

# "Dates"

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*Another poem dedicated to two very special men who I will dearly miss.*

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Author's note: This was another poem about Joseph and Caleb. It was written October 7, 2005. Still today, their deaths are hard to bear. Don't put someone else through this, no matter what you believe...please.

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February 13 seems a plain, uneventful date.

However Joseph Rodes was born that day in 1988

The day before St. Valentine's Famous celebration

A festive holiday enjoyed by those throughout the nation

Many know little of this child born on Valentine's eve

So there won't be many this year who will grieve.

But to me, his birthday is a wondrous day

His birthday WILL be remembered if I have anything to say

December 17 1986 two years prior to "Josie" and me

Caleb Douglas was born for all the world to see

Another forgotten soul within this world's vast tide

Every time I think of him, I feel a rush of pride

Friends of mine, two in a billion, hardly known at all

Every time I think of them, bitter tears will fall

I cherish the years I knew them, hold them in my heart.

I know it will take time for the healing to start

October 1, 2005; a day I'll hate forever

It was on this day, Death did my friendships sever

A crime of hatred committed by one who was a friend.

Early in the morning both their lives would end.

One o'clock, Caleb left this world behind.

He died while unconscious; for once fate was kind.

Five o'clock, Death took "Josie", too

The doctors tried but there was nothing they could do.