



## John Alden

February 19, 1985 - January 3, 2010

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for JOHN ROBERT ALDEN 24, will be held at 1pm Monday, January 18, 2010 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Pastor Marvin Temme officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. John died from injuries received in an car accident January 3, 2010 near Laramie, Wyoming. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the John Alden Memorial in care of Pinnacle Bank, 2000 Main Street Torrington, Wyoming 82240. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). The family may also be contacted directly at 307-322-9187 or at [ealden@wyoming.com](mailto:ealden@wyoming.com) Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 605, Wheatland, WY 82201. John was born February 19, 1985 in Laramie, Wyoming the son of Eric and Deborah (Kroenlein) Alden. He was raised in Wheatland and Torrington, Wyoming. He attended Colorado Rocky Mountain School and graduated from Chugwater High School in Chugwater, Wyoming. He attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana and was presently attending school at the University of Wyoming. He had worked various times at the Wyoming Territorial Prison Historical Site in Laramie, Wyoming. John enjoyed hockey and other outdoor activities, and especially loved animals and children. He was an Eagle Scout and had earned the Wyoming Congressional Award. John is survived by his parents Eric and Deb Alden of Torrington and Wheatland, Wyoming; grandparents John and Ann Alden of Delmar, New York; aunts and uncles, Kathy and Tom Davis of Torrington, Carol and Bruce

Fincham of Mariposa, California, John and Beth Alden of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Andrew and Fleur Alden of Oakland, California, Stephen and Carol Alden of Lyme, New Hampshire, and Lawrence and Penny Alden of Altamont, New York; many cousins; his dear friend and soulmate Amber McKee of Torrington and Laramie, Wyoming; and his lifelong friend Jeff Clark of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Robert and Betty Kroenlein; uncle L. Robert Kroenlein; and aunt Rebecca Kroenlein.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear of your loss. May the love of God and your family and friends help you in this time of need.

*Rene Owens (daughter of the late Loretta Herdt of Torrington, Herdt's Painting and Wallpapering)*

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**Rene Owens (Herdt)** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am praying that God will bring comfort and healing to your souls in this difficult time. John was passionate and full of laughter, I am grateful to have met him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm deeply sorry for your loss.

*Jasmine*

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**Jasmine Leinen Sterner** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I AM VERY SADDENED TO LEARN OF JOHNS DEATH. HE WAS A GREAT YOUNG MAN THAT I KNEW A FEW YEARS BACK ON A LTD BASIS. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH DEB AND ERIC AND HOPE THEIR PAIN IS LESSENERED BY KNOWING I AND OTHERS CARE ABOUT YOU NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE. PLEASE KNOW THAT I SEND MY DEEPEST REGRET.

*SINCERELY, OWEN*

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**OWEN L TOTH** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Eric and Debbie:

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jerry & Dee Wilhelm** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Eric and Deb,

*We are so sorry to hear about the accident and loss of your son. As parents we can only slightly imagine the grief that you are experiencing. Our thoughts are with you. We wish you inner strenght.*

*Jack and Kathy Landon*

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**Jack and Kathy Landon** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I knew John from working at Kelly's Supermarket nearly three summers ago. I loved working with John, he always made my time in the Deli go by so much faster because he was always smiling and making jokes! He was famous for spraying the other employees with the hose at night when we were cleaning. I remember him making me read book after book that he would bring to work. After I left Kelly's to go to school in Laramie, I figured I'd never see him again. However, just this last semester I ran into John outside a classroom at the University! It had been years since I last had seen him, so it was a pleasant surprise to be reunited with him!*

*John was a great guy, my prayers go out to his family and to Amber and her family as well...he will be missed.*

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**Megan Peterson** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts are with you at this time of great loss.

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**Jeri & Dwight Smith** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I will always remember Johnny, who as a little boy, could never sit still in my dad's living room--much like myself at his age. He always wanted to play in the backyard while our Dads discussed the world's problems, offering up creative solutions that both of us were too young to really appreciate. No matter, we had much more important matters to attend to: whiffle ball. To Johnny, may you be forever blessed.

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**Bryan and Tara Ahearn** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Deb;  
I don't recall meeting your son, but now have people telling me what a fine fellow he was. I don't have words adequate to comfort/ease your pain, but want you to know that you are in my thoughts.  
Ken Banister

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**Ken Banister** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I am so very sorry about the loss of your son and one of Carroll College's alumni. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gloria Lambertz** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Deb and Eric,  
I learned of John's death this evening and am overwhelmed by the magnitude of your loss. I first met John when he was a waiter, but he joined our table at the end of his shift. He left me feeling energized, impressed, and hopeful about our future. He was such a good looking chap, full of energy and charm. I confess, that I shopped Kelly's more when he was working the meat counter, again because it was such fun to interacted with you son. I am certain that he had a bright future in store and that our communities and world has experienced a loss also. But mostly, I am deeply sorry that you must endure this profoud loss, because my experience with John, in brief encounters, was so uplifting, I can only imagine the grief you must feel as his parents. Please know that I will hold you in my heart and prayers. Sherri Lovercheck

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**Sherri Lovercheck** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I know that words won't change it or fix it, and only 'time' will make it easier. Until that time comes, may God Bless You and keep you near to Him. I'm very sorry that you must go through this! With the most sincere thoughts, Connie

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**Connie Peterson** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ You are in our prayers and what can we do to help out? Would like to visit with you soon. There are no words right now that we can say as we are so saddened with your lost. Love Charlsa and Elwood

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**Charlsa Mcgee & Elwood Rave** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Eric and Deb,  
I was very sad when I heard about Johnny's accident. He and I had some good times hanging out after elementary school and walking to Cindy Jackson's daycare and spending time with the other kids. I will never forget those memories. He was always so sweet and sincere. A good friend always there to help others. I missed him when he went to a different high school, thought of him often, hoping I would run into him in Wheatland when I was home. I just want to let you guys know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and his girlfriend's family during this hard time and that you can find inner strength. Alicia

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**Alicia Cross** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Deb and Eric,  
  
Our thoughts are with you.  
  
We are at a loss for words and we are praying for you.  
  
Love,  
  
David and Wendy

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**David and Wendy Miller** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I taught John in a class this past fall 2009. He was always pleasant and often expressed his appreciation of my time and instruction; a nice young man for sure. My sincere condolences on your loss and, my thoughts are with all your family and friends during this difficult time.

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**Ann Jones** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *The loss of John Will diminish the glow we felt from his light. His spirit lives through the energy of the universe. He will always be "Forever Young."*

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**Michael & Kathy Hahn** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *God grant you the strength to survive this sad event and to look to each other for peace.*

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**Peter and Kathleen Schlachter** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, and are keeping you in our thoughts and our hearts.*

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**Bev and Doug Morrow** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved son. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**kathy shorter** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*God bless*

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**John and Sandy Daly** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Deb and Eric, I'm sending my condolences for an event I'm having trouble comprehending. I'm praying for you in your time of grief. Love you two.*

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**Sally Martens** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Deb and Eric,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. If there is any thing I can do for you, please give me a call. Would like to visit with you soon. Please call*

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**Mark Murphy & Staff** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Deb & Eric - our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and transition. We will always remember the joy and laughter John brought to our lives and to yours. Our love, Nancy & Tobin*

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**Nancy and Tobin Shore** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Eric and Deb, We are SO very sorry for this great loss. Our hearts are broken for you. We have known John to be a wonderful young man. Please accept our deepest sympathy. n*

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**Robert and Callae McManus** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our entire family extends our deepest sympathies and sadness for your loss of John. He was a vibrant, intelligent, articulate young man who I enjoyed talking with on several different occasions. I will miss his wonderful smile and lovely personality. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Cheryl Feldt** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Eric & Deb,  
I am so sad to hear about John. I am very sorry for your loss. I will always cherish my memories of John. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Heather Shasteen

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**Heather Shasteen** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Deb & Eric:

Please know that our thoughts and prayers have been with you since we heard the tragic news, and will be with you for a very long time.

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**Charlie & Margie Simineo** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Deb & Eric,  
The loss of a child is something one cannot begin to understand without "walking in the moccasins." We have had you in our thoughts and prayers since the loss of Eric. His life briefly crossed mine and for that I am thankful. May you be supported by friends and family in the tender time now and ahead. Bless you. Calvin & Isabel Hoy

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**Calvin & Isabel Hoy** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Eric and Debbie: We are just so sorry for your loss. If there were only the right words to say. Be assured there are so many of us here for you.

John & Gayle Ludens - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Dixie & Dan Kennedy - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Eric and Deb and family  
We are so very very sorry for your loss. We always loved seeing John in the clinic. Please know for every tear that falls there is a prayer in our hearts for you. Our deepest sympathy. Brent and Pat

Pat and Brent Sherard - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Eric and Deb, We are so sadden to hear of your loss. I only remember John as a cute little guy. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you and your familys.  
God Bless Les and Kay Gore

Les and Kay Gore - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I remember John Alden from the days when he lived with his parents in the house on the outskirts of Wheatland. His dad often expounded to me about his plans and dreams for the future of his son. But today, I can not find words sufficient to console either Eric or his wife, Debbie. The most I can possibly contribute to the terrible finality of it all is to offer his parents my most heartfelt and sincere condolences for the loss of their only child. Eric and Deb, I am so very sorry. I wish for you the best under the circumstances.

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**Joe Martens** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I didn't know John like other people, but I did know him. I figure skated at the Laramie Community Ice Arena. He was always there. We were good friends. He would always tease me about this guy I liked. I remember he tried figure skates and he skated forward, hit the toe pick and fell. He tried to spin and he just couldn't do it. It was really funny. John was a sweet person. When my friend and I noticed we hadn't seen him around lately we thought he was fired. So we decided to ask his coworkers and she said he had died. We didn't believe her, but than we realized she was dead serious. We started crying and have been ever since. John will be terribly missed. I'm glad I got to know him. People who didn't missed out. He is an amazing person. I'm glad he lived. WE WILL MISS YOU JOHN!!!

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**Sammi Czech** - January 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM