



Matthew Robert Eichner

November 2, 1980 - May 7, 2013

Matthew Robert Eichner, age 32, of Spirit Lake and Iowa City, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at his home in Spirit Lake. He was born on November 2, 1980, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Robert and Karen Eichner.

In 1985, the family moved to Spirit Lake, and Matt graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1999, and the University of Iowa, where he earned a BA in English. He enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Chicago Cubs, reading, watching many different genres of movies and writing. Matt had a very witty sense of humor. He will be missed deeply by his friends and family!

Matt is survived by his parents, Robert and Karen Eichner of Spirit Lake; and his brother, Ben Eichner, and his wife, Kate Sherer Eichner of Des Moines.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013, from 12:00P.M. until 2:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given in Matthew's name to the N.W. Iowa Humane society. Matt is the son of Robert & Karen Dvergsten Eichner.

Tribute Wall

KI

“ *Matthew Robert Eichner*

Kim - June 22, 2013 at 04:27 PM

CL

“ *Prayers and deepest sympathy go out to you all.
Hold tight to your faith and it will get you through this time of
sadness.*

Connie (Duhn) Lenox - May 11, 2013 at 01:55 PM

DK

“ *Bob Karen family:*

*My sympathy to your family. Matt is the same age as one of my
sons and I knew him best from stories Bob and and I would
exchange at work about our boys growing up. Those memories will
give you strength. God bless.*

Dale Kroll

Dale Kroll - May 11, 2013 at 08:01 AM

RM

“ *Matthew Robert Eichner*

Ross Meyer - May 10, 2013 at 10:08 PM

SR

“ *Bob, Karen, and Ben,
My thoughts, prayers, and love go out to you. When I found out about the tragic news a flood of childhood memories came back. Matt was always the spark and energy to our Center Lake crew. There was never a dull summer day while running around playing X-Men, night games, baseball, or acting out the screenplays Matt would write for us. I just smile remembering those screenplays - Matt was definitely a creative force. Then there was the night he called and asked me to prom - he was so nervous on the phone and I'll never forget when he picked me up in the El Camino. Hands down the best ride at the '98 SLHS prom. Matt touched many people and created many laughs. He will do that with the Big Guy upstairs too. Lots of love to all of you -
Stacy*

Stacy Rosemore - May 10, 2013 at 05:36 PM

KE



karen eichner - June 05, 2024 at 11:23 PM

RH

“ *Bob, Karen and Ben,
We are so sorry to hear the news about your son, Matt. Keep the memories of him close in your heart! Sending big hugs and prayers!*

Rick and Shelly Holman - May 10, 2013 at 03:37 PM

EO

“ *Bob and Karen - Our thoughts and prayers and with you and family.*

Elodie & Sandy Opstad - May 10, 2013 at 08:58 AM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family, Karen. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Ruth - May 10, 2013 at 07:40 AM

JN

“ *I didn't have the privilege of knowing Matt, wish express my deepest sympathy for the family. My daughter went all thru' school with Bob and I knew his parents before they married...We were all close friends. Bob and Becky, my daughter, were born just days apart.*

May God comfort you now and know that people care.

Jerry Nyswonger

Jerry Nyswonger - May 10, 2013 at 02:42 AM

SA

“ *Words can not express...Karen and Bob, but our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great sorrow.*

Shawn & Leslie Adams - May 09, 2013 at 11:46 PM

DP

“ *Bob and Karen, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Dave & Bev Petrick - May 09, 2013 at 09:26 PM

JB

“ *Bob and Karen so sorry to read this on Karel face page Gordon and I want to send prayer your way. He now as join his Grandma Rachel.*

Junen & Gordon Blacksmith - May 09, 2013 at 09:18 PM

BW

“ *Bob and Karen and family. I am so, so sad to hear of Matthew's passing. Just know that my heart is with yours and I will keep you in my prayers!*

Bev Wittler - May 09, 2013 at 08:56 PM



“ *Matthew Robert Eichner*

M - May 09, 2013 at 04:31 PM

MT

“ *I remember Matt as being a kind person and good student to have here at SLHS. So sorry to hear about your loss...*

Marcy Toews - May 09, 2013 at 04:04 PM

TH

“ *Bob, Karen and family,
We are so saddened by your loss, you all are in our thoughts and prayers, today, and always.*

Tracey Jake and Ben Heitritter - May 09, 2013 at 03:30 PM

KE

“ *I WAS JUST 17 WHEN MATT WAS BORN I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE AN AUNT. I HAVE MORE PICTURES OF HIM THAN MY OWN KIDS. MATTS KINDNESS WAS AMAZING HE COULD ALWAYS MAKE ME SMILE. I LOVE YOU AND I WILL SEE YOU IN HEAVEN. AUNT KAREL*

KAREL EICHNER - May 09, 2013 at 02:51 PM

KE

“ I remember the Sunday you were born. You've been a joy and a blessing to our family. You were a survivor against all odds and never complained. I love you! Aunt Kay

Kay Eichner - May 09, 2013 at 02:38 PM

PR

“ Karen and family,
Just talking about the boys the other day at the nursing home. So sad to hear one of my former student gone. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Peg Rick

Peg Rick - May 09, 2013 at 11:59 AM

BZ

“ Bob and Family. I'm so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all!

Brian Zwetzig - May 09, 2013 at 11:41 AM

PS

“ Matthew Robert Eichner

Pat Sudbay - May 09, 2013 at 09:41 AM

HL

“ Bob and Karen - we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. May God protect you with His special grace, peace and comfort at this very difficult time. God bless you all, Nancy and Hugh

Hugh and Nancy Lickiss - May 09, 2013 at 09:33 AM

BF

“ Bob and family, my heart goes out to you on the loss of your beloved son. I can't imagine your heartache. May God hold you all close in times of sorrow and the years ahead.

Billi Feller - May 09, 2013 at 08:54 AM

H(

“ Matt was one of those that could be friends with everyone, and always had a smile on his face. He knew how to make you laugh and had such a great knowledge for so many topics. Definitley a lot of good memories from grade school through high school. Many thoughts and prayers to your family.

Heidi Klinghagen (Tritle) - May 09, 2013 at 08:35 AM

LF

“ Matthew Robert Eichner

Lee Fitch - May 09, 2013 at 08:24 AM

GT

“ Middle/High school can be such a tough time for some people. One great thing that I remember about Matt as a classmate is how unconditionally kind he was. It really didn't matter who you were he was always, always so kind. I believe that the world could use more people like that. God bless you and your family Matt.

Gina Ove Thompson - May 09, 2013 at 08:04 AM

MJ

“ Matt was one of the nicest guys in our class. In a world of cliques and popularity, there were no bounds to who he could be friends with. So sorry for your loss.

Melanie Kliegl Johnson - May 09, 2013 at 07:49 AM

LG

“ Bob and Karen, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with you at ILO in the early 90's, Bob, and met your family then. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers for your comfort and strength.

Lynne Gould - May 08, 2013 at 09:41 PM

JM

“ Matt was the one of the best people to talk music, film, politics, (i.e. anything) with and, as many here have said, he was without a doubt the most dedicated, passionate defender of everything he believed in. He was also an amazing and truly loyal friend. Even when we went weeks without so much as a call or a text, we would eventually catch up and it was just like no time had passed at all. It was always a blessing to get to talk with him even if it was just for a few minutes at a time.

I will remember our first road trip we ever took together in college - to Chicago to see one of his favorite bands, DEVO. I also remember driving down to visit him in Omaha just so we could talk for hours on end while Elvis Costello videos played in the background and then catch an early showing of Watchmen the following day when it first came out in theaters. Over the last 2-3 years, we mailed each other care-packages of dvds, movies and mix cds. To this day I still go back and read/revisit all of the letters he included as well as the drawings he spent so much time on.

The world truly lost a great, unique and caring individual today, but he will never be forgotten by his friends and family.

Bob and Karen, I am so sorry for your loss.

James Munson - May 08, 2013 at 09:24 PM

KC

“ Matt had a great sense of humor and could make anyone laugh at school. He had a bright smile. As others have mentioned, he was a loyal friend, and a bit old fashioned, writing letters, bringing a box of chocolates to a date. I went to the Smashing Pumpkins Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness concert with him and our friends in high school, truly a great concert & memory to share with your friends. I will always think fondly of freshman year, listening to great music with Matt.

Kimberly Pearson Cooke - May 08, 2013 at 09:18 PM

JR

“ Matty--You will be missed by many. You had eyes that could brighten even the darkest room. Bob, Karen and family--my thoughts and prayers are with you....Hugs

Jen Rodawig - May 08, 2013 at 08:53 PM

EG

“ Matt is a former student I will always remember. He was interesting to visit with and I will always remember him for his uniqueness. He traveled his own path and stuck to what he believed. May your family memories and those others share with you help you through this difficult time. He has gone too soon.

Elaine Greer - May 08, 2013 at 08:53 PM

A(

“ Very sorry to hear of Matt's passing. Thinking of your family during this time.

