



# Donald Allen Schmautz

**Nov. 12, 1967 - May 4, 2011**

Donald Allen Schmautz, 43, died suddenly at his home in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Don was born Nov. 12, 1967, to Jean and Allen Schmautz in Deadwood, S.D. He moved to Thermopolis at the age of 3. During his younger years he rode horses and was involved in 4-H.

In high school he participated on the football, golf and swimming teams, and forged strong friendships. He also enjoyed many hunting trips with his dad and good friends.

After Don graduated from Thermopolis High School, he moved to Phoenix to attend Devry and graduated with an electrical engineering degree. Following graduation, he moved to San Jose where he started a successful career in the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Don joined Tokyo Electronics in 1995 and moved to Albuquerque, N.M. Don's career gave him the opportunity to travel to many places in the Far East.

Don formed strong friends with his motorcycle riding group and he put many enjoyable miles on his Harley. It was his Albuquerque crew that nicknamed him, appropriately, Giant.

Tokyo Electronics transferred him to Austin in 2006. He enjoyed solving technical challenges.

Don is survived by his father Allen of Thermopolis; and sister Debbie (John) Hax of Indian Hills, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Schmautz.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis with the Rev. Chuck Cooper officiating. Inurnment will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

