



Adam Jason Cushman

May 23, 1974 - February 21, 2010

Adam Jason Cushman was born May 23, 1974 in Twin Falls, Idaho. At the age of 35, on Sunday, February 21, Adam was honored to personally meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was returning from work, bringing dinner to his family when a fatal traffic accident occurred nearly a mile from his home in Vancouver, Washington. Adam first attended school in Filer, Idaho, where his father, Gary, began his police career. When Adam was in the fourth grade, Gary went to work for the Meridian, Idaho Police Department. The family moved to Kuna, Idaho, where Adam graduated from high school in 1992. While in high school, Adam began a ten-year career with Albertson's. He was also involved in Republican politics and spent some time working with Congressman Larry Craig's campaign staff. At 18 years of age, Adam was honored to be part of the security team when Vice President Dan Quayle visited Boise. It was in 1992 when Adam first met the one who would become the love of his life, Elizabeth Ellis, while attending summer camps and other Nazarene youth functions. He seemed like a serious person, his wife says she could tell right away that he was a protective man who would be an excellent husband and father. His subtle sense of humor surprised and impressed her. The couple began their courtship in 1994 and married in January of 1995. Following in his father's law-enforcement footsteps, Adam served as a reserve patrol officer for the Meridian Police Department, and was employed as a Canyon County Deputy Sheriff in Caldwell, Idaho. He worked as a reserve patrol officer for the Parma Police Department while attending Northwest

Nazarene University, where he graduated in 2000. He was hired by the Portland Police Department in July 2000 and promoted to the position of Sergeant Criminalist in the Forensics Division in 2006. "Faithful" is the word that most accurately describes Adam; he was fiercely faithful in his dedication to God, to his wife and to his role as a caring father to sons Jacob and Isaac. He faithfully nurtured his family, whether he was leading his boys through Boy Scout activities, feeding them meals fresh from the barbeque, or sharing his love of the Star Wars universe. Adam's faithfulness inevitably spilled over into his professional life as his Sergeant expressed, Adam was a "go-to" person whenever a job needed to be done right. In the words of his colleagues, Adam was "a genuinely good and decent person," and "a consummate professional." With an endless mission for improvement, Adam is a 2008 graduate of University of Tennessee's National Forensic Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 2009 he was certified as a Level 1 Crime Scene Investigator by the International Association for Identification. He was most recently hired as an on-call death investigator by the federal Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team. Adam is survived by his wife Liz Ellis Cushman, sons Jacob (13) and Isaac (10) of Vancouver, Washington; his mother, Mona Pearson Cushman, father, Gary Cushman, and brother John Cushman all of New Plymouth, Idaho; sisters Carol Cushman and Sarah Cushman of Caldwell, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews, as well as grandparents Gene and Patti Cushman of Idaho Falls, grandfather Robert Pearson and wife Tonya of Idaho Falls. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, DeLora Miller. Memorial Services will be held at the Portland First Church of the Nazarene, 6100 Southwest Raab Road, on Monday, March 1st at 1:00 pm. A second memorial service will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho, 601 16th Avenue South, on Friday, March 12th at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, Adam would want donations to be made to the Family Ministry of his long time friend, Rob Jorgensen, Campus Crusade for Christ, 12037 Lake Cypress Circle #F203 Orlando, Florida, 32828. The Adam Cushman Memorial Fund has also been established in order to assist his family. Donations will be

accepted at any U.S. Bank branch.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:34 PM

RN

“ Dear Liz and family, Mona and Gary, Denny and Cammi: Our hearts are broken with you all with the loss of Adam. At Liz and Adam's wedding, we could not have foreseen this event too soon in your future. I know that you all are persons of faith and know that God is sustaining you at this time. Since we first heard of this tragic news, you have all been in our prayers and our hearts are heavy to think of this grief, thrust into your lives. We will continue to hold you all in our prayers, along with your extended family and many friends. May God show you His love and grace is our prayer. Blessings on you all. Jacob and Isaac will treasure the memories of such a wonderful Dad and grow to fulfill Adam's fondest hopes for their lives. We are praying for them as well. Ralph and Lynn Neil

Ralph and Lynn Neil - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Liz, I am so sorry for your loss. You have been so blessed with such a wonderful mate. I know you miss him terribly. Your strength and hiding place is in your Lord. Janet

Janet Parker - March 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Liz, Jacob, Isaac, and the Ellis and Cushman families ~ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I only had the privilege of meeting Adam in person once or twice (once was a Stampin' UP! party that Liz had in their home), but I knew that if Liz had picked him for her life partner, that he was a pretty stand-up guy. Wish I could be at the services, but know I'm there in my heart. Love to you Liz and boys. Susan

Susan Stewart Wood - March 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Liz, I remember I had the privilege of sewing badges on Adam's shirt one night while visiting your home. We didn't get to see Adam very much, but when I did I always tried to get him to smile because he seemed so serious. I remember learning that he had a very different sense of humor. I know he adored you and the boys. Love to you, the boys, your family and all of Adam's family.

Ruth Mickelson - February 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Growing up Adam was 14 years older than me, so he was always a role model and a hero in my eyes. My brother was my world, and my everything and all I wanted was to be with him. Some of my fondest memories of Adam involved sitting in his room watching Star Wars while drinkin Dr Pepper and eating pringles, and the way that he would rap the cat in the hat to me nightly before bed. These memories and times that I had with my brother are ones that can never be replaced, and I only wish that I had had a little more time with him, and the chance to tell him that I love him one last time.

Sarah Beth Cushman - February 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Dear Gary, Mona & Family, We are deeply saddened at the news of your loss. Words simply cannot express what the heart would like to say, but may you know our hearts and prayers are with you. Indeed, our whole little Filer church is lifting you in prayer. Though years have passed and we've not been in touch with each other, the bond of friendship still remains, and we care deeply about what you are going through. May God bring you comfort in your wonderful memories of Adam. He had many accomplishments and I'm sure you are very proud of those. May the Lord gently hold you close to His heart and help you through this time. With love and sympathy,
Roger and Carol Kalbfleisch

Roger and Carol Kalbfleisch - February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Gary and Mona We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Adam. Our hearts go out to you and your family. We have lost track of you over the years, but have the fondest memories of being your friends in Filer. May the Lord bless you so much. I can't comprehend the loss and sadness you are feeling. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Love Bob and Reba Triplett

Bob and Reba Triplett - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Gary and Mona, Please accept our sincere condolences. Our hearts were saddened to learn about Adam's death. No one can understand your feelings, but please know that even though many years have passed - friendship always remains. Your Filer Church family is lifting your family in prayer and will continue to do so. May God surround you with a peace and keep you in His loving arms.
Bimbo and Paula Bivens and family Nadine Lancaster

Bimbo and Paula Bivens - Nadine Lancaster - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We wanted to express our deepest sympathy & sincere condolences for your loss. Our apologies for not making it to the funeral in person, but please know our thoughts are with you. May your sorrow lessen with time and loving memories fill the emptiness in your hearts. Cathy Cushman Alleman & Brad Alleman Roger & Amy Cushman

Roger Cushman - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM