

## Robert Kyle Baker

Robert (Bobby) Kyle Baker, of Lubbock, passed away 7 August 2012 at the age of 25. He was born on Thanksgiving, 27 November 1986, in Lubbock to Robert J. and Laura K. Baker. He attended Isles Elementary, All Saints Episcopal School, Cavazos Junior High, and graduated from Lubbock High School in 2004. He enrolled at Texas Tech University as a National Merit Scholar and recipient of the TTU Presidential Scholarship. Bobby was active in undergraduate research as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow. He was a member of the Texas Society of Mammalogists and received the Rollin H. Baker Award for best undergraduate research presentation at the society's annual meeting in 2007. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the Department of Biological Sciences in 2008. At the time of his death, Bobby was completing medical school at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Bobby was a fascinating combination of outdoorsman and intellectual. He enjoyed canoeing, photography, training golden retrievers, and working cows on the family ranch at Afton. He had a passion for reading and vocabulary. His loved listening to NPR and CNN, discussing world politics, economics, and financial strategies.

Bobby is survived by his parents, sister April Baker-Padilla and her husband Michael Padilla, nephew Jason, and niece Faith of Lubbock, many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and the woman who was the love of his life, Vidya Sinha of Houston. A loving son, brother, uncle, and friend, Bobby was a joy to many.

Bobby was laid to rest at the Afton Cemetery on 11 August 2012. A memorial service will be held 25 August at 2pm at the Helen DeVitt Jones Sculpture Court, west side of the Museum of Texas Tech University, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Indiana Avenue. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Bobby Baker Memorial Scholarship for Undergraduate Research, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409, a charity of your choice, or the planting of a tree in his memory.

