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Gregory 'Toast' Vinson

TRINITY – Memorial services for Gregory "Toast" Vinson of Trinity were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2008, at the Camp Olympia Outdoor Education Center. An additional service will be held at the Texas Lion's Camp in Kerrville later this spring.

Mr. Vinson died Feb. 2, at his residence.

He was a teacher employed at the Camp Olympia Outdoor Education Center in Trinity and his fifth grade students affectionately referred to him as "Mr. Toast" and hung on his every word.

Despite a near lifelong battle with Type I diabetes, Addison's Disease, hypothyroidism and recently osteoporosis, he tenaciously pursued physical activities. In the summer of 2005, he took part in a 4,000 mile coast to coast bicycle ride. He also ran at least 16 marathons, most recently the January 2008 Houston Marathon.

The Houston Marathon was especially important to Mr. Vinson, because it let him merge two of his favorite pursuits – exercise and charity. He also was devoted to the Texas Lion's Camp in Kerrville, where he was a former camper, counselor, staffer and now "legend."

Those interested in being notified about the time and date of the Kerrville service should contact his brother, Eric, at autinev00@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or to the Texas Lion's Camp.