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Dear 2001:

Services for Brent Graber will be held Thursday, February 19 at 6 PM at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Boulder. The address is 1345 S. Broadway.

Following the services, the Grabers will fly to Indiana the next day. Visitation in Kokomo at the First Church of the Nazarene will be between 2 PM and 4 PM on Saturday, February 21. A service will be held at 4 PM following the visitation.

The family has requested that memorial contribution may be made in Brent's name to

Wabash College, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, <u>giving@wabash.edu</u> or 1-877-743-4545.

The Access Fund, PO Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80303, www.accessfund.org or

This is an article from the Tuesday edition of the *Boulder Daily Camera*:

By Zak Brown

BOULDER, Colo. — A Boulder man described by friends as "bright" and "the social butterfly of the group" died late Monday, nearly a month after being knocked from his bicycle by a car.

Arden Brent Graber, 30, died of complications from the accident, which happened Jan. 18 in Boulder.

Graber was riding his bike southbound on 30th Street just north of Colorado Avenue when Shirley Scott, 82, drove up behind him and hit him with the front of her car, sending him up onto her windshield, according to police. Police said Scott was driving at or below the speed limit at the time of the accident . . .

... A Web site created to keep family and friends updated on Graber's condition had received more than 30,000 visitors as of Tuesday night. He grew up in Indiana and also lived in Chicago. He seemed to make friends wherever he was.

"He was the social butterfly of the group. We would go out and he would always meet people," said friend Peter Santorini, of Boulder. "He had a lot of friends around town. So this kind of hits all over."

Graber recently received his MBA from the University of Colorado and was working at Boulder-based Backcountry Access since the summer. According to coworkers, he was an enthusiastic member of the company who enjoyed all aspects of life.

"That's why we were so excited to have him here," said Bruce Edgerly, cofounder of Backcountry Access. "Now there is a huge vacuum because Brent was incredibly positive, and his attitude was infectious."

Graber worked in the company's accounting department and was an avid outdoorsman. He wanted to work in the outdoor industry and quickly gained friends and respect at the backcountry ski company.

"We have all been in a bit of a somber mood since this happened," company president Bruce McGowan said. "We work in a life-and-death industry, with avalanches, but we aren't touched by tragedy like this very often."

His formal obituary will follow.

Respectfully,

Davey Neal