



The mountains of Cooke City, Montana took Travis Lee Engstrom home last Saturday evening, January 17th. (5/9/1973 - 1/17/2009) It was a day blessed by the gods, crystal clear, the sun shining; he lived the day to the fullest surrounded by close friends and his loving wife.

Travis was brought into this world in Mohall, North Dakota by his proud parents, Joan Hundley and Larry Lee Engstrom. He graduated from Mohall High School in 1992 where he excelled in all sports he was involved in. He attended the University of North Dakota for 5 years and received his degree in Criminal Justice. He worked briefly in the Juvenile System, yet the office could not contain Travis' free spirit. The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks brought Travis to Helena, Montana where he enjoyed working in the outdoors for 5 years. In 2002 Travis moved to Bozeman where he began working in the ski industry. This offered Travis the opportunity to "work" in such places as the mountains of New Zealand as a Rossignol Representative. After wandering the world Travis was one of the lucky souls whom encountered his soul mate. While in the peaks of Jackson Hole in June of 2005, Travis proposed to Kelly Marudas. In the couple's classic outdoor fashion they were married on July 29, 2006, at the base of the Bridger Mountains on a perfect Montana summer day. One of Travis' dreams was to become a father, and his dream came true on August 19, 2008 when his beautiful baby boy, Kaden Lee Engstrom was born.

All who knew Travis were warmed by his caring and loving manner. He drew people in and touched the hearts of all whom he encountered with his huge heart. Travis was the kind of person you did not need to ask for anything, he just did everything he could for everyone he knew. If you needed it, you could have the shirt off of his back. Travis was a protector of all whom he knew and cared for. The mountains ran deep in the essence of Travis. The summers were an agonizing waiting period until the first winter snowflakes began to fall. Travis loved the winter so much he had a snowflake tattooed on his right arm, and a quote saying "Without the possibility of death adventure would be impossible" on his left. He lived his life full throttle and inspired everyone around him 100%. He was an animal lover who was accompanied by his faithful black lab companion Riley for the last 13 years. His last moments were spent doing what he loved, with whom he loved. He will be missed always by all who knew him. We love you, Trav!

Travis is preceded in death by his grandparents, Arlo and Wanda Hundley and Melton and Cecilia Engstrom. His legacy is continued by his beautiful wife, Kelly and loving son, Kaden. Travis is survived by his parents, Joan and Larry, two half brothers, and two half sisters, his in-laws, Lynn and Denny Marudas, and their son, Nick Marudas whom Travis considered a brother.

There is a website set up for friends and family to share stories and photos, and a link to the memorial established for his wife and son. <http://travisengstrom.org>

The family invites friends to celebrate Travis' amazing life at 2 pm on Friday, January 23rd at the Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman (2152 West Graff off of South 19th).

An addition service will be held in Mohall, North Dakota at 2 pm Saturday, January 31 at the Zion Lutheran Church.