Abby Nieman (Nurse) - May 08, 2013 at 08:36 PM

CK

“ Favorite memory was during our middle school years in the summer getting snow cones up by forbes. Center lake crew. My deepest sympathies to your family.

coral kramme - May 08, 2013 at 08:32 PM

MB

“ Matty was a high school friend and later a college roommate of mine. It was thru him that I learned about intricate, stylistic differences between zombie films - a genre of which he was an expert long before *The Walking Dead* tv show made zombies "cool". Matty didn't care about "cool". He was not concerned with what other people liked. It's likely that the stubborn defiance ever-present in Matt was (at least in part) what led us to be friends in the first place. It is certainly what led to our biggest fight ...which was over a poster.

When we were living together Matt hung a poster of some gross image from a horror film in the living room... amidst all the angels and girly crap that I'd decorated the apartment with. It couldn't possibly have been more out of place. I hated it and for weeks I was furious about it. In retrospect, I find it absolutely hilarious.... and classic Matty.

He was a good friend. He was fun, interesting, and fiercely loyal to anything that he loved. He was always a little different - and I loved that about him.

I'll miss reading his letters. Matty wrote actual letters when the rest of the world was only emailing or using Facebook.

I'll miss listening to records with him. Matty bought vinyl records when the rest of the world had switched to mp3's.

I'll miss alot about Matty. I already do.

Molly Burke - May 08, 2013 at 08:04 PM

LN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Matt a long time ago at McDonalds and he was always able to make us smile. Prayers for your family and loss.

Laurie (Bedet) Nichols - May 08, 2013 at 07:54 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Karen and Bob you are wonderful people and although I didn't know Matt personally, I felt like I got to know him through all your stories while we worked together Karen. Losing a child is one of the hardest things a parent deals with and reach out for love and support to others and please be in contact with Darwin and Jo Winkowitch for bereaved parents support group...much love!

Lori Lewis - May 08, 2013 at 06:27 PM

LL

“ *Matthew Robert Eichner*

Lori Lewis - May 08, 2013 at 06:23 PM

PM

“ I was saddened to read of your son's death. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Patty and Jerry McGuire - May 08, 2013 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God wrap you and your family in his loving arms and help ease your pain. Our prayers are with your family.

Jim & Annie Bauer - May 08, 2013 at 04:49 PM

RK

“ *May God grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. Our hearts go out to you.*

Ruth Ann & Gary Kelly - May 08, 2013 at 04:46 PM

DL

“ *I JUST HEARD OF YOUR LOSS. MAY GOD PLACE IN YOUR HEARTS A PEACE TO HELP EASE THE PAIN YOU ARE NOW FEELING. DEB LANGNER, STORM LAKE.*

DEB LANGNER - May 08, 2013 at 04:12 PM

AE

“ *Matt was one of the most opinionated music aficionados that I have ever known which I really admired. We once had an argument over what David Bowie album was his best and he would not back down on his endorsement of Diamond Dogs. Looking back he was right. My deepest sympathies to his family.*

Alex Ewen - May 08, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MP

“ *I always enjoyed spending time with Matt. The two of us had so many things in common that our friendship grew quickly. Matt figures prominently in many of my fond memories of high school and I'll always remember him for his enthusiasm and passion for the esoteric avenues of music, movies and literature. He was a cool nerd before it was cool to be a nerd.*

Mickey Pearson - May 08, 2013 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ *Bob and Karen - Our sympathy to all of you in this very difficult time. You are in our prayers.*

Sheryl & Blaine Strampe - May 08, 2013 at 02:17 PM

MP

“ Bob, Karen, & family,
You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.
We treasure the great memories of our
"Center Lake Boys" all growing up together.
May God bring comfort to your aching hearts.

Mel & Pat Peterson - May 08, 2013 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ Bob & Karen... Our thoughts and prayers to you both and your
family. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace
and comfort during this very difficult time.

Jeff & Bev Berkland - May 08, 2013 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ Bob and Karen, my thoughts and prayers are for you.... May God
bless and comfort you.

Dee Dee McCoy - May 08, 2013 at 07:26 AM

KW

“ Bob and Karen, My deepest sympathy to you and your family, you
are in my prayers. Katie Weiskircher

Katie and Gary Weiskircher - May 07, 2013 at 11:14 PM

KS

“ One of my favorite ice cream customers.

Kate Shaw - May 07, 2013 at 09:43 PM

BS

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Bob & Kate Shaw - May 07, 2013 at 09:40 PM



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BW

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Bev Wittler - May 07, 2013 at 06:59 PM