



Andrew Betes

February 14, 1979 - December 17, 2010

On Friday, December 17, 2010, Andrew Betes, 31, was called home too soon by our Lord and Savior. Andrew was born to Sebastian and Beatrice Betes on February 14, 1979, in Wentachee, WA. Andrew grew up on the family farm in Moses Lake, WA, where he learned all the tools of the trade, a strong work ethic, and an absolute love and passion for farming. Some of his favorite childhood experiences were his first camping trip with his Tio Angel along with many skiing trips together, and hunting and fishing with his father, and brother, Sebastian. He took his first trip to Spain at 9 years old to see his father's family, and made two additional trips in 2000 and 2006. In school, he excelled at baseball and was selected to play on the All-Star Team. On the playground at Longview Elementary, a relationship was born between two little boys, as well as a bond that would never be broken. That is where Andrew met his best friend, Miguel. Miguel and Andrew would spend many hours working on their trucks, driving in the dunes, and skipping Rosenow's shop class. He also worked along side his Tio Joe helping on his farm. Andrew's first job was working together with his brother moving hand lines, painting a barn and various other jobs for long time friend and neighbor, Clyde Henderson. While in high school, Andrew was employed by Brotherton Seed, Shari's Restaurant, and Les Schwab Tires. On March 15, 1997, he began dating his future wife, Katrina Penrose. After graduating from Moses Lake High School in 1997, Andrew explored his education while attending Shasta Community College in Redding, CA, along with a few of his friends. Even after high school, Andrew

maintained a close relationship with many of his high school buddies. Every year, he looked forward to getting together with them at their annual 'Man Camping Trip', a tradition that continued since high school. On April 21, 2001, Andrew proposed to Katrina. In March of the following year, Andrew moved with his family to Winnemucca, NV, to continue his love for farming with Betes Farms. Andrew and Katrina were married on May 3, 2003, in Moses Lake, WA. He continued to farm with his family in the summers, and worked at Les Schwab, CR Drake and Sons, and CarWil in the winters. On May 16, 2007, their first child, Maite, was born. During the winter following Maite's birth, Andrew chose to be a stay-at-home dad and care for his daughter while Katrina continued in her teaching position. Their second child, Stella, was born on March 31, 2009. A long-term goal of Andrew and his brother, Sebastian, was to run a business partnership together. On Christmas of 2009, it became a reality when Betes Brothers was created. He and his brother put their hearts into building the business that they always wanted, and their success clearly showed. Throughout Andrew's life, he always put family first. The love and compassion that he shared with his daughters would never go unnoticed. All who met Andrew would soon learn of his great hugs and signature smile.

Andrew is survived by his wife, Katrina, and their two daughters, Maite and Stella, his parents, Beatrice and Sebastian Betes, and one brother, Sebastian (Melissa, and niece, Amaya) all of Winnemucca, NV. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Richard Penrose, and brother-in-law, Rick Penrose (Katie and nieces) of Moses Lake, WA, grandmother, Rosa Castillo, of Kennewick, WA, and grandfather, Ignacio Escalera (Stella), along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Eduardo Betes and Annunciacion Buesa Betes, mother-in-law Nikki Penrose, and close family friends, Clyde Henderson, John Manterola and Salvador Gimenez.

A Celebration of Life was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Winnemucca, NV, on December 21, 2010. Arrangements in Winnemucca were in care of

Albertson's Funeral home.

A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of Fatima in Moses Lake on December 30, 2010 at 2:00. Arrangements in Moses Lake are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory. Please sign the book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Inurnment will be at Guarding Angels Cemetery Columbarium at a later date. An account has been set up for Andrew's daughters at US Bank under Betes Foundation.

