



Matthew Beatty

October 7, 1950 - September 19, 2008

Matt Beatty, 57 of Fort Collins, Colorado died September 19, 2008 at the Hospice Care Center in Loveland's McKee Medical Center after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Susan Celeste Beatty; daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Beatty; and son, Ian Bennett Beatty; his parents, Owen and Dana Beatty of Swanton, Ohio; brothers, Timothy of Cleveland, OH, Christopher of Huron, OH and Kyle of Seattle, WA; nephews, Pete and Justin Beatty; nieces, Grace Bell and Megan Boscana; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Susan and Stephen Bennett of Lima, OH. Matt was preceded in death by his very special Aunt Elizabeth Beatty. Matthew Evan Beatty was born October 7, 1950 in Wauseon, Ohio to Owen and Dana Beatty. He graduated from Defiance College and received his Masters in Education from the University of Dayton. After teaching and coaching for several years in Lima, Ohio, he accepted a position as counselor and assistant principal at Overland High School in Littleton, CO. In 1990, he and his family moved to Fort Collins where he served as an assistant principal at Rocky Mountain High School and then at Webber Junior High School. Matt dedicated 34 years as a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator. His enthusiasm, skill and work ethic could easily characterize him as an "organized work horse," but he maintained a balance between work, family and recreation. Matt was an athlete epitomized by his love of baseball, wrestling, lacrosse, rugby and football, starring as offensive and defensive tackle in college. He was instrumental in forming the Lima Old

Griffins rugby team. Matt loved the outdoors and motorcycling, especially his red Ducati and vintage BMW R90S. He was extremely proud of his Scottish heritage and participated in the Scottish Highland Festival games in an "appropriate kilt." But mostly, Matt loved his family and his friends, riding and Arturo Fuente fine cigars. RIDE ON MATT, RIDE ON. A celebration of Matt's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 21 at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Ave., Ft. Collins. Please bring stories and memories to share. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Matt Beatty Scholarship fund for his children's education.

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Beatty*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *To the Beatty Family: My mother, who still resides in Lima, just sent me Matt's obituary. I am a 1966 Lima Senior graduate, I have many, many friends related to Defiance College, my daughter was graduated from Overland (after you moved to Fort Collins) and I am now a resident of Fort Collins. I wish I had gotten this in time to attend the funeral even though I did not know Matt. I am also wondering if the Coulters are related to the Coulters of Lima since I grew up with Coulters, Leonards and Timmermans. My prayers to the family.*

Bill Fritsche - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a student at Rocky and at Webber when Mr Beatty was at both places. I will always remember him as a very funny and down to earth person. Even though I didn't have a lot of interaction with him directly, he knew who I was because of sports. Every time I saw him he said hi and asked how I was doing and how basketball was going. That's something that a kid remembers about an authority figure, when he genuinely shows an interest in what you are doing, it sticks with you forever. Mr Beatty will be very missed, I am sure the next time I see Mr Beatty he'll say hi and ask how basketball is going.*

Casey Gutting - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Susan Im so sorry.I tried to stay in touch but I lost track of you guys.Just this summer I emptied out a storage facility and found some letters from Matt when he first moved to colorado.I didnt know Id saved them but theyre still haliarious.He was truly gifted and an inspiration Ill never forget.Id love to hear from you.

Jeffrey Thompson (J J) - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Great Coach....Positive Man...Im sure his 1979 WCOC football championship was one of his top highlites and memories in life. Although hes left us physically....Inside all he met,he lives in sliversMy condolences to his family...Peace to you coach...Ill run one more lap for ya.....

Garon L Neeley - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Susan,
We are so sorry and shocked to read on line in the Lima News of your deep loss. Bob and I wish we would have kept in touch with you and Matt over the years. Just the other day I ran across some pictures of you and I right before our graduation and I was thinking of you. It is unreal how time flies and things change. I am so sorry I can't begin to imagine how you must feel.

Please contact me. I would love to hear from you. I'm sorry I waited so long.

Our deepest sympathy.

*Love,
Bob & Beth*

Bob & Beth Eisenman - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about coach B...my condolences to the family...”

Jonathan Kreuzsch - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM