUCH MORE THAN A PENNY,
WILD AT HEART BUT CONTAINED BY A LIFE DREAM,
A GOAL IS NEVER LOST, AS IT MAY SEEM.
TRAVELING DOMINATES HIS PASSION FOR ADVENTURE AND KNOWLEDGE
YET BOTH CHILDREN WILL EVENTUALLY COMPLETE COLLEGE.
HIS ROOTS ARE STRONGER THAN THE MOST DURABLE METAL,
ALTHOUGH HE CAN BLOSSOM LIKE A PRECIOUS FLOWER NOT LOSING A PETAL.
HE GIVES MUCH MORE THAN HE MAY RECEIVE,
LEAVING HIM WITH SATISFACTION NOT ~~GRAND~~ GRIEVE.
HE'S THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE CAPTAIN AND THAT'S NO FADE
MAKING ME SO PROUD TO SAY HE'S MY DAD.

Love,

John



Dear Justin,

Where are you? We've laughed and cried, we've played, we've traveled the world. You're my baby brother, my companion, my teacher ... my very BEST friend. Your precious and kind heart and wild, fun spirit will live on in me until the next time we meet. Thank you for teaching me how to be free and happy!

I love you with all of my heart and soul - Peace À Bientôt



Suraya





Justin's Education:

Countryside Day School	-	Barrington Hills, Illinois
Kent Denver School	-	Denver, Colorado
Bridgton Academy	-	North Bridgton, Maine
Colorado State University	-	Ft. Collins, Colorado

Justin's Sports:

Tae Kwon Do	-	Nine belts with honors in six tournaments
Extreme/Heli Skiing	-	Canada, France, Switzerland
Mountain Biking	-	Courage Classic, Triple ByPass, Breckenridge Century Ride
Soccer	-	Captain - Bridgton Academy MVP - 3 years - Kent Denver School All State Sweeper - 1993, 1994

Justin's Travels:

Austria	England	Hong Kong	Mexico
Bahamas	France	Ireland	Mongolia
Canada	Germany	Italy	Switzerland
Caribbean	Holland	Japan	Tahiti
China			

Justin's Likes

Deep Powder	Bob Marley	Fromage	The Outdoors
Being the Very Best	Being with Friends	Traveling	Being Independent
Mountain Biking	Girls	Concerts (especially at Red Rocks)	
Hiking	Camping	Good Beer	Big Trucks
The BEST Equipment	Wild Flowers	Snowstorms	Honesty
Kindness	Challenges	Being Tan	
Being Home	Steamboat	Mexican Food	

Justin's Dislikes

Losing	Homework	Little Dogs	Uptight People
Dishonest People	Mean and Selfish People	When the sun isn't shining	
Conformity	Rules	Limits	
Ski Area Boundary Lines	Chocolate		





Omnia mea mecum porto
(I carry all my things with me.)