



## Robert Bruce Sunderland, Jr.

November 4, 1964 - October 18, 2010

### SUNDERLAND

Robert Bruce Sunderland, Jr., 45, of San Antonio, passed away in his home on October 18, 2010. He was born on November 4, 1964 in San Antonio, becoming the son of his proud parents, Bob and Frances Jean Sunderland. Bruce graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1983 and attended Austin and San Antonio Community Colleges. Since 1995 Bruce proudly served the Christus Santa Rosa Health Care System in the Materials Management Department in downtown San Antonio. Possessing a great love for life and music, Bruce was a joy and an encouragement to his loving family and countless friends. He is survived by his parents; his brother David Sunderland his wife Shannon and their children Cassandra and Devyn of San Antonio; and his sister Jeanne Coyle her husband Pat and their children Katie, David and Lexie of Bryan. Also dear to Bruce's heart were the members of his Massachusetts and Florida Sunderland families. A Memorial Service will be held at the University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Road, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 23, 2010. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The McCreless Foundation, 745 E. Mulberry Ave., Suite 745, San Antonio, TX 78212; or Boysville, P.O. Box 369, Converse, TX 78109-0369.

# Tribute Wall

ZR

“ *Still miss my BFFFFFFF so much.*

Zirko R - October 21, 2018 at 02:07 AM

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“ *Happy Birthday today.. Miss you bad.*

Zirko R - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *To the Sunderland Family,*

*I am so very sad to have lost my friend Bruce. Our garages faced each other and we always ran into one another - I even looked after his home one year when he took a summer vacation to Massachusets. He was one of the few peo*

Amanda Perkins - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *It's been over a month and I still miss my best friend. I think of you often Bruce,I look up and ask for signs that you're out there. I've listen to some of your music, which I never understood until now. Thanks for that. I hope your family is doing well*

Patrick - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Bruce I heard of your passing last week. I remain in shock with disbief that you are gone. What happen? I hope you are in a better place. You deserve the best . My prayers will remain with you. Rick*

Rick Rodriguez - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Dear Bruce,

*What a wonderful little boy you were, full of joy, kindness, love and just so full of life. Bruce as you grew into a man you continued being the same friendly, loving, kind and understanding person. I can still hear you saying to me, "*

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**Mike & Carolyn Nunn** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Sunderland Family,

*Just wanting to say I am sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. God is the one and only way to find strength to bear the loss at times like this and to fill you with loving memories when your strength fails and you wonder how y*

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**Sylvia Smith Davenport** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My heart goes out to bruces family.I really enjoyed being a part in his life he spoke of the deep love he had for his family and how great his nieces and nephew were.He loved his cats and they were so lucky to him as their owner. He was a very private p*

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**joyce smith** - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To the Sunderlands, It is with great sorrow to hear the passing of Bruce, I had just spoke to David the weekend before and fondly remembered old times playing at the Sunderland house with David and Bruce.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences and I will*

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**James McCormick** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Frances Jean and Bob

*I was so so sorry to hear of the death of your precious son. I remember the excitement of the time of his adoption and I still remember the "child care" event while working in Estes Park for the summer.*

*Craig and I are adoptiv*

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**Debbie Smock Schreiber** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Faith looks back on the past and remembers that God has never failed His children. Look up and God will sustain you in these dark days.

*We love you,  
Gwen and Murry*

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**Gwen & Murry Nance** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Bruce , You will be missed . My prayers and condelences to family and friends . See you on the other side Bruce .

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**Lewis** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Bob,Frances Jean, Jeanne, David and families

*We are grieved by your our loss in the passing of our beloved Bruce. Know that our hearts, minds, thoughts, love and prayers are with you this day and will be in all the days ahead until we all meet in*

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**Alice Sunderland** - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Bob, Frances Jean, David and Jeanne,*

*We want to express our deepest sympathies on your loss of Bruce. Even though we only got to see him on a few occasions a year, he was always so friendly and cheerful and would always ask about everyone in our famil*

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**Mike & Elaine Hutzler** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Dear Bob and Jean,*

*I was so saddened to hear the news of the passing of your son. Though I did not know him, I know you, and can only imagine the heartbreak you are feeling as parents. Please know that Pam and I will be lifting you and the rest of yo*

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**Dick McClain** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Bob & Francis Jean: We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with your family and both of you. The Doug Murphy Family*

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**Doug Murphy** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss! I remember playing with Bruce up in Estes when you all would come visit. He had me and Stefani convinced he knew how to make counterfeit money and so I thought I'd be rich! What a fun, sweet, loving man.*

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**Carey and Wayne Scott** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ How fortunate the day for Bruce when you adopted him! He was blessed by you and you by him. We're praying for you!

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**Kirk and Mary Lou Wiggins** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To the Sunderland & McCreless family:  
I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Bruce and working with him from time to time during my time at ASL. He had a very contagious smile and always made people laugh. Bruce was and will always

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**Robin Hicks Calder** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear family,  
I am so sad to hear the news about Bruce. I know he was very special and will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Jeanne

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**Jeanne McCreless Jung** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Bruce was as his cousin, MJ, says "The Bright Light Of The Sunderland Family". He brought out the best in everyone and had great social graces making everyone feel special. We had many laughs especially in our daily communications. His passing has left us

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**Jim and Maureen Lever** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ i'm sorry to hear what happened to bruce. he was an all together funny, great guy. we had some fun times together and he brightened up the dark in my life and gave me some joy. he was a good friend and a romantic. -Joe

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**joseph giesy** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We were so sad to hear about Bruce! I too remember spending time with him in Estes. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

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**Stefani Urban Wiggins** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss...God be with you

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**Mary/Renz Edwards** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ The neighbours of Bruce Sunderland respectfully pay tribute to his memory. Over the final third of his life, this private gentleman was considered by all of us as a very good neighbour who kept his home and garden in excellent condition. Bruce will be mis

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**David Grossett** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ Bob & Francis Jean, our deepest sympathy to you both. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad and most difficult time.

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**Bob & Karen Umscheid** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ We morn with the family the passing of Rogert Bruce. We do not remember ever having met Robert. Having been acquainted with three generations of the family makes us realize that he will be fondly missed by all who knew him.

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**Betty Teel Lohman and John Lohman** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ My deepest sympathy to Bruce's family. I miss my best friend! We had so much fun together and we had such great laughs. I miss you Bruce and I love you!

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**Patrick** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To all the Sunderland's and extended family I sincerely give my condolences for your loss. Bruce touched so many and everyone he met loved him, a reflection I believe of the love he was raised with.  
RIP

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**Daniel Cowett** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ When death lays a loved one at your door, you invite him in. . . oh so reluctantly...and sit with him for a long while and through all of the pain, remember the good times, the love and the laughter.... It was an honor to have known Bruce since childhood.

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**Lisa Mayes Lawler** - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Bruce,  
Thank you for all you did for me. I will miss your voice and your smile. May God bless you always and may you rest in peace.

*Marcella A. Trevino*

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**Adam Ausburn** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ My condolences to the Sunderland Family,

*During this time of great sorrow, may it comfort you to know that others are deeply touched by your loss. I too know the pain of losing someone dear. Even though our hearts are broken, rest assure that our Gran*

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**Tammy tlbpta@yahoo.com** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Francis Jean & Robert -  
Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you during these difficult hours. We were deeply saddened to hear of your son's death.  
Warmly In Christ,

*Don&Elaine Lanier*

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My Dad called me with the news of Bruce's passing. My thoughts and prayers with you and your family.

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**Gayle Dasher** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Oh Brucey I can't ever remember a time when I didn't know you. Your mom told you to go find the new little blonde girl named Annemarie who had moved onto the street but you didn't know exactly which house so you went knocking on every door asking,"Does a

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**Annemarie Landry** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Uncle Bob, Aunt Frances Jean, David, Jeannie and your Families,

*We wish we had words that could comfort all of you right now. That fact that we cannot be there to offer support and grieve with you is breaking our hearts. We hope you can feel our*

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**Jill Coughlin** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

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**Rebecca Roamin Gonzales** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Frances Jean, Bob, David, Jeanne and families:  
You are in my thoughts and prayers constantly. I love you. John and Tony send their love also.

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JP

“ I knew Bruce both in person and from an online community devoted to music, which he loved. He was a great guy. I am saddened to hear of his passing. I hope his end was peaceful. And, I hope he knew how much I and others thought world of him.

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**Jason Peck** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Bruce, I knew you for too short a time. You are such a special person. I will always aspire to be like you. I miss you so much.

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**Sherry LeBus** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I agree with Becky Gonzalez I do love the Sunderland Family, they are dear to my heart.

This is difficult to comprehend, when I think of Bruce my heart smiles, if I talk about Bruce I can't help but laugh.

I think you were very much like a diamond e

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“ Bob and Frances Jean -

*I was saddened and shocked to hear the news. I am so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and your wonderful family.*

*I can see that Bruce has many wonderful friends who love and appreciate him. I regret not*

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**Tony Taylor** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Bruce,  
*A candle that burns twice as bright last half as long.  
And you burned ever so brightly my dear friend. From 3rd grade at baskin into adulthood, I learned a lot from you.....be comfortable in your own skin.From the depths of my heart comes grati*

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**Steve n Sue Viola** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Bob, Frances Jean, Jeanne, David and family,  
A brief note to express my our sincere sympathy to each of you on  
Bruce's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are  
with you all. Bruce had a wonderful giving heart and made our world  
a brighter p

Reagan Greer and family - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Bruce and I were musical soul mates. When I met Bruce, I felt like I  
finally found someone I could talk to about music without seeing  
them make that weird face that translates too, "what are you talking  
about?". We could sit and talk about the latest re

Bobby Flores Jr - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To the Sunderland Family:

My prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of unimaginable  
grief. Bruce was, as was his habit, a bright light to me and hundreds  
of other people.

Thank you so much for sharing him with us. He meant so much to  
so man

Maria G. Garcia - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Bruce was my SXSW roomie ever year . We met only 6 years ago  
yet it always felt like we had known each other forever. Not a week  
would go by when i didnt get a phone call about a new release CD.  
He was an amazzzin' friend and my musical soulmate. I LO

Mike Hubbard - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Bruce*

*We will miss you very much. Great times in church and High school  
.Where ever you where the crowd was around you laughing . You  
had so much to offer in life and left us too soon .We will see each  
other again .Best wishes  
Robert and Karen Remmers*

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**robert e remmers** - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM