



Matthew A. Diez

January 31, 1983 - August 4, 2021

Matthew Diez passed away suddenly August 4, 2021. He was born in Portland, Oregon and lived his whole life in the Vancouver, Washington area. Over the years he was fortunate to travel to several part of the world including visiting with family in Spain.

Matt was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was an altar boy and attended school there through the 8th grade where he made some of his best life long friends. He was talented athletically and scored a "hole in one" at Bowyer's Par 3 when he was 9!

He graduated from Jesuit high school where he also made some life long friends.. He loved soccer, playing most of his life, with the highlight being his years with the Jesuit HS varsity team winning state championships. Matt received the "Most inspirational award for exemplary display of ethics, sportsmanship and integrity".

Matt enjoyed working with youth. He worked at Tualatin Parks and Rec. and the Clinton and Gloria Boys & Girls Club in Vancouver. He also coached a high school girls soccer team.

He developed a woodworking hobby and created many innovative projects for family and friends.

People who knew Matt refer to him as a gentle and caring person always smiling and willing to lend a helping hand.

He was a gift from God for his family and those around him for which we will be thankful forever. There is an emptiness in our hearts that will never be

filled.

Matt leaves behind his father, Angel; mother, Kathy; sister, Kristin (Josh); nephews Cayden and Finn; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Angel and Engracia Diez and Harry and Bette Bonck.

There will be a funeral mass at St. Joseph's Church 400 S. Andresen Rd. Vancouver, Wa. 98661 on September, 1 2021 at 1:00 PM. The funeral service can be viewed at :

www.YouTube.com/st.joevan or at www.Vimeo.com/St.Joevan.

A graveside service for immediate family will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. There will be a celebration of life reception at the Marshall House, 1301 Officer's Row, Vancouver WA 98661 from 3-5.

Contributions in Matt's memory may be made to The Boys and Girls Aid at boysandgirlsaid.org or to a charity of your choice. Please share a memory at www.Columbian.com/obits or at www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Thank you so much, Nealane. Angel & Also have fond memories of our soccer days! Thank you for your kind donation to Boysand Girls Aid! Kathy & Angel

Kathy Diez - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Our condolences to the Diez family. Kevin Riem remembers all the fun soccer games he played as a youngster on Matt's team with Angel as their coach. Many fond memories of all the good times. Our prayers for Matthew and the Diez family.

Nealane Riem - September 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Cam & Rob, Thank you for your sweet comments about our dear Matt and always being there for us. How wonderful of you to plant a rose bush in his memory. Lots of love ❤️ Kathy and Angel

Kathy Diez - September 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Kathy and Angel, my heart is so saddened for your family. My memories of Matt are filled with gratitude for he was such a light in my life.

Tribute Store - September 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Sweet Matt will always be remembered by me for his quiet and sincere manner and for his soft, genuine smile. Even though he was an amazing athlete, Matt always showed humility for his many accomplishments. In memory of Matt who favored roses, our family will plant a rose bush for Angel and Kathy. Each time we see and smell a rose and enjoy its beauty, we will think of Matt.

Robert & Camille Fallow - August 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

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Tribute Store - August 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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KD

“ Oh Janet, What a wonderful memory! This brought tears to my eyes! Matt was definitely a gift to us all. Love, Kathy and Angel

Kathy Diez - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ When Matt was a budding skier, my parents Nancy and Jim Gillespie and I met the Diez family up skiing at Bend. Matt was a little "hot-rod" and flew past all of us, except my father, Jim. Jim kept up with Matt and coached him to "turn, turn, turn" down the mountain. Up until then, Matt was bombing down the hill, but when my dad started coaching him, he settled into a rhythm, skiing with my dad. Matt must have been around 8. My father was so pleased to be skiing with Matt and Matt was so receptive to Dad's instruction, that this memory has always warmed my heart. Matt was a loving, giving nephew to me and I will really miss him. He was a gift to my entire family.

Janet Gillespie - August 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Tracy, Thanks for your kind thoughts. We also have fond memories of wonderful times during those soccer years. Kathy and Angel

Kathy Diez - August 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Kathy, Angel & Kristin I am so sorry to hear this news of Matt passing. While I haven't seen any of you in years, we all had wonderful times and memories during those soccer years. Breaks my heart to know your hurting. My condolences to you all. Tracy Harness

Tracy Harness - August 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ So are we, Zak. It still doesn't seem real. Matt will be loved & missed forever. I'm sure he would have loved to reconnect with you & some of his other friends at your reunion.

Kathy Diez - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Rest in peace and happiness my friend.

Erik - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I counted Matt among my best friends for many years. I have so many memories of him they're difficult to summarize. Many are of everyday kinds of things, like kicking the soccer ball around in the summertime and working on Spanish homework together, while others are milestones, like relating about our first serious relationships and going off to college. Matt was always humble, easy-going, hilarious, and just a solid person. News of his passing reached me the other day, and I'm still in disbelief. I wish for Matt to rest in peace and happiness, and will carry my memories of him with me forever. Kathy, Angel and Kristin, I'm so sorry for your loss, and send you my love in this difficult time.

Erik Swanson - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Erik, Thank you so much for sharing all your wonderful memories of Matt! He thought of you as one of his best friends. How generous of you to have a tree planted in his honor. 💕 We will miss him forever. Hope you are doing well. Kathy

Kathy Diez - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Thank you so much for all the good memories, Krissy! We appreciate your thoughts and lighting a candle for Matt. 💕

Kathy Diez - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Thank you so much dear friends for your love and support! ❤️

Kathy Diez - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My heart is heavy for the Diez family. I will always remember everyone saying the Diez' last name translated to 10 in Spanish. For some reason I always remembered Matt's birthday too. He and Kristin were a bit younger than I, so I was their babysitter a few times. I remember making a huge bowl of popcorn every time I came and we always had pizza too. I was jealous that I couldn't have a big screen like the Diez' family. It brought Mario Bros. to a whole new level as it seemed when we played video games, we too were in that world. Matt was usually a pretty quiet and well-mannered kid. It was fun to go over there because they were good kids. I will probably always remember the good times I had with Matt when he was young. Thinking of the whole Diez' family today. Krissy (Erickson) Toulou



Kristine A Toulou - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ZJ

“ I'm having a hard time understanding this. I was looking forward to reconnecting with Matt at a high school reunion this year. Sending my love, condolences and prayers to the family.

Zak Joe - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ So very sorry Angel, Kathy, Kristin, Josh, Caden and Finn. Our hearts ache for you. Rest In Peace Matt Diez. Marty and Annette Erickson

Marty and Annette Erickson - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Thank you so much Mary. 💕💕

Kathy Diez - August 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Kathy-Angel-Kristin My heart goes out to you at this time. Wishing you all peace and that you be surrounded by the love of family and friends. Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson - August 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Thank you so much!

Kathy Diez - August 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Matthew A. Diez - August 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Ana Coronado lit a candle in memory of Matthew A. Diez



Ana Coronado - August 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Ana Coronado - August 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM