

Jay Sheffield Rudd
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Jesus welcomed a special man into heaven on Saturday night, March 26, 2011. Jay Sheffield Rudd overcame many stereotypes and obstacles in his 37 years on this earth. He loved adventure, so Jay was comfortable living in many different places and accomplishing a variety of things.

He began his journey in northern California with his parents, Jack and Kay Rudd, and his three brothers, Aaron, Dion, and Rick before moving to Sandy, Utah in 1990. After graduating from Salt Lake Christian Academy, he moved to the South Pacific with his parents to do missions work in New Zealand and Vanuatu. Throughout the years he also spent a lot of time in Oklahoma with extended family and friends.

In all those places he shared his joy, infectious smile, hugs, and zest for life with family and friends, especially with his Granny Jean who loves to laugh at his jokes. Jay loved to break the mold and challenged the expectations of others by never quitting or being afraid to ask for what he wanted. He attended Faith Bible College in New Zealand and served in schools in Vanuatu and the U.S.A. In 2005 he joined the University of Utah football program where he excelled at bringing inspiring and motivating talks to the players.

Jay was a world traveler, culture crosser, missionary, coach, comedian, expert cuddler, public speaker, ladies man, friend and lover of the great God who designed him. He dreamed big and believed for the impossible.

Jay is dearly loved by his entire family. He will be missed by parents, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and many friends all over the world.

Join us to celebrate his life on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at The Fellowship, 615 East Seego Lily Dr. (9800 South), Sandy, from 1-3 p.m. with burial following at Lake Hills Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will take place at Goff Mortuary, 8090 S. State Street, on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the Saturday service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jay's name to one of the organizations where Jay served with passion (University of Utah Athletics, The Vine Institute, or The Fellowship's sound and media ministry). For details on how to give, see www.tf-sandy.org or send an email to jkrudd@rudds.net.