

**Brandon Scott Berglund**  
**August 16, 1984 – July 13, 2009**

In June of 2009 our lives rocked with unexpected change as Brandon suffered a devastating stroke in the same site as his original brain tumor. Our hearts broke as we made the necessary decisions and set up the hospice care. During the next 20 days we were held by so many family and friends who came to sing the prayers around his bed, read his favorite stories, and share their precious memories. On July 13<sup>th</sup> he healed into death. July 18<sup>th</sup> we ritualized his life's journey in a service at Calvary Baptist Church. July 23<sup>rd</sup> was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his cancer diagnosis. August 16<sup>th</sup>, he would have turned 25. It's been so much to hold ....emotionally and spiritually.

We are once again busy with work and all the ordinary rhythms of living. We are experiencing pilgrimages within pilgrimages as we seek to be intentional on this journey of joy and grief in the midst of daily life.

Thank you to all who contributed to Brandon's memorial funds. Enough money has come into The Children's Hospital Handicap Sports Program to purchase a bright green sit-ski, soon to be christened "Brandon's Flyer." Books and money continue to come into Calvary Baptist Church of Denver for the children's library in the Republic of Georgia. Thank you for your part in passing on the love in this way.

As one of our friends in Ireland would say: You are a cauldron of healing generosity!

We send out to all of you the deepest of gratitude for how you held our family and continue to hold our family. We are so blessed in the richness of divine love and grace, the gentleness and thoughtfulness of family and friends. It has been heart-warming to know that Brandon's life touched and will continue to touch so many.