Katrina and her family would like to thank everyone for their many phone calls, visits, delicious food, thoughts, and prayers. She would like to especially thank Nevada Chukar Foundation for their overwhelming support, Debbie with HGH ambulance and Deputy Kuskie for their compassion, empathy and professionalism.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Andrew passing. I loved to hear how family was very important to him. My condolences go out to his family. I am so sorry and words cannot express enough. May God be with you and Keep you always!###imported-begin###Nancy McGowan###imported-end##

January 02, 2011 at 07:07 PM



“ I knew Andrew and Sabastian through the schools in which I have taught for 31 years. I remember the beautiful Betes family fondly. I am so sorry to hear of Andrew's death. God Bless you, and may the wonderful memories of the years you got to have Andrew warm your heart. I don't know why good people die young, when they can bring such joy for the rest of our lives. I wish I could give you that wisdom, but it escapes me. I pray for those left behind.###imported-begin###Pat Simmons###imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 12:19 PM



“ Dear Bates Family-It is with great sadness that I am writing this letter with the untimely loss of Andrew. I have many fond memories of Andrew in school as a student of mine and as a fine young man. He would send the funniest text messages to my phone at the most random times, always making me laugh and reminisce. He always greeted me with his million-dollar smile and handshake. His laugh could easily be picked out of a crowd. Andrew will be missed as a Son, Brother, Husband, Father and Dear Friend. It is my belief that our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. Andrew will always be with those he loved. I am truly sorry. Respectfully, Rick Rosenow###imported-begin###Rick Rosenow###imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 11:16 PM



“ Katrina, my heart goes out to you! The last time I saw Andrew was last year this time, we ran into one another in Safeway. He went on and on about you and his girls! His love for his family was so impressive to me but did not surprise me. I know he will be watching over you all. I pray that you will be able to find some peace and strenght through this most difficult time. I pray that you will be helped knowing how many people loved him and love and support you!

Thinking of you and praying for you

Stephanie (Klemmer)Lyons###imported-begin##Stephanie (Klemmer) Lyons###imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 08:32 PM



“ Andrew has a smile that touches everyone that sees it. He will be greatly missed by so many. My heart and thoughts are with Andrew's family, wife, and daughters.###imported-begin##Jamie Casteel###imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 03:25 PM



“ Betes Family- We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your son, Andrew. He was a wonderful young man. After reading the obituary, I said to my wife that the world cannot afford to lose another man like Andrew. The kind of young man that makes you proud that he comes from such a loving, hard-working family. We pray that your faith will be your strength and to help ease the pain in your hearts. Our prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Rock Witte and Family.###imported-begin##Rock Witte###imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ Dear Katrina & Betes family
It is just as you said Andrew was called home too soon. Such a sweet smile and personality. I will miss the bear hugs I use to get from him. He was never without a smile and something to say. He and several of his friends are very special people they have touched our family and will never be forgotten. Dear Andrew go with God give him that wonderful smile and hug when he welcomes you home. Love You Janet###imported-begin##Janet Bjork###imported-end##

December 25, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes to your family on your tragic loss. We all grew up together and he will always be remembered in our hearts and souls.###imported-begin##Heather Kent (Bruegeman)###imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 06:35 PM



“ Dear Andrew,
I always looked forward to seeing you and your family each August. Thank you for teaching me the art of barbequing oysters. That was just fun! Also thanks for your great hugs and your wonderful smile. Thank you for the Betes Farms hat. I will wear it proud. When people ask me about it; I will have the opportunity to tell them of a great man. Love you Andrew. Bob Jennings###imported-begin##bob jennings###imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ *To the entire Betes family, our prayers and thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Vern & Barbara Sandmann##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 09:31 PM



“ *God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##bob montgomery##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 05:12 PM



“ *Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Betes Family, through this difficult and tragic time. Andrew was loved by all and will be greatly missed. He has a wonderful and warm inviting smile to all he came in contact with. May your hearts and memories be blessed with everlasting joy and happiness of Andrew.*

The Hastings Family.##imported-begin##The Hastings Family##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 03:21 PM