

In Loving Memory of JW Knapen



*Bellarmino student,
Jan -Willem Knapen
September 22, 1988
- August 3, 2005*

On Wednesday, August 3rd, Jan-Willem Knapen passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends. In his final days, JW reminded us about the “simple” things in life – to cherish one another, to embrace each moment without being afraid of what the next may bring, and to believe that together we can make a difference in this world.

JW’s compassion and determination to help others and his promise to “Never ever give up” remained consistent throughout his life and his death as well. Near the end of his life, JW was pleased to learn that he

would be able to donate his brain for research – with the hope that he would be able to contribute to finding a cure for brain cancer. JW will be missed by his Bellarmino Community and by the friends and family he leaves behind - but his legacy will live on through the JW House, a “home away from home” for families of patients at Kaiser, Santa Clara and the help he’ll provide for others who will need support as they fight illness in the future.

We salute you, JW - truly a Bellarmino “Man for Others.”

