



Matthew D. Murphy

November 2, 1962 - June 26, 2021

Matthew Dale Murphy, age 58, loving father, grandfather, son, brother and friend, of Coleman passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 26th, 2021. Matt was born in Mount Pleasant, Michigan on November 2nd, 1962, the son of the late Frances Richard and Dorothy (Drake) Murphy. Matt worked loyally for Smillie Plumbing and Heating for 37 years and was a member of UA Local 85 Pipefitters and Plumbers union. He graduated from H.H. Dow High School of Midland where he excelled at varsity baseball among many other things, and went on to attend Northwood University. Matt was loved and cherished by everyone who knew him and had the most contagious smile. He was a devoted and loyal father and grandfather and the kind of person that would drop everything to help his family and friends. He spent his spare time working and hobby farming his 80 acres with his tractors, as well as, a multitude of other projects. He loved anything outdoors including hunting, camping, canoeing, and having bonfires and sharing drinks and laughs with friends and family.

Matt is survived by his daughters, Nichol (Chris) Peters, Shannon (Aaron) Jones, Katie (Preston) Harsh, and Riley Murphy; grandsons, Conrad Peters, Garrett Peters, Dylan Jones and soon to be baby Harsh; mother Dorothy Jean Murphy; siblings, Michael (Judy) Murphy, Brian (Kathy) Murphy, Richard Murphy, Kelly Barber, Patrick (Lori) Murphy, and Ryan (Nona) Murphy; ex-wife Jeanette Brown Murphy; nieces and nephews Chad, Christa, Maggie, Logan, Jack, Joe, Elise, Megan, and Erin; close friend Jerry Benchley, and many

other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Shannon Auclair and father Frances Murphy.

There will be a visitation held at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 29th from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Following the visitation there will be a celebration of life at the Clare Moose Lodge where friends and family can have drinks and share memories and stories in Matt's honor. Memorial contributions given in memory of Matt may be directed toward his family for a scholarship to be established for a Coleman High School graduate pursuing the skilled trades in Matt's name. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared on the Murphy family page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Matt Murhpy was just a Good ol boy,that everyone loved to be around
We had many fun softball seasons together. Those times were some of the best times of my life. Next is the poker nights at Matt's house. He would let Nicole play a few hands,with his money. Matt was GOOD man and a GOOD friend, he will be missed.
Mark Pierce. Terre Haute, IN.*

Mark Pierce - June 29, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew D. Murphy.*



June 29, 2021 at 08:26 AM

RM

“ My brother Matthew, after starting to write this line about your person I began to weep. As dawn begins to wake, so, your soul is that of familiarity. Your energy to me is the timely messenger bird that gets the worm. On “opening day” November, you are the prized kindled warmth that makes it enjoyable to stand for the game. Just as the morning dew rested, evaporates in the dawn, so as your strength, the sun as mid-day advances. You are my unedited perfect brother and friend. As children we were taught to “keep an eye on the ball,” for fun in the latter, we organized teams by drawing lots for team captains. I don’t remember you ever being the captain, and we played a lot of games. If you could be drafted first pick from the line-up the argument hinged on who got the first pick. I knew if the lot of the team captain’s first pick was to my advantage and you were in the line-up you were my first pick, your mannerism, energy, strength, and loyalty to name a few. With your subtlety and reserve of words no matter win or lose, together we won! Your union contribution was singularity in love and devotion to those who when the dawn rises, share it with your dues, strength and charity. I dare not refuse to say in this age a bullet can penetrate your life. The measure of a fruit sort doesn't fall far from its source. Rest in peace. John 20:29 thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

with love,

Stadiums: Clare, Cincinnati, Grand Rapids, Dade City, Houston,
Midland

R Murphy - June 29, 2021 at 04:32 AM

NO

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ნ.ამბროლიანი

Nona - June 29, 2021 at 02:29 AM

HR

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Harold Riggie - June 28, 2021 at 10:34 PM

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Harold Riggie - June 28, 2021 at 10:34 PM

RF

“ My heart is broken. Words will not describe the person Matt was. Love to his family.

Renee Filhart - June 28, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Matthew D. Murphy.



June 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Matthew D. Murphy.



June 28, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JP

“ *The first time I met Matt, I was experiencing my first bitterly cold (for a Southern boy) Michigan winter, trying to impress his niece that I knew I wanted to marry. The Murphy clan was huge, and knowing I was going over to meet them was a little unnerving to say the least. When we pulled up to Matts house, I knew I was up for a good time. I remember being welcomed into his home, a stranger in my mind, family in his. His smile was contagious and laugh filled the room. That night I played my first game of Euchere and won...and that smile and laugh slowly turned into frustration, but only for a second, because he knew that there is no way this guy knew what he was doing. He was right. Since that night, I married that girl and became part of the family. But I was already family, just by meeting him for a moment. He was that guy. The guy that never met a stranger, the guy that you wanted to know, because that guy must have awesome stories, and because you knew that regardless of how you were feeling, he was going to bring you to his level...and you were going to smile and laugh. He was going to ensure that. Thanks for welcoming me into your family. Thanks for the beers. Thanks for the laughs. Thanks for taking my money at cards...well not so much that. Thanks for being my friend. You leave a legacy...all the way in Arkansas.*

-Justin Peeler

Justin Peeler - June 28, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew D. Murphy.*



June 28, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew D. Murphy.*



June 28, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ *To the Murphy and Brown families, I am so very sorry this happened. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



Kim Klein

Kim Klein - June 27, 2021 at 11:21 PM