



## Travis Sims

April 23, 1990 - June 14, 2010

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for TRAVIS ALEN SIMS 20, will be held at 2pm Saturday, June 19, 2010 at EWC Fine Arts Auditorium with Pastor Jason Gantz officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Travis died at Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colorado on June 14, 2010 after a four year battle with leukemia. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to Jason's Friends. Visitation will be Friday from 3pm to 7pm and the casket will be closed at the service. 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). Travis was born April 23, 1990 in Torrington, Wyoming the son of Mark and Nyana (Andrew) Sims. He grew up and received his early education in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The family moved back to Torrington when he was in the eighth grade. He graduated Torrington High School. Prior to his illness in high school he was involved in football, basketball, and track. He worked after school for Gear Up at Eastern Wyoming College and helped with the Youth Group at Bethel Baptist Church. He was student manager and helped out the tennis team at school. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was an avid Denver Broncos fan. Travis is survived by his parents Mark and Nyana Sims and a sister Amber Sims all of Torrington, Wyoming; paternal grandparents Richard and Judy Sims of Lingle, Wyoming; maternal grandmother Susan Foltz of Torrington; maternal great grandmother Jean Martindale of Morrill, Nebraska and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by

his maternal grandfather.

# Tribute Wall

D.

“ I don't know why I remembered Travis today of all the days, 10 years after his passing. I was not a close friend of the family or really knew who he was. I do remember being in his mother's classroom the day she received that horrible call about his diagnosis. At that point, he was a figure I'd see in my PE classes. His warm presence, his unwavering smile. I think his voice had gotten softer towards the end, but it was so rich with life and compassion and sincerity every time he spoke—as if he knew that, with limited time, every word counted. There are glimpses in my memory of him, setting out dodgeballs, holding a hockey stick, simple things. I don't know if that would've been his calling, to be a PE teacher or something, but perhaps, looking back, he liked seeing positive cooperation and competition. Perhaps seeing the spirit and effort were reflections of how he was fighting. And now here, ten years later, I reckon his spirit still lives on, reminding us of how calming, resolute, and incessantly positive he was. And how those values are as important as ever. Wherever he is, I hope he's happy.

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D.N. - June 08, 2020 at 12:42 PM

CP

“ Dear Mark, Nyana and Amber, our hearts go out to all of you. You all amazed us with your courage, strength, and spirit during Travis' illness. We prayed for Travis and you guys the past 4 years and will continue to pray for your family. Words cannot describe our sadness in the loss of your son, brother, and friend.

Love,  
Clay and Val.

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Clay and Valerie Peterson - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Mark, Nyana, and Amber:

*We are so sorry for your loss. I remember Travis as a wonderful boy - friends to all and respectful to everyone he met while at Havasupai. I know words cannot express how you feel at this time, but please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

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**Pat and Rich Miers** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Niana, Mark, and Amber,

*My heart breaks over the loss of Travis. I can't help but think that God took him so he didn't have to suffer any longer but I know it is so painful to think of a life without him. I am so grateful to Joanne for keeping me in the loop with e-mail updates.. I got to know a very special young man.*

*Please keep your faith. God has a plan bigger than we can imagine.  
Love,  
Shirley*

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**Shirley and Jim Sacheli** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mark, Nyana and Amber,

*We were sorry to hear about Travis.  
I only met Travis a couple of times. He presented himself like a "Champion" -- his positive attitude and caring personality are two things that I will always remember. I see these same attributes in all three of you. Celebrate the years that you had with him and know as Mark said to me "He is in a better place now!"*

*God Bless all of you.*

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**Mike and Vicki Mitchell** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ We are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers go out to you as loving parents and sister of a great young man who left his mark on all whom he met.

*We are gladdened that Travis went home to be with his "family" in heaven and know that all of those he had such an influence on, look forward to joining him there with his "heavenly family". His writings over the past 4 years have been wonderful; such strength, courage and faith.*

*God Bless You and Keep You, Mark, Nyana and Amber.*

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**Randy** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Coach Sims,

*I am sorry for your loss. It saddens me to see the loss of your son. I remember when you used to bring him into the weight room when we were working out after school. You and your family are int my thoughts.*

*Michael Clark  
Class of 2002*

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**Michael Clark** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We were so sad to learn of Travis' death. We won't be able to be at the service as we'll be in Chicago, but please know our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. We will be giving to the memorial to honor Travis. Love, Linda & Doug

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**Doug & Linda Carey** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ You are in our hearts & our prayers, now as always. If there is ANYTHING we can do for you, we are a phone call or an email away.

