

BAUER, MATTHEW RAE
December 26, 1973-January 14, 2009

A Memorial serviced for former Wheatland, Wyoming resident, Matthew Rae Bauer, 35, was conducted at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the First Christian Church in Wheatland with Pastor Andy Gudahl officiating.

He died Wednesday, January 14, 2009, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Phoenix, Arizona.

Matthew was born December 26, 1973 in Wheatland, Wyoming, the son of Robert Leroy and Helen Rae (Pruit) Bauer. He was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1993. While in high school, he was active in football where he received the "Spirit Award", wrestling and was a member of the Academic Decathlon team. Matthew attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie for three years and then trained at Wyo Tech in Laramie graduating with a diesel mechanic certification.

He began working for Carrier Air Conditioning and they sent him to school in Athens, Georgia, that specialized in refrigeration training where he graduated at the top of his class. Matthew had lived in Phoenix the past nine years and was employed by CT Power as a refrigeration technician.

He was an avid golfer, enjoyed fly fishing, snow skiing, and attending hockey games. Matthew had three pit bulls he rescued and adopted; he had a way with animals. When Matthew walked into a room, everything seemed brighter, he was a happy young man.

Survivors include his parents, Bob and Helen Bauer of Wheatland; three siblings, Cindy (Bill) Tillman of Wheatland, Keri Allen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Rob (Chris) Bauer of Yuma, Arizona; four nieces and two nephews, Meagan Patterson, Travis Witt, Brian Bauer, Tara Duarte, Nikki Bauer and Cortney Allen.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a nephew, Colton Allen.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Travis Witt, Brian Bauer, Andy Woods, Matthew Johnson, Brandon Graves, Chris Loyd, Travis Bryne and his Arizona and New Mexico friends, Jake, Rick, Sean, Chris, and Gabe.