



Joseph Stanton Teston

May 15, 1992 - June 8, 2017

JOE TESTON LAKELAND - Joseph Stanton 'Joe' Teston died June 8, 2017 in Anna Maria, FL. Cause of death was accidental drowning in the Gulf, where he loved to swim. Joe was born in Lakeland on May 15, 1992. He attended St. Joseph's School in Lakeland where he also was a church member. Joe graduated from Polk Collegiate High School and from the University of South Florida. He was to enter pharmacy school in August. Joe was a kind, gentle, incredibly forgiving person who always looked for the good in everyone he met. He was funny and creative, writing a book series, The Adventures of Monkey Man for his elementary classmates. His artwork and poems brighten his mother's office at Watson Clinic. Joe recently had taken up drumming, and entertained himself, family, friends and even neighbors in his garage 'studio' at Anna Maria. Joe is survived by his parents Karen and Fred Teston of Lakeland and by his maternal grandmother Darlene Head, with whom he lived in Anna Maria. Other family include aunts and uncles Susan Jacoby, Mike Jacoby of Lakeland, Chris (Suzanne) Bird of Gainesville, FL, Ken (Mary) Teston of Thomaston, GA, Ralph Teston of Panacea, FL, Jenny Lou Bird of Rayville, LA and Leroy Griggs of Lakeland. Joe also had many cousins and friends with whom he spent enjoyable times. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Dr. James 'Jim' Bird (Bernadette), Stanton Madison 'Peck' Teston, Maria Josefina Rodriguez- Teston, aunt Virginia 'Ginger' Griggs and uncle Richard 'Ricky' Bird. Joe's memorial service will be Saturday, July 8 at 12 noon, St. Joseph's Church, 210 W. Lemon St., Lakeland. In lieu of flowers,

family asks that those wanting to honor Joe's memory make donations to any of the following: St. Joseph's Academy www.sjalakeland.org , Lakeland SPCA www.spcflorida.org or to Dr. Ahmet Hoke, Professor, Neurology and Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 855 N. Wolfe St., Rangos 248, Baltimore, MD, 21205, Attention: Dr. Hoke's Research.