



Chad Michael Rattray

March 8, 1977 - January 20, 2015

RATTRAY, Chad Michael (Age 37) In loving memory of Chad Michael Rattray, born to Candy and Terry Rattray, March 8th, 1977, risen to new life January 20, 2015. Chad had just been hired by the Spokane Transit System, passed a full physical and had a flu shot within the last seven weeks. It was to our shock that he was taken from us so quickly of an infection believing to have been from complications from the flu. Chad was an entrepreneur, running his Hot Dog stand, Cheddar Chad, on the corner of Howard and Riverside for 13 years. In doing so, he put himself through college. There he became well known as a friend and brother to everyone. Chad was always willing to give out a hand and kind words to customers as well as passers-by. He touched many lives as he lived out the "word" to love your neighbor. He attended and graduated from Northwest Christian High School, Spokane Falls Community College and this fall from Eastern Washington University with a degree in International Affairs and Cultural Anthropology. He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church here in Spokane. He loved the Lord God with all his heart and soul. He sought God's will daily. Chad was a quiet man who did not preach the gospel, but lived it out daily so others could see Christ in him. A note that was found in his Bible read "The human soul is restless until it finds its rest in God", by St. Augustine. Chad leaves behind his mother, Candy, brother, Todd, daughter Brooklyn Murphy and father, Terry, along with his stepmother Jennette, stepsister Jessica Asien, stepbrother Travis Brown and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces within the Spokane area. He

has joined his beloved Grandma, Jessie Clark, who passed away a year ago, along with family members who had a rich inheritance as well, through Christ. Prior to traveling to Africa in 2011, Chad left us a written letter in case something happened that prohibited him from coming home. Some of what he wrote is as follows: "If something has happened to me, then that's OK, I don't mind. I'm so thankful for the people God has allowed me to know in my life. The only sadness I have is not seeing the rest of your lives. You were all so kind to me. Thank you for sharing your life with me. If I didn't do a good enough job of showing how much I loved you, saying it now wouldn't change it. I promise I loved you so much. Yours, Chado". Chad's desire and passion was to return to Africa to serve those that were struggling, as well as to continue to be a brother to the African community of brothers and sisters in Christ, both here and abroad in Africa and here in Spokane. To continue his work, there has been a memorial set up through the Spokane Teachers Credit Union. "Chad Rattray's Lighthouse Outreach Memorial Fund"; donations can be made at any branch. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, January 30th at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Spokane.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened by this lose. He was my lunch man. Chad always was happy and interested in getting to know all his customers. He was interested in my college studies, even making sure I was getting good grades. I lost my dad this summer, I was only 17, and it is hard to get passed. Just remember that through time the pain doesn't go away. It simply becomes bearable. Have the pain be a constant reminder of the love your family had for him and keep in mind that he will always be in your heart. I have been praying for the family and I will continue praying for peace of mind.

Taylor Culton - March 04, 2015 at 11:10 AM

DM

“ he was a great young man who sold good hotdogs. I didn't realize he supported himself thru college. he will surely be missed downtown. I know a lot of people .stopped and ate. I often braught my grandson for a hotdog and chips. his death really affected me, even tho I didn't know him personally. my prayers for the family

darlene mccarty - January 30, 2015 at 02:35 AM

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“ I started working in downtown Spokane in the Fall of 2002 in the BofA building. Chad was always there on the corner. He always had a smile and a warm hello for everyone who passed by. You did not have to be purchasing a hot dog for him to be kind. Please know that his light did shine brightly to many people and he did live the word to love your neighbor. He touched so many and I will be influenced for the rest of my life to try to be as good of an example as Chad was. My prayers are with his family.

Sharon Pegau - January 28, 2015 at 05:52 PM

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“ To Candy, Terry, Todd, Jeanette, Travis, Jessica, and all other family members and friends of Chad - we offer our sincerest condolences for your loss. Chad was an extraordinary man, and his life has had a tremendous impact on so many people. His memory and legacy will continue to live on through others. Per your request, a donation has been sent to the Chad Rattray Lighthouse Outreach Memorial.

Chuck & Marsha Bown - January 27, 2015 at 03:43 PM

HM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Chad meant so much to so many people.

Hal @ LaDonna Moore - January 27, 2015 at 01:54 AM

KF

“ Dear Candy and Family, we are sending our deepest sympathy as we learned of Chad's passing. Chad was a very special young man who leaves a gift of memories of a life well-lived with love and giving to all. May your memories of Chad carry you through this very sorrowful time. Kitt and Doug Fleming, Ocean Park, WA

Kitt Fleming - January 26, 2015 at 08:48 PM

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“ Dear Candy and Family, I was so saddened to hear about Chad's passing. He was an amazing soul and so took after his Momma with his kindness and compassion for others. Chad's legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, Fondly, Stacey Higgins

Stacey Higgins - January 26, 2015 at 11:23 AM