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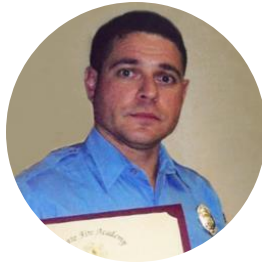
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Eric Charles Gustafson, age 40, died on September 9, 2016 while answering an emergency call as a firefighter for the Meridian Fire Department.

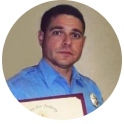
He was born in New Orleans on April 28, 1976 and was the beloved son of Dr. Harry P. and Jan Gustafson; father of Jessica Lynn Gustafson; brother of Todd Gustafson and Lori G. Lundgren (Stephen); uncle to Caroline, Abbey, Philip, Andrew and Charlotte Lundgren and Camille Gustafson; nephew of Ronald and Mary Melancon, Robert L. Melancon, Leonard and Loretta Melancon, Dr. Ronald Gustafson; he is sadly missed by cousins Patrice, Chris and Robb Melancon, Jason and Jennifer Melancon.

Academic achievements began at Brother Martin High School, then Hancock High where he pursued football and scholastic successes. He accomplished a state victory in Physics before completing high school at Saint Paul's in Covington, LA. For college his studies commenced at Mississippi State and continued in Hattiesburg at USM where he lived for 10 years. He moved to Meridian, MS to be close to his daughter, Jessica. This led to a new career...Eric completed his studies with the Mississippi State Fire Academy on January 30, 2014.

Eric was proud to be a father and a fireman, and he thrived in both roles. He was gifted at math and tutored students in attaining their GED. In his spare time, he volunteered for the crisis hotline, had a passion for guitar playing and philosophical writing, and loved the outdoors and camping with his precious Jessica.

The great joy of Eric's life was his family and faith. He was devoted to Christ and wanted everyone to love the Lord as he did. A quote from Eric, "The first time I called out His name from the bottom of my heart, my life changed forever!"

Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 from 11 AM – 1 PM with Mass of Christian burial at 1:00 PM. All services will take place at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, LA 70005.



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Interment at Lake Lawn Park Mausoleum will follow mass. Eric will be interred with his maternal grandparents, Lester and Bernice Melancon.

Masses preferred in lieu of flowers.



Events


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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 14, 2016

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT


 **St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**
105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie LA 70005



Memorial Mass


 **Wednesday**, September 14, 2016

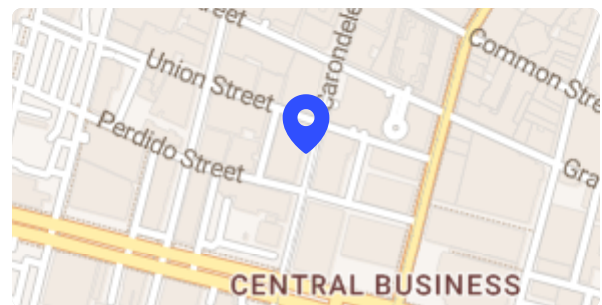
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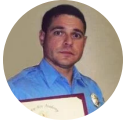
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Cemetery Details

 **Lake Lawn Park Cemetery**
New Orleans LA





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DH

Donald L. Hoffmann posted:

JAN AND GUS AND FAMILY,WE WERE SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT ERIC'S ACCIDENT.WANTED YOU BOTH TO KNOW OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS SAD TIME.BLESSINGS, CAROL LYN AND DON

September 24 at 10:01 AM

MP

Marcia Menard Peyton posted:

Dear Jan and family,Such sad news to hear of the passing of your son. Please know that you will all be in my prayers as you continue to celebrate Eric's life. The outpouring of love from his community just shows how many people appreciate his selfless courage. No words can ease such pain but sending love and hugs to you.Marcia Menard Peyton

September 20 at 3:21 AM

MW

Michelle Whitacre sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gustafson family.



September 18 at 10:31 AM

BW

Brian Dorand Aka Welfare posted:

The holy cross man is a refined gentleman wo live by faith, devoted to his souls welfare he reflects often on god

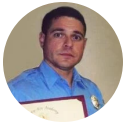
September 15 at 4:02 PM

SY

Syreeta posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Eric. An obvious given and self-sacrificing person. His giving spirit did not go unnoticed.May you draw comfort among family, friends and God's word the bible. Isaiah 66: 12, 13 states, "This is what Jehovah says: . . . 'As a mother comforts her son, so I will keep comforting you.' " I will pray for you during this difficult time.

September 15 at 2:02 AM



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Ron posted:

To the Gustafson Family, we are sorry for your loss. We also pray that someone stands up to fill the duties and honor Eric gave to his firefighter position and community. We added Eric Charles Gustafson to the St Patrick's Remembrance Book that sits on the altar during the Requiem Mass offered at St John the Baptist every second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, with a Scriptural Sorrowful Rosary prayed starting at 6:30 pm. The Requiem Mass is offered for the Poor Souls who have passed on before us. We all pray Eric is in Heaven, but in case he isn't, we need to pray for him since it is our duty to pray for those who have passed on. Many Saints have said we should continue to have discussions with those we love that have passed on because they can hear the love in our hearts. In case you are not able to attend our monthly Requiem Mass, please, before Mass begins, ask God to accept that Mass on behalf of Eric. Now is the best time to show your love.

