



Matthew James Teschendorf

October 5, 1971 - April 16, 2020

Matthew J. Teschendorf of Woodland Park, CO, formerly of Waukesha died suddenly on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the age of 48. He was born in Milwaukee, WI on October 5, 1971 the son of James and Nancy (nee Westhofen) Teschendorf. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Gulf War. Matt worked in the welding inspection industry for many years, most recently for Inspection Specialties in Denver, CO. He was an incredibly proud father of his two daughters.

He will be sadly missed by his two cherished daughters Nancy Barbee and Liesl Rose of Colorado, his loving mother Nancy Teschendorf of Waukesha, brother Steven (Christine) Teschendorf of Casper, Wyoming, sister Martha (Nathan) Waerzeggers of McFarland, and nieces Molly, Alexis, and Sophia. He is further survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father James in 2011.

Matt's focus in life was to love, nurture, and provide for his beloved Nancy and Liesl. Matt loved to spend time with his daughters, always teaching them new things, guiding them in life, and providing an outlet of fun at every opportunity. Every day began for the girls with a special breakfast of "Frenchie toast" for Liesl and a made to order omelet for Nancy. Matt loved his machines, be it snow machines, motorcycles, cars, etc. he had them, played with them and could fix them all. There is nothing that his girls loved more than riding their mini bikes in the summer and the snow machines in winter. Zooming around the yard again and again. The laughter and joy they shared was priceless. He took great pride in his childhood and provided the magic of the good old days to his children. Nancy and Liesl meant absolutely everything to Matt and everything he did was for them.

He was a loving and devoted son. Matt had recently shared his most cherished memories of time with his father; fishing, going to the shooting range, trips to Army Surplus, and going to the school where his father taught to tour the shop classrooms. Matt loved his mother with admiration. He always wanted to come home for visits and holidays. To quote his daughter Nancy, "Grammy's home is magical." Matt brought the magic of home to his home in Woodland Park, making his mother's delicious recipes to pass along to his

children. Matt's mother says that he lived life to the fullest from the moment he was born.

Matt was a brother but also a friend to Steve. He was his best man in his wedding and his hunting and fishing partner for life. The shared adventures were filled with fun, success, and much time for life reflections and debate. What more could a brother ask for?

Matt loved his little sister Martha. He was always there for her as a brother and friend. She has wonderful memories of childhood adventures. Her later visits to Colorado included good food, wild hikes, and of course mini biking through the mountains. Matt was the host with the most! Taking her to all his favorite places and making his best meals.

Matt valued his relationships with his sister in law Christine and his brother in law Nate. He loved them as his own and admired the strengths they each had.

Matt was a fun uncle to his three nieces. Molly remembers rides on the snow machines and grand fireworks with Uncle Matt. The girls have wonderful memories of our family reunion beach trips. Matt had such humorous and elaborate stories that made his nieces laugh. Alexis and Sophia would say they loved their Uncle Matt because he is "a little over the top." And of course that is what we love about him.

We were all proud of his Service to this great Nation in Desert Shield when his tank unit of the 1st Armored Division did the "end around" and destroyed the Iraqi Republican Guard. But most importantly his Army buddies loved him and kept in touch over 30-years later.

Matt will be missed by so many other close friends and family members. From his family, his childhood friends, his Army brothers, his Colorado friends, his work friends, his hunting friends, and on and on he loved them all fiercely. Matt loved the outdoors. He found great joy in being a hunter and a fisherman. Matt was also a skilled welding inspector and throughout his career he forged many friendships. Matt always put the needs of others over his own. He valued family and friendship above all else. It was not unusual for Matt to stop by at your door unexpectedly when he came to town. He always kept in touch. Matt will be remembered as a generous soul with a zest for fun and adventure.

Matt had a saying that he was burning twice as bright but for only half as long. Matt was a soldier, a father, a son, a brother, an uncle, and a friend to all. God Bless you Matthew, until we meet again. Rest in Peace.

Due to the current health crisis, private services for the family only will be held at this time. There will be a future Celebration of Life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to Matt's family for education funds to be set

up for his daughters, Nancy and Liesl.

Comments



“ I was a fresh 2nd LT in 1992 Germany and Matt was the the company armorer. Matt became a good friend and I feel so sad that we had never been able to re-connect since leaving the Army. Once, however, Matt stopped in Detroit to visit right after leaving the service and we hung out a bit. Always the personable fellow, my dad (a Marine vet from Vietnam) immediately too a liking to Matt. Well, my dad passed away one day before Matt in April, so perhaps now they are both drinking a bourbon waiting for me to join them.....Rest in Peace buddy.

Dennis Surdu - June 03 at 07:33 PM



“ I will cherish and remember you forever. Until then...

My deepest sympathies to his girls and to his family. His love for you was endless. He was genuinely the best father and human I have known. Godspeed my friend, I will see you again. Cindi Rife

Cindi Rife - May 27 at 02:26 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the Teschendorf family. We grew up down the street from one and other, went to K-12 together. He was a great guy and a good friend.

-Dave Tank

Dave Tank - April 28 at 02:45 PM



“ My very first (of many) babysitting jobs was for the Teschendorf kids. I loved babysitting them, and Matthew was such a sweet and fun little guy. I still think of your family at Christmastime when hanging an ornament given to me one Christmas, and when I drive by my parents old house down the block. May your cherished memories of Matt bring you comfort. Nancy, Steve & Martha, your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

"The angels are always near to those who are grieving,
To whisper to them that their loved ones
are safe in HIS hands" Eileen Elias Freeman
Connie (Thater) Csedo

Connie Csedo - April 27 at 01:16 PM



“ We hadn't seen each other since our Tank'n days in Germany 30 years ago. To say that I was elated when we met up for dinner here in OKC is a huge understatement my friend. I'll always cherish all of our conversations. Until Valhalla...



Kelly - April 26 at 11:21 AM



“ So many great memories of Matt as a youth growing up in Merrill Crest! When you sit back and reflect, you realize how Matt's incredible passion and enthusiasm for whatever we were doing affected you. Cops & robbers. Pepsi Kids Club Brewer games. Backyard football games. BB guns in the basement "range". Army movies in the Teschendorf living room.

Thoughts go out to the entire Teschendorf clan.

Troy Berglin

Troy Berglin - April 25 at 04:27 PM



“ A great tribute to a committed Dad, Son, Brother, and Friend. Matt was a true one of a kind and a life long friend who certainly lived life to its fullest. Twice as bright for sure- with every memory leaving me smile. Since condolences to his daughters and the entire Teschendorf family. Dan Ryan

Dan Ryan - April 25 at 03:40 PM



“ We still remember the "fireworks wars" Matt and our neighbor would have in the street in front of our house on the 4th of July. Our condolences. God bless you all. Mary Ann, Ryan, Corinn and Nate





“ The light you had within will continue to shine bright within us all, Matt. We will all miss you. My sincere condolences to your family.



Allison Green - April 24 at 11:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew James Teschendorf.



April 24 at 07:49 PM



“ Matt and I were friends since grade school, a beautiful heart and a very kind and caring man, my deepest condolences to his family, may he rest in peace

Sandy Cruz - April 24 at 05:24 PM



“ Matt was a wonderful friend to me for over 40 years and he will be missed greatly. My prayers go out to his beautiful girls and family. Rest assured, he will never be forgotten.

Jessica Schwaller-Thompson - April 24 at 03:01 PM



“ Nancy, praying for you and thinking of you with love and deepest sympathy. Hugs to you, to Martha and Steve, his girls and to all who loved or were loved by Matthew. Jonie and Tom Varner.

jonie varner - April 24 at 02:55 PM



“ A wonderful tribute to a fine cousin..and nephew..Aunt and Uncle Bob were mighty proud of his service in Desert Storm and his genuine love of family! Cousin in law , Keith enjoyed those endless debates and sharing his hunting and fishing adventures! And you shall soar as wings of an eagle! Peace, Cousin Sue

Susan Haberman - April 24 at 02:06 PM



“ jack heavey, ginny smith, and terry esty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew James Teschendorf.



jack heavey, ginny smith, and terry esty - April 22 at 12:45 PM