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Josh and Maelene Norton Family

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Josh Norton ObituaryDECIN, Czech Republic—Joshua P. Norton, 40, unexpectedly went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 6, 2012, at his home in Decin, Czech Republic. He was born December 9, 1971, Hudson, NY, the son of Richard and Miriam Underhill Norton. He grew up in New Hampshire, attended Christian schools, and earned a degree in electrical engineering from Norwich University in Vermont. He proudly served in the Marine Corps for four years as an enlisted man and in a second tour as an officer. Joshua willingly left a promising career in the Marine Corp to attend Bible college where he met his wife and answered a call from his Savior to serve on the mission field. Joshua married Maelene Hinkley on June 10, 2000, and faithfully served in the Czech Republic since February 2005. Joshua lovingly devoted himself to his wife and children. His love for his family and friends and the people of the Czech Republic were evident. But foremost, Joshua was committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. His faith was real, and he truly desired to honor and glorify his Savior with his life. From numerous hikes through the woods to helping memorize spelling lists, he was a terrific daddy actively involved in his children's lives. He was an outstanding husband who not only loved but cherished his wife. He was a hopeless tightwad when spending on himself, yet very generous when giving to the needs of others. Joshua is survived by his wife, Maelene; four sons, Ethan, Seth, Levi, and Grant and a daughter Candace; his parents; brothers Daniel and Paul; sisters Faith and Lois; and 28 nieces and nephews.

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