September 14 at 6:41 PM



Sadie Cuccia shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Eric Gustafson.....so many great memories from our youth. I had the honor of going to grammar school with Eric from Kindergarten -on until he left to go to Brother Martin. I was again blessed to have Eric's BIG SIS Lori as my "BIG SIS" at our Alma Mater, St. Mary's Dominican High School in New Orleans. Such a great family!!! ... loved SO much by SO MANY! Eric and I share a special bond: as My First "Boyfriend" ... from K - 3rd grade ... :-). Such a loving, giving soul. You will be missed but never forgotten. A special place in my heart always!!! Rest in Peace my dear friend!!! XOXO



September 14 at 5:42 AM



Charlotte Cuccia September 14 at 10:53 AM

To Jan, Harry, Lori Todd and Jessica also the whole family . Eric was taken too early from all of us but now is receiving his heavenly rewards . So many fine memories of Eric. Such a sweet little boy and a wonderful grown man. God Bless Eric and all of you Love, Peace and Prayers Joe and Charlotte Cuccia ❤️❤️👤👤



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gustafson family.



September 13 at 10:19 AM



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September 13 at 8:32 AM



Lynn Fairchild lit a candle in honor of Eric.

September 13 at 8:30 AM



Teresa Garrard lit a candle in honor of Eric.

September 13 at 7:21 AM



Jaime Aguda posted:

Eric came to my 40th birthday party this past May. He drove in from MS just to see me. He told me the reason he did was because I was there for him a few years ago when he needed a friend. He changed his life for the better and fought hard for what he believed in. He was a good man and a good friend. His life ended too soon. I'm keeping Eric's family and friends in my prayers, especially his little girl who he loved so dearly.

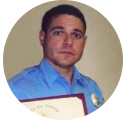
September 12 at 2:59 PM



Shane Maye posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this news. One of my favorite memories is getting on the public bus with Eric for our first day at Brother Martin. We were successful getting there, but on the way home, we got on the bus going in the wrong direction. I'll never forget it. We ended up going to the end of the line, bus empty, and the driver had to get us back. All of my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

September 12 at 11:32 AM



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YL

Yvonne Landry posted:

I just couldn't be more sorry. Was thinking of hanging out with Lori at that great house you all had in the east. Eric was always running around and I wished that I had little brothers. I am so, so sorry to hear about this. I wish that I could do more than pray for you. Do you need anything? Someone to do your laundry or help during this time? If so text me: 504-231-7011 yvonne

September 12 at 8:16 AM

SA

Stella Anderson September 12 at 11:56 AM

Deepest heart felt Condolences! Our Prayers are with the family and loved ones. God gave him his wings to fly on into Heaven! City of Meridian Employee-Stella Anderson

RM

Robb Melancon posted:

From one of my last conversations with Eric."Well thanks. Really good to hear from you. Your daughter is gorgeous. I love being a dad. It's has been the highlight of my life." Will miss you cuz.

September 12 at 4:41 AM

TS

Terry Sita posted:

Jan and family. I am so sorry for your loss. il will keep you and your family in my prayers. Love and prayers,Terry Sita

September 12 at 4:29 AM

JM

Jennifer Sciortino Mouledous posted:

So sorry to hear of Eric's passing. Such great memories from grammar school. Got to see Eric at reunion a couple years ago and was so nice to reconnect. Sending prayers.

September 12 at 12:43 AM

CC

Charlotte Cuccia posted:

Our sincere condolences to Jessica ,Jan ,Lori. Todd and the whole family. I remember the wonderful times at Ressurrection of Our Lord. When Eric and Sadie made their 1st Communion together . Years later we were previleged to meet Eric as a wonderful and proud father. God Bless him as he receives heavenly reward . Love, Peace and Prayers. Charlotte and Joe Cuccia

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September 11 at 4:57 PM



Amber Drake lit a candle in honor of Eric.

Our hearts broke Friday when we heard the news especially for Jessica. Jessica loves her Daddy so much and her eyes would light up when she saw him. We had the honor of getting to know Mr. Eric and Jessica on a deeper level during our FAM church home groups. We also had sweet Jessica in Children's church with us. Not only were they a part of our FAM church family but they were a part of our family. Our heart and love goes out to Mr. Eric's family and especially our precious sweet little Jessica. Please tell Jessica we love her so much and give her a great big bear hug from Miss Amber!! If y'all need anything please let us know!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 praying for y'all!!! There is no doubt in our mind that Mr. Eric is walking with Jesus!! Love;Lyn, Donna, & Amber Drake 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



September 11 at 4:02 PM



Theresa P Mcfarland posted:

we are so sorry to hear about Eric yall are in our thoughts and prayers !!!! Bob and Theresa MCFarland !!!!

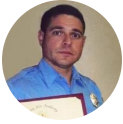
September 11 at 1:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Gustafson family.

September 11 at 10:39 AM





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First Holy Communion Resurrection of Our Lord New Orleans, La



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eric by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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