



Matthew Adrien Thomas, 23, of Bozeman, passed away July 28, 2007. He was born January 3, 1984 to Barry and Laurie (Long) Thomas in Columbus, Montana.

Matt graduated from Manhattan High School in 2003. He studied airline mechanics at Westwood Academy in Denver, CO. Upon graduating, he went to work for SkyWest Airline in Tucson, AZ. After a year-and-a-half, he moved back to Manhattan to be closer to family and friends. He was employed with Central Helicopter in Belgrade.

Matt was easy going and fun loving. He always had a ready smile to melt your heart. He loved all sports, especially football, and was a devoted KC Chiefs fan. Standing 5'6", he had a childhood dream of being the shortest running back in the NFL. What he lacked in size, he made up for in heart. Everybody loved "little Matty." There aren't enough words to say how much he will be missed by those who were lucky enough to know and love him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Barry Thomas, and grandfather, Adrien Long of Wolf Point, MT.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Laurie Thomas; brother, Ben Thomas; sisters, Emily (Ben) Ericksen, and Anna Thomas; nieces, Gracie, Madison, and Summer Ericksen; nephew, Dylan Ericksen, grandmothers, Betty Long of Wolf Point and Blanche Thomas of Jeannette, PA; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 2, 2007 in the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Visitation at Dokken-Nelson will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday.