

The Power Of A Single life

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The following are thoughts about Aaron Michael Koester, from those who knew him, following his death on Mt. Rainier...

- † "Aaron was the most amazing person I've ever met in my entire life – and he taught me everything that I know. Throughout my life he was always there for me. My brother meant the world to me, and I couldn't have asked for anyone better." – Megan Joy
- † "He always brought out the best in people and just connected everyone together. His smile was infectious, his love was amazing and his friendship was the best." – Richard
- † "Aaron showed me the true meaning of faith, hope and love." – Myranda
- † "You championed those who had no champion – a man who loved those who were as on the edge as you were." – Marjie
- † "Aaron was a gift. Everything about him – his smile, his heart, his friendship was a gift. He meant more to me than he will ever know. I am inspired by his life to be better, to be more. To strive for God and love life with more passion (as he did). There are no words to capture Aaron – he has always been free." – Johanna
- † "You were the most inspiring dude that I had the privilege of knowing. You are the gift of God that will keep on giving for eternity. You made me want to be like you, and even when I sometimes didn't like you, you made me want to be a better man." – Illya
- † "Remember when Spencer was little and we were talking to him about adopting? Remember when he announced that he wanted to adopt *you*?! Spencer was so into you Aaron. Must have been that bright light you shared with the world. Spencer so admired you and all that you lived for. If we can raise him to be half the man of God you are, then we are successful. Thank you for being the light you were." – The Mesneaks
- † "He didn't go out into the woods to find himself, he went out to enjoy himself because he already knew who he was." – Friend of Aaron's
- † "Aaron was like my brother. He was wiser, stronger, always a step ahead in a humble way. Aaron is forever my best friend and the most vivid example of Christ I know I will ever experience." – Juan
- † "His heart for his God was one that can be seen by everyone, no matter what group." – Cheryl
- † "I loved how he could be exactly who he was and never worry about what someone might be thinking. He was someone who lived his life as a man with passion and purpose, and he taught me how to live that way." – Shannon
- † "Aaron was always up for an adventure. No matter what the situation was, he was light-hearted and always smiling. There are no words to describe Aaron. He was someone who would make friends with anyone and everyone he met." – Amelia

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- † “Aaron was amazing. It didn’t matter who you were, he could make you smile. God didn’t create words to describe Aaron.” – Jesse
- † “Your life was a living, breathing example of God’s all-embracing love to *everyone!*” – Jonathan
- † “Aaron’s amazing smile could always brighten up my day and make me smile too. I will always remember how he lived life full throttle, always. Aaron had an awesome ability to relate to people – he could always tell when I was happy or sad or frustrated and then he would help me get through whatever was going on.” – Jessica
- † “Our friendship was pure beauty. I loved the guy with all my heart. He taught me so, so much about life, God, reality and living with Christ. I am forever changed.” – Chad
- † “I know one day I will get to see him again, but until then I know what Aaron would want me to do – follow Jesus whole-heartedly and go on living life 110%!” – Kevin
- † “Aaron’s life was like a light from God, casting illumination in everyone’s life that he met.” – Ned
- † “An amazing friend, a definite man of God, he had an amazing heart for worship.” – Brian
- † “He lived life to the fullest and loved both genuinely and wholeheartedly. He showed God’s love without fail and accepted everyone for who they were.” – Jen
- † “I never met anyone who pushed me out of my comfort zone so much, and it was so worth it! He would listen to everything I said except when I told him I didn’t want to be pushed out of my comfort zone. Then he would just laugh and make me do it anyway. His life was the ultimate love song to his Savior, and he included everyone he touched in that. Aaron lived such a full life in 21 years. He knew his purpose and he served it to the fullest.” – Molly
- † “I have never had someone have such an impact or care for me like he did. He was always the first to hug me, first to tackle me, and first to pray for me. I have never seen someone be used so much by God. My life will never be the same.” – Justin
- † “Your son was simply amazing. He was so real and true. Though he didn’t bring me to church, he kept me there. I did not know him long, but in the short time I did he impacted me more than anyone I’ve ever met.” – Mike
- † “He knew what it meant to live. He knew what it meant to love. His eyes always shined 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 naïve, but full of wisdom and in love with life.” – Matthew Little
- † “I will always remember him as a good friend that would ask the hard questions and make me laugh while doing it.” – Chris
- † “I will forever be changed by his amazing heart. Because of his love, support, prayers and belief in me, I will never be the same.” – Tyler

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