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Steven Gregory Yoder, age 38, passed away on August 9, 2020 in Turlock, Calif. Yoder was born in Gallup on June 21, 1982 and attended local schools, graduating from high school in Rehoboth and then attending the University of New Mexico-Gallup and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.

Yoder worked at Houston Lumber and taught construction tech at Miyamura High School. He was also a youth pastor at East Aztec Baptist Church and Grace Bible Church. He received an “Exemplary Teacher” award from Gallup-McKinley County Schools and was recognized by Skills USA with many students that were state and national champions.

He loved spending time with family and friends, engaging in paintball, working on cars, traveling, cooking, smoking ribs and using his pizza oven. Yoder is remembered as a caring and compassionate man who loved the Lord with his whole heart.

Yoder was preceded in death by his grandparents Roy and Virginia Yoder, and Glynn and Naomi Morris; and his brother-in-law Michael Spolar. He is survived by his wife Jackie Yoder; his parents Mark and Diann Yoder; and his sister Staci Spolar.

Yoder's service will be held at Rehoboth New Gym and has been prepared for safe social distancing. Masks are required. The service will also be live streamed. To see the service go to *youtube.com/c/gracebiblegallup*
at 11:00 am on Oct. 10.