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## Ryan D. Edwards

(October 2, 1988 - July 25, 2015)



Ryan Delend Edwards was born on October 2, 1988 in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Nicole and John Edwards. He loved his siblings Scottie, Tyra and Joshua. He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized at an early age.

Ryan graduated from Parkway North High School where he played football. In addition, due to his high academic achievements he earned the National Merit Semi-Finalist Award. Following high school, Ryan relocated to Harvey, Illinois. He attended Columbia College in Chicago.

Ryan met Victoria, the love of his life, in 2007. They later married on May 22, 2010. Into this union Victoria brought with her two children, Edward and Emily whom Ryan fully embraced as his own. Together they later welcomed a son, Ryan “RJ”. He loved his family tremendously. As Ryan declared many years ago at four years of age, “When I grow up, I want to be a husband and a daddy.” He enjoyed spending time with Victoria and the children, traveling with them and providing for them.

Throughout his career with the railroad, Ryan worked as an Intermodal operator at BNSF and as a freight train conductor at both CSX and CN. While at CSX, Ryan graduated number one from his training class. Around the yard, Ryan was seldom seen without his Cardinals’ hat. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan!

No life is ever complete without friends who have endeared and enriched our lives along

the way, and such is the case with Ryan. Ryan leaves to cherish but will continue to live in our hearts; his wife Victoria, daughter Emily, sons Edward and Ryan, his parents Nicole (Russell) and John, his siblings Scottie, Tyra and Joshua, his great grandmother, grandparents, aunts, uncles, a nephew and a host of cousins and friends will all remember him fondly.

Visitation Saturday August 1, 2015 from 9:30am until time of Service at 10:30am at the Salem Lutheran Church, 18400 South Ashland Ave., Homewood, IL Interment to follow at Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood, IL. Call Tews-Ryan for additional information. 708-798-5300.