

**Love** is an invisible bond that  
combines two souls together,  
**forever** and **ever**.



graveside services

Mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

pallbearers

Tim Tharp George Tharp Alex Tharp  
Kevin Gilmore Jim Epple Justin Gilmore

in appreciation

All of Cole's family want to express their sincere appreciation for  
the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and  
acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

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MORTUARY



REMEMBERING

Cole Epple

1992 - 2021

Cole Joseph Epple, age 28 years, of Columbia, Mo., passed away Monday, February 15, 2021 at his home.

Cole was born on June 28, 1992 in Jefferson City, Mo., a son of Kenneth Joseph and Darla Kay (Gilmore) Epple.

A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, Cole attended Immaculate Conception School where his foundation of strong faith and Christian values began. He was a 2011 graduate of Jefferson City High School where he was a solid student, played soccer, and medaled in the State Championship for wrestling his first year. After graduation, Cole attended Linn State Technical College where he graduated with his degree in Telecommunication.

Cole was employed with Socket Internet in Columbia, Mo., where he installed fiber optics all throughout Central Missouri. He was close with his coworkers and would always go out of his way to help anyone in need.

Cole had a passion for music and spent a lot of his free time searching for new bands to listen to and refining his record collection. He recently became part of a punk band as the lead singer. He was able to express himself through music, and he even began creating and writing his own lyrics. Cole was adventurous and liked traveling to different skate spots and music festivals, one of his favorite being in Philadelphia. He's traveled to countless places and in October, he hiked to the top of Quandary Peak in Breckenridge, Colorado with his brother Jesse, who he thought of as a best friend. He had a love for the outdoors. Some of his favorite memories were going deer and turkey hunting with his dad. In September, he participated in his first bow hunt, where he got his first deer on the first day. "One and done" was what he said about his hunt that weekend. Cole also enjoyed going trout fishing in Bennett Springs. When he wasn't hunting or fishing, he was riding his skateboard with Jesse and their close-knit group of friends. With all of the adventures and journeys he took, he never failed to document and take pictures and videos the whole way. Cole also had a love for horror and western films and anime. He could always give plenty of recommendations for movies, television shows, and YouTube videos along with telling you the backstory and fun facts about each. Cole and Jesse lived together in Columbia and bonded over just about everything, including their love of movie nights, barbecues with their friends, Skate 3, and giant bowls of ice cream.

Cole was a friend to many and loved by everyone who met him. He had a great sense of humor, was happy-go-lucky, and a free spirit who never minded marching to the beat of his own drum. Daily, he showed strength, determination, and a love for life. Cole will be most remembered for his beautiful smile, heart of gold, charismatic personality, impeccable style, and striking blue eyes, as well as his unmatched patience and care for the friends and family he was surrounded by. He will be greatly missed by many.

Survivors include: his parents, Ken and Darla of Jefferson City, Mo; his brother and best-friend, Jesse Epple (girlfriend, Corin Cesaric) of Columbia, Mo; maternal grandmother, Betty Gilmore of Jefferson City, Mo; paternal grandmother, Elsie Epple of Jefferson City, Mo; his godparents and aunt and uncle, Lisa Tharp (husband, Tim) of Jefferson City, Mo; aunt, Pam Bowman (husband, Chuck) of Columbia, Mo; uncles, Jim Epple, of Jefferson City, Mo., and Kevin Gilmore (wife, Jonna) of Jefferson City, Mo; and his cousins, Lily Tharp, George Tharp, Alex Tharp, Justin Gilmore (Haley), Paige Colbert (Danny), Kevin Cochran (Katia), and Eric Cochran (Kristina).

Cole was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Karl Gilmore and paternal grandfather, Orval "Ep" Epple.

## mass of christian burial

10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 20, 2021

Immaculate Conception Church

The Reverend Don Antweiler

Gathering Hymn..... "Amazing Grace"

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading ..... Wisdom 3:1-9, George Tharp

Responsorial..... Psalm 103

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

Second Reading ..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Tim Tharp

Gospel ..... John 5:24-29

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful..... Lily Tharp

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts ..... "Blessed Are They"

Communion..... "On Eagle's Wings"

Meditation ..... "Gone Too Soon"

Song of Farewell

Final Comendation

Recessional ..... "City of God"

