



## Cody Thomas Dinkel

July 14, 1993 - August 18, 2022

There are few people that have the ability to be the type of impactful that is life-altering. Even fewer have that effect on people they have never even met. That was Cody Dinkel.

Born on July 14, 1993 to Tim and Susan Dinkel, Cody Thomas Dinkel was affable and easy-going from the start. He was quick to make lifelong friends through the sports he loved, particularly softball and wrestling. To his brother, Cody sometimes took on the role of annoying little brother but most often, Timmie and Cody would spend hours together playing street hockey and working on cars. His biggest role model and mentor in life was his grandfather, DP Devlin. Cody spent time tending to his grandfather's rose garden, learning how to play cards, treating people right, and how to be a man. It was DP who engendered Cody's love for fixing things that eventually developed into a career as a union plumber.

A Fort Collins native, it was rare for Cody to go anywhere without needing to stop and talk to someone he knew. He had made plans to go to Arizona State University to play football when he received a life-threatening diagnosis of brain cancer. When Cody was given a 50% chance of surviving five years, he made the decision to double down on living. He began a career in bodybuilding, which is how he met his wife, Morgan. Cody loved traveling with his family and took many trips across the country. Once his niece, Rosalie,

and nephew Carson, were born, Cody made it a point to spend time with them every day. He took full advantage of every day and chose to not carry regrets with him.

Cody engaged in a daily battle with cancer for 11 years. He never complained despite the physical toll that the disease ended up taking on his body. Cody inspired countless people by how he conducted himself. He epitomized strength and courage to all who met him.

He is survived by his wife, Morgan Dinkel; his parents, Tim and Susan Dinkel; his brother and sister-in-law, Timmie and Samantha Dinkel; his niece and nephew, Rosalie and Carson Dinkel; grandmother, Margaret Devlin; Brenda Devlin; Tom and Karen Dinkel; Kat and Bob Daniels; Jessica Pinger and family; Kelli Dinkel and family; Tommie Dinkel and family; Tony Daniels and family, and Tyler Daniels and family. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald Paul Devlin; his cousin, Savannah Daniels; and grandparents, Tom and Carol Dinkel.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23rd at Timberline Church. Pastor Brent Cunningham will officiate. Cody requested that attendees wear bright colors to his service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be offered to Children's Hospital of Aurora ([https://secure.childrenscoloradofoundation.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=4463&mfc\\_pref=T&4463.donation=form1](https://secure.childrenscoloradofoundation.org/site/Donation2?df_id=4463&mfc_pref=T&4463.donation=form1)) or the

Dear Jack Foundation ([www.dearjackfoundation.org/donate](http://www.dearjackfoundation.org/donate)).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus  
2908 S Timberline Road  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cody Thomas Dinkel*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Brave, brave, brave young man. He faced a great challenge and lived life to the full while doing it. He built professional skills, married a lovely [inside and out] young lady, became a body builder, rode motorcycles, had a truck, and was a fantastic son and brother in his family. He lived life fully. He will always be missed.*

**Brett Hill** - August 23, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *My husband Pat, is one of Cody's uncles. In the early days of Pat's dementia, he worked as shop manager at Wray P and H. Cody worked in the shop with Pat, and every day when Pat came home from work he spoke about how helpful and kind Cody was to him, and what a fine, responsible young man he was. Pat loved and respected Cody so very much, and I did too because of how good he was to Pat during those difficult days. He was an exceptionally strong and caring person with an amazing positive outlook on life even in the darkest days of his own struggles.*

**Lynn D.** - August 19, 2022 at 07:10 PM

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“ Cody was a talented athlete. He was a very good softball player and on the field, he shined. A few years ago, I was having problems with a bathroom remodel and it was stressful. One night, I turned on the water to the tub and it would not shut off. Frustrated, I messaged Cody and he came over to look at it. I remember sitting in the livingroom listening to him talk to himself as he figured out the problem. I smiled as he worked it out. I had been told by a contractor that they would need to rip into the newly tiled wall to fix it. Well Cody, proved them wrong and he discovered the problem and he fixed it. That was over 4 years ago and no problems since. He was such a kind and generous person and the world is dimmer now. God bless you Cody and the Dinkel family. Sending love and hugs

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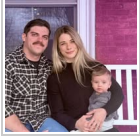
**Tammy Gaucher** - August 19, 2022 at 04:07 PM

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“ I first met Cody when he was dating Morgan (granddaughter of my dearest friend, Kathy) in the basement of the Neal home. I remember his name because my husband, Greg, was the nephew and Insurance and Investment Advisor, for Wray Plumbing and Heating and Don Devlin, Cody's Grandpa. We chatted and I told him that I recognized the name as one of our former clients. As we continued to converse, I found out that his Gramma Maggie was married to Greg's uncle Don and that made us related. How small this world is when you open the doors to conversation. He immediately impressed me with his beautiful charismatic smile and confidence. I knew then, he was a great fit for Morgan who shared those same wonderful traits. I've followed Cody and Morgan over the years and saw they were a perfect match and that the time they had together would be magical and filled with so much love and respect. I pray for you Morgan as you enter the next chapter of your life and grateful that Cody is in the loving arms of our Dear Lord Jesus, free at last of all the pain & suffering. I feel blessed to have met him when I did! God Bless!

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**Jacque Pilkington** - August 19, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *To those who are attending Cody's celebration of life, we kindly ask you to please wear bright colors as a tribute to the theme of the event. While we will undoubtedly grieve, we would like to joyful in remembering the amazing man Cody was.*

*Additionally, those who knew Cody would not be surprised to learn that he preferred donations to causes he has personally be impacted by over flowers.*

*Here are links to the Children's Hospital of Colorado ([https://secure.childrenscoloradofoundation.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=4463&mfc\\_pr ef=T&4463.donation=form1](https://secure.childrenscoloradofoundation.org/site/Donation2?df_id=4463&mfc_pr ef=T&4463.donation=form1)) and the Dear Jack Foundation ([www.dearjackfoundation.org/donate](http://www.dearjackfoundation.org/donate)).*

*Thank you in advance.*



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**Morgan Dinkel** - August 19, 2022 at 02:42 PM

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*Always with a SMILE on his face. My mom's favorite saying was, A SMILE goes a MILE and if you give someone yours, I betcha get one back. Cody did!*

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**Jacque Pilkington** - August 19, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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*We will always adore and admire you dear Cody. Love you always. Kathy and Bill.*

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**Kathy Neal** - August 21, 2022 at 08:40 AM

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*I have never met someone with such a can do and positive attitude. No matter what obstacle Cody had in front of him, he gave it 110%. I knew I could always count on whether it was a task at work, help with a project at home or someone to talk to any hour of the day, he was always there for me. People say that animals are the best judge of character so I have to share this. We lost our golden retriever unexpectedly and our black lab was devastated. She would not eat, play and was completely heartbroken no matter what we tried. Cody came over to the house and we watched our lab light up with joy! She started playing with him in the backyard and she ended up playing for almost an hour. After that evening she started getting back to normal and eventually was herself again. Every time Cody came over from that day on, she was the most excited to see him. It goes to show just how special he was as a person, as a friend to everyone. Love you always and forever buddy*

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**Aaron Arrieta** - August 22, 2022 at 08:34 PM