## **Teacher Jason Waterman**

Jason Eric Petchell Waterman, age 41, died of suicide caused by undiagnosed clinical depression, on January 10, 2011, in Raglan, New Zealand. Born in Woodland, California on February 1, 1969, to Ronda and Marshall Waterman. Educated in Hamilton, New Zealand and Bethel School District, graduating from Willamette High School in 1987. He graduated from the University of Oregon and Pacific University with a Masters Degree in Education. At the time of death Jason had almost completed an English Literature Doctorate at Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Jason was married to Catherine Crabb in 2003 and separated in 2010. He was an amazingly dedicated and loving father to Henry and Adeline. They were the joy of his life.

Jason taught at Mohawk and Pleasant Hill High School and at the Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand. He was a brilliant teacher, writer and orator.

Jason was also a rugby fanatic, both as a player and coach for the University of Oregon. He loved teaching the young how to play the game and thoroughly enjoyed coaching his young son's team in Raglan New Zealand.

He is greatly missed by his children, parents, brother Shawn, and many extended family in the USA, New Zealand and Australia. He was a huge, larger than life human being with a wonderful compassion towards the disabled community.

All friends were welcome to a gathering held on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at the Eugene Vets Club, 1626 Willamette St. from 1 to 4pm. In honor of Jason people wore their Rugby Jerseys. In lieu of flowers, all donations will go to an educational fund for the children. Donations can go directly to: Waterman Children's Donation Account at any Key Bank location.

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