



Robert Monroe Benton

May 30, 1971 - March 5, 2013

Robert Monroe Benton, age 41, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at his home in Mesa, AZ. Robert was the son of Robert and Karen (Amidon) Benton, born May 30, 1971 in Traverse City. Robert was a gifted artist and writer, a charmer, a sensitive and adventurous soul. He graduated early from Manton High School in January of 1989 to enlist in the U.S. Army. After basic training, he went on to complete Basic Airborne Training and then entered the Ranger Program. He was part of the Ft. Lewis, WA group involved in the invasion of Panama in December of 1989, for which he received a Parachutist Badge w/Bronze Star, the design of his first tattoo. After his service time, Robert worked a wide variety of jobs, living in at least 4 different states, and finally settling in Traverse City in 2002. He completed his college studies, receiving his Associates Degree from Northwestern Michigan College in August 2011. He then moved to Mesa, AZ where within 30 days of his arrival he got his "dream job" with Sonic Wall. Robert was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents, Robert & Wilma Benton and Darrel & Esther Amidon; an uncle, Charles Amidon; and his best friend and partner Colbe Probst. Robert leaves behind his mother, Karen Amidon of Traverse City; his father, Robert (Shirley) Benton of Buckley; his two brothers, James (Ray Nixon) Mariage of Mesa, AZ and Michael Mariage of Wyoming, MI; a sister, Leslie Benton of Traverse City; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and his little cat "Baby". A visitation will be held at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska on Friday, March 15, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. Interment will be at Clearwater Township

Cemetery later in the spring. Memorial contributions may be directed to R.E.S.C.U.E. of Arizona, www.azrescue.org or the animal rescue of your choice. Condolences may be left online at www.wolfeoneill.com. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

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