

Josh lived as a "shaper of lives." He excelled in his life's work as a remarkable son, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew, and cousin. With an open heart, he welcomed his large extended family, diverse friends and a variety of community members into his life. Josh gave endlessly, but was empowered rather than diminished by his giving.

Josh Dewane King was born on March 2, 1978 (six minutes after his brother Justin), in Sidney, MT, to Judy Albin and Gary King. He attended People's Congregational Church, where he was baptized and confirmed. He grew up and attended school in Sidney, graduating from Sidney Senior High School in 1996.

At the young age of 12, Josh began his career of health care, volunteering his every free moment at the Extended Care Facility. Although these candy striper hours were unpaid, Josh devoted himself to caring for others as if it were his full time profession. Josh also worked at Video Hot Spot and The Depot during high school. He attended MSU Billings for a semester before moving back home and completing training as an EMT for Richland County. Josh was then awarded the Svarre Foundation scholarship to attend paramedic school at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND. He would attend school Monday through Thursday and then every weekend return home for work at the Depot and was on-call for the EMS service. He earned his Paramedic certification in November 1999. Josh then worked in Lame Deer, MT for 5 years, driving there for his 48 hour shift and then back home to Sidney to work as an EMT. Josh was the EMS Director from July 6, 2006, until the time of his death. He volunteered on the committee for the Relay for Life from the time it began in Sidney in 2003. He had a special dedication to this event to honor his sister, Jen who passed away from cancer in 2002. Josh was on the board of the Richland County Community Foundation. He also served on the Montana Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA) board in Helena. Josh worked very hard to make the EMS system better locally, regionally, and statewide. Josh was an amazing leader, but never considered himself a "boss," telling his staff "I'm the same as everyone else, we are a family."

Josh enjoyed traveling, socializing, music, cooking, texting, Mountain Dew, shopping, helping others, quotes, Patrón tequila and living life. He was respectful toward everyone without passing any judgment. Josh made friends everywhere he went with his loving personality and his infectious smile. He traveled all over the United States as well as Australia, Switzerland, and New Zealand. He was a skilled paramedic, saving the lives of many. He often received thank you notes from caring families. Josh was such a proud uncle. He stopped to see Ethan & Sara daily from the time they arrived into the world. He always said he wanted to be their favorite uncle and be sure "Josh" was one of their first words. Josh had an incredible gift with people of all ages.

Josh passed away Sunday, March 3, 2013, at Sidney Health Center.

He is survived by: his mother, Judy Albin; his father, Gary King; his brothers, Justin (Katharine) King, Jason (Patti) King; his sister, Kim (Bert) Suko; his grandmothers, Ethel Albin and Ann Bauman; nieces and nephews, Ethan, Sara, Dominique, Daniel, Alia, Cheryl and Shelby; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his grandparents, Verner and Polly King, his grandfather, David Albin; his sister, Jennifer; infant brother, Kevin; uncle, Mike Sergent; cousin, Chris Albin; pets, his cat, Nermal and dog, L.W.

Josh shaped the character of so many. The influence of his spirit is woven into the whole community.

Death ends a life, not a relationship. We will love you always.

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.*



At 6:30 pm, on his birthday, Josh posted the above quote. This was his last post to his Facebook page.

In Loving Memory



Josh King

March 2, 1978

March 3, 2013



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Born

March 2, 1978 Sidney, MT

Died

March 3, 2013 Sidney, MT

Funeral Services

2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 7, 2013

Richland County Event Center

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Vicki Waddington

Lonsdale United Methodist Church

Music

Kathy Bidegaray

Casketbearers

Jeff Carda

Adam Bryant

Scott Albin

Jason Nelson

Lane Haugen

Mario Maltese

Chad Albin

Anthony Maltese

Cory Albin

Dan Lowrie

Travis Sergent

Rob Schlothauer

Honorary Casketbearers

Richland County EMS and

numerous friends around the world

Ushers

Josi Tippett

Sarah Sifers

Sara Berndt

Brady Trudell

Brooke Stevens

Julie Jacobsen

Jenna Welnel

Mike Stewart

Interment

Sidney Cemetery

Sidney, Montana

Lunch will be served at the event center following the graveside services

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com

