

WILLIAM MATTHEW "MATT" HODGDON



Age 41, passed away Monday, October 28, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 13, 1983, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of the late William Forsberg Hodgdon and Bonnie Wilson Hodgdon.

Matt grew up in Wexford and graduated from North Allegheny High School in 2002. He attended the University of Colorado and the University of Pittsburgh graduating with a bachelor's degree in administration of justice. Matt worked in security for Am-Gard three years then decided to join the DoubleTree by Hilton in Pittsburgh starting in the security department and then becoming the night manager.

Starting in middle school at North Allegheny, Matt played ice hockey for four years, then lacrosse for six years winning defensive MVP in his senior year. He also had an indomitable adventurous spirit and was an accomplished skier and snowboarder, which only improved when he was at the University of Colorado for the first two years of his college life.

Known for always wearing one of his many ball caps, Matt's favorite activities were reading, fishing, and closely following the Steelers and Penguins. His favorite place was a beautiful remote lake in Canada called Chiblow Lake where he spent many hours fishing for smallmouth bass and enjoying shore dinners with his family on their summer vacations.

Matt inherited a calm measured presence from his father, enabling him to navigate a crisis with grace and compassion. He was fiercely loyal to his family and could always be counted on as the voice of reason through any challenge they endured together. Matt also loved animals and they in turn gravitated to him, sensing his kind and gentle soul. Words cannot adequately express how sorely Matt will be missed by all who love him dearly.

Matt was preceded in death by his father, William Forsberg Hodgdon. He is survived by his loving mother, Bonnie Hodgdon Otto (Gary); his older sister, Christine R. Hodgdon; and his younger brother, Robert T. Hodgdon "Rob". He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, particularly his beloved Aunt Meg (Margaret Forsyth) and Aunt Rean (Karin Girasek), with whom he held a special bond.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to a charity of the donor's choice. Friends received Friday, November 8, 2024, 6-8 p.m. at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy., Ross Township, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Simons Funeral Home, Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 11 a.m. Interment private.

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