Carl Thomas Strickland - 1974-2014

Carl Thomas Strickland was a fun-loving child who always loved anything with wheels and speed. As an adult he moved from Big Wheels to real wheels.

Mr. Strickland died Aug. 22 in a boating accident in Incline village. He was 40.



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Mr. Strickland was born Jan. 11, 1974, in Kansas City, Mo.

His outgoing, charismatic personality made his life memorable for everyone around him. During college, Mr. Strickland managed and operated the start-up of two surgical practices in San Francisco before becoming director of information systems for the international legal consulting firm Major, Lindsey & Africa (formerly Major, Hagen & Africa), while simultaneously completing his degree in international business from University of San Francisco in 1999.

In 2000, Mr. Strickland moved to Lake Tahoe with his partner, Bruce Lindstrom, where he founded a real estate investment and development company, the Tahoe Zephyr Group LLC. In 2001, the two founded Point Foundation, the national LGBTQ scholarship fund.

Mr. Strickland served on the board of directors of several private companies and pursued his passion for Point Foundation, automobiles, classic wood and contemporary boats, international travel and snowboarding. He was passionate about life, with a desire to experience every adventure to the fullest.

He is survived by his life partner of 17 years, Bruce Lindstrom of Crystal Bay; his parents, Jeanne Thomas (Wayne Auer) of Boise, Idaho, and Richard Strickland (Pam) of Prairie Village, Kansas; sister Kathy Weinert (Mike, Ryan and Julianna) of Boise, Idaho; his grandmother, Betty Thomas Baker of Boise, Idaho; and many loving family members and friends.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Strickland may be made to Point Foundation.