



## Joseph Louis Darin

February 28, 1986 - May 1, 2015

Joseph Louis Darin, 29, died suddenly on May 1st, 2015, leaving behind a bereft family and circle of friends.

Joe was born February 28, 1986 to Judith & John Darin, the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Westlake High School and earned a bachelors of science at University of California at Berkeley. He was working in San Diego as a bio-pharmacology research scientist with BioMarin.

Joe will be remembered by his loved ones for his extraordinary intelligence, wit, sensitivity and joy. Joe was a quirky child who loved coffee, a brother whose one-liners would leave his siblings in stitches, a young athlete who was most often a few strategic plays ahead of his coaches, a student of the world who understood compound investment and a gifted poker player. He grew up to become a colleague with an extraordinary ability to troubleshoot complex problems, a friend who could be counted upon for adventure or counsel, and a treasured family member. From a close friend, "one of the smartest, toughest, most respected guys I knew."

Joseph's passing is a terrible loss to his wide circle of family and friends, and also to the greater world - one had a sense that Joe was on his way to solving some critical problem that would have broad and significant impact. Joe's presence seemed to up everyone's game.

His family greatly appreciates the outpouring of support and the sharing of stories. In addition to his parents, Joe is survived by his grandmother Helen Van Moppes, his brothers and sisters John, Marsha, Sam, Mary, Ben & Paul; ten nieces and nephews Allison, Keith, Samantha, Mac, Michael, Julia, Brody, Celia, Louis and Olive, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by grandparents Louis Van Moppes, and Jane and Andrew Darin.

Services will be held at 1pm, Saturday, May 9th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Santa Barbara. Contributions in memory of Joe may be made to The Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church  
1300 East Valley Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-6868  
<http://www.olmc-montecito.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To Darin Family,*

*I extend my most sincere condolence to you. I am deeply saddened by the loss of your son/brother.*

*Joe was my roommate back in freshmen year at Cal. I learned a lot from him through the freshmen year. A very smart student who was enthusiastic in helping others. Often, we discussed snowboarding and the tricks he did back then. We joke and listen to music together on the weekends. We shared a lot of memories together. It is my pleasure and honor to have him as my roommate and great friend.*

*I shall miss him, always!*

*Chris Shen*

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**Chris Shen** - October 15, 2015 at 09:23 PM

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“ *To the Darin and Van Moppes Families:*

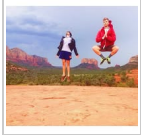
*We are so very sad to learn of Joe's passing. Our thoughts are with all of you. May you find comfort in the many fond memories you have of him.*

*Russ and Elna Van Moppes*

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**Elna Van Moppes** - June 01, 2015 at 12:42 PM





“ Dear Darin Family,

*"Tremendous force of life" from the letter below really sticks to mind in my short time knowing Joe. My brother, friend, and I met Joe just a month ago at cafe 976 in Pacific Beach. He overheard us talking about Coachella, piped in, and we all hit it off immediately. He went on and on about what an incredible time he had at the music festival with his two older siblings and how special it was for him since they couldn't usually join him. He also told stories of past Coachella pranks, including one involving many Joe-faced masks worn by all of his buddies (I am stealing that one). We got to hear about his time at Berkeley, work as a scientist in San Diego/San Francisco, related about having older siblings, what it's like hosting couch surfers from all over the world, and we played a few games of chess. Right away, it was so clear to me that this was somebody very special-- he was warmly interested in who we were and what we were all about, he would make a quip and we'd all be losing our food with laughter, he'd offer insightful views on different aspects of life, and it was so obvious that he thrived off of the enjoyment of those around him. Just an awesome, open, warm, dynamic, spirited guy. We were hooked and wanted to hang with him as much as possible before he had to move back to San Francisco. Though I only spent about 10 hours total with Joe, he made a huge impact and it felt as though we were going to be lifelong friends. I learned of his passing this morning and, given the short time I knew him and the magnitude of loss I feel, I can only imagine how much Joe meant to his family and friends and how you all must be feeling. He is a tremendous force of life and his presence on earth, however too short, has and will continue to bring life to so many people. Even to those who barely got to know him.*

*With love and gratitude,  
Ryley*

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Ryley Noonan - May 19, 2015 at 04:29 PM

JK

“ Dear Darin Family,

*My heart goes out to you as you mourn the loss of such a special, tremendous force of life.*

*One of the many extraordinary things about Joe was how clearly and genuinely kindhearted he was. It's nearly impossible to find a person who is able to so effortlessly be himself--and for whom being warm comes so naturally and with so much enjoyment.*

*In the years Joe and I have known each other since meeting back in Berkeley, I have been deeply touched by his sincerity--and, of course, his very unique sense of humor. We've had a lot of fun together--at Coachella most recently this year, but also back in 2013 when we were both camping and so got to spend quality time with each other. (I'm so unbelievably happy we had that time together). And over the past few years, and then before that, during our time at Berkeley, where Joe was consistently far more mature and intelligent than any of his older brother's friends.*

*For me, Joe will always be an example of how important it is to be yourself, and, above all, how much fun it can be to be a solidly good human being. That Joe was raised by amazingly loving parents and siblings, who he loved and admired so much, was obvious in the way he carried around that same love for others--and for life.*

*I am incredibly thankful for having known Joe, and feel beyond privileged to have shared this world with him.*

*With my deepest love,  
Johan*

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**Johan Kharabi** - May 15, 2015 at 02:32 AM



“ *Dearest Darin Family,*

*How do we even begin to send our condolences to your family for your tragic loss? We loved everything about Joe and your beautiful family. You are always the family we aspire to be like when we create one our own one day; fun, happy, and always making family first and everything else coming after.*

*I have known Joe since Junior High School. He was always Paul's little brother to me but I watched him grow into an amazing man who was full of laughter and kindness. I remember visiting him up at Berkeley, great times in Park City and at the beach house, and more recently at the Coachella music festival where he made the silly mask of Lou because he knew that would make Paul and Tessa happy to see their baby when they were spending a rare weekend without him.*

*We know this loss is beyond words or comprehension, all we can hope is that you know how very much he was loved and that his memories make me smile every time I think of him. He was the sweetest, most fun-loving, smartest guy we have ever had the privilege of knowing. We loved him like a brother, we love the Darin family like our own, and in his honor we will forever live a life that he would be proud of.*

*With all of our love,  
Ryan and Rochelle Jaleh*



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**Rochelle Jaleh** - May 10, 2015 at 10:41 AM

GE

“ Dr Darin,  
Our family is so saddened by the loss of your son .Please know we send our love and understanding to you and yours. The Blessings of children and Grandchildren are many.  
May each of you feel healing and strength in the weeks to come.You are very special to us.Gods Blessings always.

*Gary and Donna Ericson and family*

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**Gary and Donna Ericson** - May 10, 2015 at 12:12 AM

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“ We were reminiscing about Joe and thought of the adorable little brother who would show up at Ben's baseball games. Goodness knows those could be long boring sessions but Joe was constant motion. If he asked once, he asked a dozen times, "Hey Fritz, what's the score?". It always brought a smile to your face. Joe was spunky, smart, loveable--- a real blessing. We were lucky to know him. The Kucks

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**Ann Kuck** - May 09, 2015 at 04:27 PM

HB

“ Dear John,

*Our hearts and thoughts are with you during this difficult time at the loss of you son, Joseph. May God bless you and give you strength.*

*Hal Ballmann*

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**Hal Ballmann** - May 08, 2015 at 10:45 PM