

Shawn Craig Wickard

August 30, 1971 ~ September 28, 2021

Shawn Wickard fiercely and courageously passed away Tuesday, September 28th, 2021. He fought, and had some wins against transverse myelitis, lupus, paralysis, among other things. His last week he fought and, for a short while, beat sepsis, a seizure, a comatose state, bleeding on the brain, bone marrow failure, kidney failure, internal bleeding, multiple infections, inside and outside his body and still regained consciousness to tell the doctors what for and talk and laugh with his friends for a while.

Shawn led the way as a youth building jumps, climbing trees, building forts and instigating neighborhood-wide games of sardines, kick the can and capture the flag. He climbed Mt. Rainier at the age of sixteen. He was an accomplished distance runner, mastered the trumpet, and earned his Eagle Scout along with being part of the Order of the Arrow.

After graduating Issaquah High School, he adventured to California, Rick’s College in Idaho and continued to adventure in Utah. He achieved his goal of being a radio host, DJ’d many a party and continued to make permanent friends.

At the age of 27, he became paralyzed. It took many years and doctors to identify the cause. Once he had an identification, he focused his efforts to fight and win against transverse myelitis and lupus.

Shawn became one of the first six people to receive a stem cell transplant to see if it would cure his lupus. It did. As a bonus Shawn was able to walk again. He wrote his stem cell story, gave an inspirational TED talk, and uplifted many with his journey and his friendship.

Shawn had a dream to retire in the picturesque Kalispell, Montana area.

He is survived by his siblings, Todd, Alysha, Ashley, BryAnna, Corby, and Janessa; sister-in-law Lindsay; nephews Travis and Richie; nieces Amanda and Maggie.

He would appreciate donations to the Lupus Foundation of America at www.lupus.org

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 am at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. A celebration of Shawn's life will continue from 12:00 - 2:00 pm at The Chateau at the Rose Shop, 1910 East Dimple Dell Road.

To watch the recorded memorial services, please click on the blue "Watch Services" box above.