



## Eric Glen Widener

August 14, 1986 - March 26, 2013

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Fire Breather / Seeker

Eric was born to Glen and Jan Widener on August 14, 1986. He brought great love, laughter and joy into our hearts. He was a darling little boy with those blazing black eyes, big smile and dimples. From the time he was old enough to talk, he did not know a stranger and was inquisitive, to say the least. He had a million questions. At the age of 18 months, he started attending Sunday school in Baby Buckets class at King's Orchard Church. He enjoyed many years of church camp at Lake Wenatchee. At 12 years old, he started attending Eastmont Community Church and, at 16, he accepted Jesus Christ while at Young Life. At age four, he began participating in sports: soccer, summer swim team, baseball and in middle school, football, which was his favorite, but with it came a severe back injury. At the age of eight, he started his love for music with lessons on the violin, piano, cello and saxophone. He also loved acting and drama and was in many plays. When he was 14, he joined the Wenatchee Youth Circus, where he was a fire breather, clown and magician. He was an excellent student and was in the top 10% of his class at Eastmont. A deep desire for knowledge and life lead Eric to read non-fiction books, watch videos and was always able to talk with anyone; from the homeless, whom he lived with under a bridge in Portland, to any important

person. When he could, he loved boating at Lake Chelan and crabbing in the San Juans. Eric loved adventure and at the age of 19, he went to Alaska to work on a fishing boat. At 20, he traveled to China for one year to teach English to grade school children. Then, off to Guatemala for nine months and on to the Amazon Jungle in Peru off and on for a couple years, always keeping in touch with friends and family. His last adventure was to Cambodia, where he had been for three weeks, when he died and went to be with Jesus Christ our Savior.

He is survived by his parents, Glen and Jan Widener; loving sister, Shelley Widener; grandmother, Irene Morton; uncle, Terry (Wendy) Barnes; cousins, Rayce, Tenille and Aden Barnes; uncle, Chris (Lisa) Widener; cousins, Christopher, Hannah, Rebekah and Sarah; aunt, Gayle Widener; cousins, Noel, Natalie and Torey; aunt, Sue (Doug) Anderson; and cousins, Teresa, Lina, Matthew and Kyle.

He will be tremendously missed. Our hearts are broken, but he will live forever in our hearts.

Family and friends are invited to Eric's Memorial Service on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Eastmont Community Church, 783 - 4th Street N.E., East Wenatchee at 10:30 a.m., with a luncheon served afterwards and Inurnment following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lighthouse Ministries. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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