With love & hugs,  
Marlene & family  
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**Hobday's** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Mark, Nyana, and Amber,  
How sad I was to open the Today's News Herald this morning to find out that Travis lost his fight. As a parent, this is one of my worst nightmares, having to turn one of the kids over to Jesus while I stay behind on Earth. May God comfort each and everyone of you as you transition to your life without him in your daily presence. Charlie and Richard are also sad to hear of Travis's passing. Charlie remembers him running the 4 X 100 with him in track at Thunderbolt many years ago. He remembers him fondly. We just wanted to let you know that you have our prayers. God bless you all.

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**Wendy Stickney** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Mark, Nyana, & Amber-

I cannot tell you how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Travis was such a strong individual just like his parents. I loved getting the updates on how he was doing- he was such a trooper and always had such a good spirit for everything he was going through. Please know that you have MANY praying for you in this time and thinking of you always.

HUGS to you all. -Lauren Weber and family

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**Lauren Weber** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Travis Gave everyone that he met a part of himself. weather it was his wonderful wit, courage, strength, or that contagious smile and laugh. I did not know him that well, he was a kind courteous young man That always had a smile on his face. I will always remember sitting beside him at the girls state basketball. And he was the best cheerleader in the crowd!!!! he will be sadly missed by many but forever loved by everyone he touched.

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**Bobbi (lemmon)&Scot Stengel** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I graduated with Travis in 2009. He always had a smile on his face and was full of life. Most athletes think they're better than everyone else, but Travis wasn't like that. He was nice to everybody, and always found a way to make me smile or laugh. One thing's for sure: any Class of 2009 reunion will feel awkward without him there. He was a friend to the whole class and beyond, truly someone who will never be forgotten.

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**Tanae Stall** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our deepest sympathies are with you all at this time. We don't know you but know of you through Gwen Walsh. Our 2 1/2 year old granddaughter Danika was diagnosed with AML in March and we are in process of BMT. Please know that we care deeply for you and your family and we treasure every minute we have with Danika as Im sure you did with Travis.

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**Glenn & Melinda Schleve** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I'm so sorry at least there is a chance of a resurection right here on earth ! If you need anything please let me know ! My prayers and thoughts are with you all!

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**Teresa D Hyatt** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mark and Nyana,  
You are all such special people to us and our family. We find that we suffer grief right along with you and certainly identify with you at this time. Please know that you have a world of support from your friends and community and also know that your faith will carry you through this time.  
We send our sincere sympathies and condolences to you.  
Keith and Gwen

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**Keith Whitney** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Mark, Nyana & Amber,  
Our hearts and thoughts are with you. Roger forwarded emails and kept us up to date on Travis' journey. He was a wonderful and inspirational young man. And while your hearts are no doubt breaking at his loss, we hope you find comfort in knowing he touched so many people with his valiant fight and that he is now at peace.  
Love,  
Thad & Terry Trinko

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**Thad & Terry Trinko** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Travis was a great kid...my children loved him and he was good with kids at the church (Bethel Baptist) and at the after school program...he will be very missed. He is in the house of the Lord now and his chains of this world are broken and he is free looking down on us. I know his family is heartbroken and homesick...but one day they will be reunited in the kingdom of our Lord...I pray that God has his hands around them and gives them peace and rest in this time of mourning...Travis you were loved and will never be forgotten....

*Always the Medina Family!*

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**Micheal Medina** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Travis will be remembered for his fighting spirit, his wonderful sense of humor and his enduring faith in people and in God. Our most sincere condolences at your loss and our thanks that we have the honor of knowing and loving Travis.

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**Anne Babiuk** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our thoughts are with the Sim's family. May the cherished memories of Travis and his strength and compassion help you thru this difficult time.

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**Marvin and JoLynn McCabe** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Nyana, Mark & Family

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss and my deepest sympathies go out to all of you. From what I have read it sounds like Travis was an amazing person and touched many lives and will be missed dearly. It is hard to lose a loved one but I hope that you may find strength through all the good memories you have of Travis.*

*You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Eilda Martinez** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Nyana and Mark,  
*My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family at this very difficult time. May God comfort you and bless you all. May Travis rest in peace.*

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**Belen Martinez Lee** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Mark and Nyana, Travis touched the lives of numerous people. His zeal for life and the courage his life represented was remarkable. I happened to be home the past couple of days on a very quick trip and was amazed at the community and how they loved Travis and I'm sure will continue to love and support your family. I am trusting that the Jesus that Travis loved will hold onto your hearts as He is holding Travis today. Cling to Him!!!! Brenda and Lois

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**Brenda Waggoner Garrelts and Lois Waggoner** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I did not know Travis, but my thoughts and prayers are with you Mark and Nyana. You are both just just two amazing people.

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**Brian Brown** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Mark, Nyanna and Family,  
My Deepest sympathies go out to you. Travis sounded like such a wonderful young man. From reading the articles in the paper he was a fighter. I want you to know, that he was in my prayers every single day. Now my prayers are with you, to give you strength through such a painful time. I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm hear for you.*  
Shelli Johnson

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**Shelli Johnson** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Travis will be missed by my children, jacob, dannie jr and katie craig. They went to school with Travis and really cared for him. Our family will forever keep yours in our hearts and mind.*

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**kena lynne wood** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Mark, Nyana and Amber,*

*I was so sorry to hear about Travis. He was such a special boy and will be missed by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time, but I know you are strong and time will heal your sorrow. I am thinking of you.*

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**Debbie Beebe** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Mark and Nyana,*

*Our hearts go out to you both. Losing a child goes against the whole order of the cycle of life. I know your thoughts are filled with, "Why?" and "What could have been," but maybe you can find comfort in believing that Travis must have been very special for God to have taken him now. I'll pray that you will find peace in believing that He must have a need for that youthful spirit in heaven!*

*Hold tight to those joyful memories and may time ease your sorrow.*

*With love,  
Cathy & Tom*

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**Cathy & Tom Delzio** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Travis taught us all what courage and grace looks like. He faced his challenges with good humor and optimism, and my life was enriched through knowing him.*

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**Katherine Patrick** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Travis was the kind of man/kid I would like my son to be. He was a wonderful role model to many.*

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**Andrea Wunibald** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Travis fought the good fight. He was in our prayers, but the Lord had other plans for him. God Bless you all and keep you strong.*

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**Jim Arnold** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ *Its very rare in today's time when you meet someone that makes such an impact on an ENTIRE community like Travis and the Sims family has done..*

*Our hearts felt a deep sadness and will forever remember Travis as someone we hope to be like and strive to have the kindness, hope, spirit and enduring courage he had.*

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**Everyone at Transportation Office** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Travis fought a couragous battle! He is now at peace with his Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you--family & friends.*

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**Dick Fullmer** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *We are not usually known to be at a loss for words but there simply are none that convey our feelings at this moment. We just want you to know that our Thoughts, Love and Prayers go with you now as ALWAYS. Thank you all dearly for being a part of our lives!*

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**Michael, Leslie and Kids** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Mark & Nyana, my heart literally ached for the both of you when I read of Travis' death. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I send my love.*

*Joyce Boucher*

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**Joyce Boucher** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Travis was a very special person to so many. Travis showed so many of us what it was to be brave in the face of adversity, to be strong when you don't feel like being strong and to deal with what you are dealt with without complaint. He smiled, laughed and loved and gave his all each and every day. Travis, you will truly be missed but never forgotten.

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**Cheryl Lapp** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Nyana and Mark:

*I was very sorry to hear about your son. It sounds like he put up a heck of a fight. My heart is with you both.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jill Rodger*

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**Jill Rodger** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ What a shock to read in the newspaper here about Travis! I knew, of course, that Travis had developed leukemia but it has been quite some time since I've heard anything. I had Marc's email but with transferring from one computer to the next, it got lost.

*I'm SO sorry to hear about Travis' passing! I remember him, of course, running around during the track practices here. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Jeanette Sweeney** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Nyana & family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Travis. He sounded like a very wonderful young man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this most difficult of times.*

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**Lori Dillman Clymer** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Mark, Nyana and Amber -  
We are so very sorry to hear about Travis. Kory doctors with your brother Nyana, we just heard about it today. He was a wonderful young man and what I remember of him.....what a heart he had. I have very fond memories of Trav and you all are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless,  
Becki Richardson and family*

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**Becki and Kory Richardson and family** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dear Nyana, Mark and Amber,  
  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Kathy Weydig &  
Joel Silverstein*

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**Kathy Weydig** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Mark, Nyanna and Family:*

*I'm so sad to hear and am truly sorry for you loss.  
It is nice to see such kind words with an outpouring of love from all  
Travis's friends and the community towards Travis and your family. I  
didn't know Travis directly, but can tell that his smile is one that left  
an impression on all who met him. We are all praying for your entire  
family who has just experienced this unfortunate event. My thoughts  
and prayers are with you.*

*Jeff Whitney  
And  
Family*

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**Jeffrey Whitney** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We are so sorry for your lost, Travis was a true fighter and he was  
always in our thoughts and prayers when his fight began. We have  
many happy memories of Malachy & Travis together in Middle  
School especially during Track season. Travis always encouraged  
Malachy during track and was there with Malachy for cool downs &  
warm ups. He was a true friend to Malachy.  
We hope that you take comfort in your loss by knowing that Travis is  
now in a better place and at peace.  
Also know that you and your family will continually be in our  
thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of loss.*

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**The Ryan Family** - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM