



## Austin Joseph Sawicki

March 24, 1982 – May 29, 2008

A bright new star now shines in the heavens. Austin Joseph Sawicki, 26, died in a construction accident in San Diego on May 29, 2008. “AJ,” the son of John Sawicki and Mary Aloï of Escondido, graduated from Poway High School in 2000. He went on to attend Gonzaga University where he graduated Cum Laude in 2004 with a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion. He then secured a full scholarship to attend Northern Illinois University, and he obtained his M.A. in Anthropology in 2006 while working as a Graduate Instructor in the Women’s Studies Department. Austin was in the final stages of completing his thesis for his second masters in Anthropology, and his goal was to obtain his PhD and become a University Professor.

Austin loved life and lived it to the fullest. His world was filled with laughter, friends, and a quest of knowledge, and he touched every life around him with his compassion, love, and amazing sense of humor. He will be remembered for a million things, from his great smile to his beautiful paintings, from his smooth dance moves to his fresh home-baked bread.

Austin is survived by his father John Sawicki and partner Laura, his mother Mary Aloï and husband Nick, and his beloved sister Mandi Zimmer, along with his brother-in-law (BIL) Scott and his niece Maren and newborn nephew Wesley Austin, in whom he took such pride and joy. Also surviving him are his Grandpa Walt Sawicki, his Grandma “MacDaddy” Ruthie McMichael, and his extended family: Uncle Alan and Auntie Ahme Erickson with cousin/soul-mate, Emily, his Uncle Dave and Aunt Gaye Sawicki, cousins Russ and fiancé Claire, Jon, Aunt Nancy Sawicki, Mike Polakof, Uncle Joseph Sawicki, Great-Uncle Gayle and Great-Aunt Virginia. Dancing with him in Heaven are his Grandma Mary Kay Sawicki and Uncle Larry Sawicki.

A celebration of Austin’s life will be held this Saturday, June 7, at 10:00am at the Church at Rancho Bernardo, 11740 Bernardo Plaza Court, San Diego, CA 92128. In lieu of flowers, you may contribute to the Austin Sawicki Memorial Fund, by mailing your check to Austin’s Mother at 2529 Douglaston Glen, Escondido, CA 92027.