



Nicholas Anton Tietje

April 24, 1973 - January 19, 2016

Nicholas Tietje Nicholas Anton Tietje was born in San Luis Obispo in April 1973 to Richard and Adelaide Tietje. He attended Mission College Prep, played football, was the Student Body President, and graduated in 1992. Nick found work as a mason's assistant, mixing and carrying mortar and entered adulthood. In 1994, he joined the Equipment Operators Union as an apprentice mechanic working on the State Water Project for Lyle's Construction. Trusty Joe Colbert met him on site and went on to become a lifelong friend. The young Nick excelled with hydraulics, pneumatic, electric, gas, and diesel machinery and was later hired by AJ Diani Company. Owner Jim Diani became a great friend and mentor, trusting Nick with his first opportunities as a lead mechanic and site foreman. Years later, AJ Diani downsized their dirt division. Nick was recruited by AIS Construction to run the Santa Maria shop, managing bookkeeping, bidding, multiple work sites, equipment repair and procurement. In February of 2014, Nick partnered with longtime friend Brian McNeal, starting their own company, Access Limited, rockfall and cliff mitigation specialist. John Wallace joined Nick's circle of friends and further mentored the young businessman. In the two years with Nick as president, the company expanded quickly. Gaining business licenses in 11 states and 40 full-time employees, Access Limited became recognized as the premier "can do" rockfall company in the United States. The equipment innovations Nick created revolutionized the industry and gave his company unprecedented abilities and advantage. His pride in Access Limited started

and ended with the employees, his friends. His greatest gifts were personal friendships. Generous with his time, he had the patience and skill to find the best in people, to affirm them, and give them an avenue to dignity and success. He saw opportunity in every problem and was ever confident in a good solution. To family, he was the bonding element, the leadership, and the source of love. To employees, he was the oracle who answered all problems with insight and understanding. To business contacts, he was the pleasant and confident president, whose word was a golden bond. Nick, loved by many and missed by all, left us on January 19, 2016. Nicholas' legacy continues through his wife, the love of his life, Tracey Thiel Tietje; son, Lawrence Anton, and daughters, Monica Jean and Kaitlyn Elizabeth. He also lives in siblings, Adelaide Berry Crosby, Raymond Martin Tietje, Richard Michael Tietje and Grace Marie Tietje. With St. Peter's blessing, he joins those already passed: daughter Amanda Lee Tietje, brother Carl Joseph Tietje, parents Richard Martine and Adelaide Berry Tietje. A Catholic service is scheduled 11:00am, Saturday, February 13th, at St. Timothy's Church in Morro Bay. A Celebration of Life follows at the Madonna Inn Expo Center at 1:00pm. -