



Matthew Raymond Washburn March

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Decatur-Matthew Raymond Washburn March, 55, of Decatur, passed away Monday, September 11, 2017 in Decatur Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

Matt was born August 6, 1962 in Decatur, Illinois, the son of Richard Edward and Lulabelle (Rozzell) March. He worked as a fork lift operator at Parke and Sons Warehouses. Matt married Karen Spears June 21, 1997.

Matt enjoyed life, fishing, and camping. He did not know a stranger and all were equal to him. Matt loved his families; his biological family, his in-law family, his Minnesota family, and his family of friends. Most of all Matt loved his immediate family his wife Karen, his girls Beth, Malia, and Ailye, and son-in-law Erik. Not one drop of his blood ran through their veins but they were his. Matt's ability to unconditionally love should be an inspiration and example for us to follow.

Matt leaves behind his wife Karen, daughter Elizabeth Edwards and husband Erik, granddaughters Malia and Ailye Edwards, sister Brenda Wood and husband Keith, brothers Brett March and wife Kelli and Christopher March, father-in-law Bob Spears, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, beloved dog Cali, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Donna Lou, and brother Scott Edward March.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Tim and Sandra Revis.

The family will be hosting a service to celebrate Matt's life at 3:00 PM Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the First Christian Church, 3350 N MacArthur Rd, Decatur.

The family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service and requests casual attire. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations in Matt's honor be made to the Ronald McDonald House 730 Hawkins Dr, Iowa City, IA 52246, <http://rmhc-eiwi.org/>.



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The family of Matthew Raymond Washburn March is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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JB

Jim O'brien posted:

Worked with Matt many years ago at ADM. If he ever had a bad day you would never know it. Loved his laugh.

September 15 at 7:25 AM

JY

Judy Yaegel posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Matthew Raymond Washburn March

September 15 at 6:20 AM

AB

Amy Mitchell Brown posted:

Brett I'm so sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in my prayers. Amy Mitchell Brown

September 15 at 3:52 AM

AS

Amy Spry posted:

Karen: I just got word of Matt's passing. I am sorry I missed the service but I want you to know I am thinking of you during this difficult time. Take care of yourself! Prayers going up for your family.
Hugs, Amy Spry

September 14 at 12:07 PM

CH

Chris posted:

Many happy memories with Matt and all of the March family. Love to all and many prayers coming your way. God bless all of you.

September 14 at 11:25 AM

JG

Jim Ganley posted:

I have many great childhood memories of Matt...playing whiffle ball together in the backyard every summer day with the other kids in the neighborhood before going to our baseball team's games at night; playing basketball at the March's house; hanging out with Matt, Tom Powell, David Mair, and David England; and of course, working together for Buster Powell at Decatur Milk & Ice.RIP Matt

September 14 at 9:40 AM



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JH

Jayne Hanley posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Matthew Raymond Washburn March

September 13 at 2:45 PM

CW

Cynthia Novak-Warner posted:

Matt was such a fun loving and caring guy, who always had a smile on his face. He was always willing to help where needed and his family was his top priority. He will be greatly missed. Keep them entertained in Heaven Matt. Sending my sincere condolences to all his family and friends. God Bless.

September 13 at 4:48 AM

MD

Marsha Donnel posted:

Matt March...always had a special place in my heart...always had a smile on his face...always made me smile...always made me laugh...loved people...loved life...loved his wife and family. Rest In Peace my friend and know you had a special place in everyone's heart that knew you.

September 12 at 5:40 PM

LL

Linda M Latham posted:

I only met Matt once, but heard oh so many stories about him from Karen. Karen and I went through the PACE program together at Millikin for 18 months. During that time she shared so many funny stories of her Matt and things they did together. How great he was with Beth and the brand new grandbaby Mikayla!. Her eyes would light up and sometimes tear over with laughter. Karen, hang tight to those memories as I am sure Matt will be doing also, hugs, my dear cohort sister! Love ya, Linda

September 12 at 4:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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