

# IN MEMORIAM



## *Shane Ryan Robinson*

10-4-86 to 1-13-12

Shane Robinson was born in Hollywood, California to Lori and Greg Robinson. "A STAR IS BORN" t-shirt was presented to Shane's parents. He attended Weathersfield Elementary School, Los Cerritos Middle School, Ascension Lutheran School (8<sup>th</sup> grade), and graduated from Thousand Oaks High School in 2005. Shane loved playing sports-particularly baseball, basketball and volleyball. He excelled at water sports from a young age. Shane was a very healthy teen and even weathered a back injury and surgery (2002) which made high school team sports no longer possible- so he transferred his athletic skills to wakeboarding!

Shane was baptized in 1992 along with his baby brother, Kent, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church then confirmed at Ascension Lutheran Church in 2001. Shane loved the outdoors and the vacations at Bass Lake. The family eventually bought a vacation home there, and Shane spent many fun seasons with his little brother at the family chalet. Shane enjoyed driving the boat as much as he loved the water sports, often bringing friends to share in the fun, until his boating accident and knee injury (2009).

Shane's gregarious nature helped him form numerous friendships. He was one of the four founding friends for a weekly teen social meal gathering event coined "Weiner Wednesday". After Shane graduated from high school, he focused his attention toward a skill that could not be outsourced. Shane became a Certified Residential Journeyman Electrical Electrician.

This career path was a perfect match for Shane's niche and strong work ethic. He aspired to have his own electrical contracting business. Shane's hobbies: leather and woodworking.

Despite Shane's knee injury, surgery and physical therapy, he proceeded with his wedding to his longtime girlfriend on the campus of Cal Lutheran University August 8, 2009. Two months from this magical day, at age 23, Shane experienced a sudden, abrupt change in reality. Unbeknownst to his family, he had begun using marijuana and increased his usage following his surgery, as he was intolerant of prescription pain meds. After his bride called 911 on his suddenly bizarre behavior, Shane admitted to smoking pot (testing + only to THC) but tried to reassure his parents "don't worry, it's just a harmless herb" though he was suffering visual and auditory hallucinations. We knew for our son's twenty-three years of always normal behavior, this drug was anything but benign. Shane suffered a perfect storm of traumatic events over the next twenty-seven months stemming from his injury and naïve belief the marijuana he was using was innocuous. It was not! ([www.momsstrong.org](http://www.momsstrong.org)) Ultimately, Shane's young life crumbled personally and professionally, so he moved to Bass Lake in August, 2011 to "start anew" with his beloved dog, Jodie, enjoying weekend visits from his father. Seven months later while in marijuana cessation, Shane's death, by suicide, occurred devastating his family and shocking his "band of brothers" and many friends. His death will be linked to the yet unrealized national tragedy looming even though kids deny pot is a "drug".

Shane will always be remembered for his zest in life, generous heart, infectious smile, thick mane of hair, natural good looks, and statuesque 6'4" presence. He is missed by many, especially his family who mourn the loss of a life taken too soon.

We remember the spirited life he led in his short-lived twenty-five years on earth. Shane is survived by his parents, Lori and Greg; brother, Kent; "Grammee" Virginia, grandparents, John and Audrey (now deceased 2016); uncles, Jon, Jim and Skip; aunts, Joan, Patti, Linda and Janet; cousins, Cole, Kyle, Danie, Holly, Chad and Darby and godparents, Elaine and Jim. A Celebration of Shane's Life was held on January 22, 2012 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks, CA. "Forever missed but love never ends".