

# Dedicated to 'A' For The Glory Of God

At 11,000 feet on Mt. Rainier



*"He knew what it meant to live. He knew what it meant to love. His eyes always shown with life, and God was in his smile. He was a true friend to everyone he met. Gung ho, full of adventure, carefree and genuine. He lived every moment, took nothing for granted. He had no idea how much affect he had on everyone around him, a little naive, but full of wisdom and in love with life." - Matt*

Aaron on vacation



Aaron with his sister, Megan Joy



Aaron Michael Koester was the awesome gift God chose to give us on January 23, 1983 and who left us October 24, 2004 at the age of 21. Always a joy, he was a leader who loved God and people and always sported a big smile everyone warmed up to. He was always part of church and family activities and was a blessing to everyone he knew. He radiated a compassion and concern for others that kept them coming back to him. He packed more life into his short years than most people do in a lifetime, and he did it with a zest for life and for Jesus Christ. He was active in many things, leading worship at his church, volunteering at the Fire Dept., snowboarding and backpacking with friends and motorcycling. He once said that he felt closest to the Lord in the mountains and that when he died he wanted to die up there. He did, in an avalanche on Mt. Rainier that took his life, but sent him to glory with his Lord, Jesus Christ. The picture above left is Aaron standing on Mt. Rainier a few hours before he died.

Though we miss him deeply, God has given us comfort in Isaiah 43:1 and 57:1-2, both of which have been given twice to me, and I believe are God's messages about Aaron's death. As in life, so in death, to God be all the glory in all things.