



Brent Burt Nittmann

June 17, 1958 - October 14, 2024

Brent Burt Nittmann of Fort Collins, Colorado was born on June 17, 1958. He passed away on October 14, 2024 at the age of 66. Brent graduated from both CU and CSU, holding a master's degree in criminal justice. He spent his career in service of others, most notably as the director of Platte Valley Youth Services Center in Greeley Colorado, and was widely known in the northern Colorado communities. His greatest passions were traveling, riding his Indian motorcycle, scuba diving and fishing. Brent was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Margaret (Williams) Nittmann and his father, Rolf Bert Nittmann. He is survived by his wife Ellen, his daughter Kate and son-in-law Evan Rosenlieb, his brother Shawn and sister-in-law Nydia, nephews Bryor and Brady, and several cousins. Memorial details are to be determined.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I’m so sorry and saddened to hear that Brent Nittmann is no more. I happened to check the news on him when I repeatedly didn’t hear from him via his texts on every holiday or celebration. I will miss the big man who was so full of life and humor and gentle in spirit. We met as members of the Cultural Diversity Task Force set up by former Mayor Ann Azari. We had great rapport and became good friends thereafter, getting together every so often to catch up and share laughs. My deepest condolences to Kate and Ellen. May we all find solace in the fond memories that we have of him.

Raju Jairam - July 08, 2025 at 01:40 AM

BR

“ With sympathy to Brent’s family. I’m sorry to hear the sad news of your loss.

Bob Rulon - December 29, 2024 at 05:55 AM

RB

“ I knew Brent from around when he was eight years old when I was playing Little League baseball with Shawn. Mew him through high school he played basketball with my brother Jack and after college I actually became his partner in his shoe repair shop. When we both got involved with other jobs and sold the business, I didn’t get to see him as much running in to him at different events. But he was a fabulous friend and he will be dearly missed to his family and to Shawn and your family, my prayers and thoughts go out to you.

Reed Beery - November 24, 2024 at 10:08 PM

CP

“ Hello, My name is Chad Pedigo. I work with DYS and Brent hired me back in 1998. I can't say enough about how much time he invested in me, mentored me and was there for me as I progressed in my career. I was very sad to hear the news. He was my Spanish speaking amigo in DYS we used to send Spanish emails to each other test our vocabulary. He was brilliant and I will miss him very much. I wish I could of sat down with him more often. Life is short and I hope to do that more often in the future. Blessing to family and friends.

Chad Pedigo - November 13, 2024 at 03:15 PM

RR

“ My sincere condolences to Brent's family and loved ones. I met Brent in 1976 when I was attending CSU and he was in high school. I knew Shawn through mutual friends and over the years marveled at the skills, talent and wisdom Brent developed and the legacy he earned. I remember taking shoes and boots to Brent when he ran the shop in campus west. Years later I ran into him after his immersion experience in Mexico. Brent's love of the people, culture, language and foods of Mexico touched my heart. I often said (with all due respect) thst Brent was mas Mexicano than many Mexicanos de Fort Collins. He worked hard and became bilingual and bicultural. When I was assistant principal at Lincoln Junior High I visited Brent at Platte to witness the work he led shifting the culture in the facility to one of respect and reducing incidents of noncompliance. I felt there was much to learn from Brent that would transfer to the changes we were striving to accomplish at Lincoln, and we attained quite a few. Brent was a larger than life presence and a gentle spirit that I was honored and privileged to call my friend. Vaya con Dios amigo y nos vemos en el otro lado.

Rick Ramirez - November 09, 2024 at 11:47 PM

DL

“ I love you brother,always will live on ... D

Dan lucero - November 09, 2024 at 06:34 PM

BH

“ I am so sorry and sad to hear about Brent's passing. He is a great person and I will miss him. He stopped by Prairie Vista Youth Services Center about 1 year ago and popped in to say Hi. He made my day. I had not seem him for so long. It was great to see him, and I got to meet his sweet dog too. I worked with him indirectly for so many years. He was always a great resource and supportive. My heart goes out to you all. I am blessed to have known him.

Bonnie Harkins - November 07, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AD

“ My deepest condolences to Brent's family and friends. Worked with Brent when he was with DYS, we shared many discussions... serious ones and so many others filled with laughter. I am so saddened to her about his passing. 🙏🙏🙏 Annette Dietrich

Annette Dietrich - November 06, 2024 at 09:49 PM

JB

“ Brent was a great friend to Prairie Vista YSC, as many of our current staff worked under him at Platte Valley YSC or met him while they worked here or at the old facility. This is a tough loss to learn about. Brent hired me as the Director at Adams YSC and I will be forever grateful to him and DYS for the opportunity provided to me. As my supervisor, Brent guided me in a way that would help develop the program and make hires that would support our overall mission and direction we wanted the program to go in. He was a unique individual with great passion for the work we do. He would often say that, "the work we do is not difficult, but it can be complicated at the same time." I remember those words when dealing with a difficult situation or being faced with a difficult decision. The Prairie Vista family will never forget our friend, Mr. Nittman.

Jeff Blackmon - November 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ I'm saddened to hear of Brent's passing and wish to extend my condolences to his family and friends.
I first met Brent when we were classmates at Lincoln Junior High School in Fort Collins. We had some fun adventures together back in the day and managed to keep in touch over the years. He will be missed.
Rest in Peace Brother.

*David Munford
Grahamsville, NY*

David Munford - November 04, 2024 at 09:03 PM

ST

“ I will always remember Brent as a kind, thoughtful person. Went to school from 3rd grade on... Shawn and family, my heart is with you!

Sherrie Temple - November 01, 2024 at 08:54 PM

KP

“ I was lucky enough to be a colleague and friend of Brent for over 30 years, dating back to his time at YSB and then as my boss at Platte Valley Youth Services Center. Brent was one of those special leaders who used his influence and strong intellect to empower and support others. His legacy will include the many staff he guided and developed into highly competent youth service leaders. I will forever be grateful to Brent for all his support and advocacy for creating strengths-based services for the youth we served. I am going to miss you, my friend. Sending positive thoughts to Kate, Ellen, and the rest of Brent’s family and friends.

Kevin M. Powell

Kevin M. Powell - October 29, 2024 at 09:42 PM

SD

“ Brent's death is a loss for his community as well as family and friends. His passion for youth and commitment to their welfare is hard to describe. He was compassionate and caring but also demanding. He set realistic expectations for kids needing help putting mistakes behind them if they truly desired to do so. Brent made a positive impact on many lives through both traditional criminal justice but also restorative justice practices. It was an honor to work with him. I learned a lot. He will be missed. I extend my deepest sympathy.

Susanne Durkin-Schindler

Susanne Durkin-Schindler - October 29, 2024 at 04:12 PM

PM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Brent's passing! I worked with Brent eons ago at Larimer County before he left to work for Platte Valley. I was in HR & he was with the old Youth Services Bureau, so we collaborated often to post jobs, take personnel actions, etc. He was such a hoot!! I loved hearing his funny stories, & he had a ton of them. More recently, I saw him a couple times while I was working for the City of FC's Mediation & Restorative Justice Office & he was working with The Center. I'll so miss his great laugh. He was very caring & dedicated to making people's lives better. Please accept my deepest condolences at this difficult time.

Patsi Maroney - October 27, 2024 at 10:48 AM