

# Richard Thomas Goelz

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Mass for Christian Burial for Richard Thomas Goelz, 21, will be held today (Wednesday, April 29, 1992) at 10 a.m. at the Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, with Father John Savio as the Celebrant. The Vigil for the Deceased was held yesterday (Tuesday, April 28) at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Interment will follow the Mass in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mr. Goelz died Friday, April 24, in Lodi, Calif., due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born July 18, 1970 in Gowanda, N.Y., the son of James and Pauline (Usher) Goelz. He was reared and received his primary schooling in Forestville, N.Y. In August, 1978, the family moved to Ten Sleep, Wyo., and then in August, 1979, they moved to Wheatland where he finished his education, graduating from Wheatland High School in 1988.

Following graduation, he worked in the Wheatland area for one year. In 1989, he moved to Oregon, and in 1990 to California, working in the construction business. He loved the outdoors, where he participated in snow boarding and hunting. He also enjoyed doing mechanical work on cars. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents of Wheatland, one sister, Sheila Goelz of Pasco, Wash., and four brothers, Walter Goelz of Cheyenne, Philip Goelz of Middleton, Ida., Daniel Goelz and Brian Goelz, both of Wheatland. His paternal grandparents, William and Ann Goelz of Kenmore, N.Y., also remain.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Anna Usher Sr., and one brother, Gerald F. Goelz, on Oct. 12, 1991.

Serving as pallbearers will be Walter Goelz, Philip Goelz, Daniel Goelz, Brian Goelz, and Kevin Jenkins.

A memorial to the choice of the donor would be equally appreciated by the family. The Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of arrangements.