



Matthew Eland

December 12, 1980 - August 22, 2019

Matthew Eland, 38, of Washington, passed away due to an ongoing medical condition on Thursday, August 22, 2019. A son of the late Gordon L. Eland and Dianne and Kevin Bucci, who survive and reside in Belle Vernon, he was born in Washington, PA on December 12, 1980. Matthew was a 1999 graduate of Serra Catholic where he played hockey. He graduated from WVU after which he moved to Missoula, Montana where he worked for Denver Mattress Company. Matthew relocated with the company to Rapid City, South Dakota, Austin, Texas, and finally Boise, Idaho before moving back to PA. He loved the outdoors and became an avid snow skier while living in Boise. Matt was a very loving, and tender hearted man and was loved by many. In addition to his mother and stepfather, he is survived by a sister and brother in-law, Heather and Keith Reidinger of Reading, PA; a brother and sister in-law, Gordy and Rachelle Eland of Monongahela; maternal grandparents, Eula Peters of Rostraver Twp. and Gerald Calcagni of Belle Vernon; and nieces and nephews, Ella, Adrian, and Nora Reidinger, and Shelby Eland. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Charles and Helen Eland. Friends will be received on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 11 to 1 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. A memorial service will follow at 1 P.M. with Pastor Wayne Boring officiating. Inurnment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
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Memorial Service

AUG 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Dianne, Kevin and family,
We are so sorry for your loss and we know the Lord is holding all of
you in the palm of his hand during this difficult time. Our prayers are
with you,
Michael and Joyce Bucci*

Michael Bucci - August 31, 2019 at 03:19 PM

“It’s been fifteen years and two months since I picked Matthew (E-Dad) up at West Virginia University and drove him cross-country to Missoula, Montana. I was moving to San Diego and I took the long way around to add my good buddy to the journey. Our first stop was Indianapolis, and at the very first bar, Matt reached into his wallet and realized he left his ID with the bank teller in Morgantown. It was a classic road trip move, but this was no catastrophe in his easy-going book. This was an opportunity and he seized it the same way he always did... by making friends with strangers. His new bohemian friends told him the band Phish was playing a show the following day, and so while his ID was getting overnighted to us, we danced and celebrated our post-college lives.

The next stop was Chicago, and after a long night enjoying the Windy City, E-Dad woke up early and was determined to beeline it to his new mountain town. “Missoula,” he said. “Missoula or bust.” This was June 2004 and paper maps were still a thing. We didn’t know how far it was until a shoelace and a scale told us Chicago to Missoula was 1,600 miles, give or take a thread. So... fueled by music, coffee, and beef jerky, E-Dad and I drove 25 straight hours and arrived three days early for his job interview, which I believe he nailed.

As for me, I stayed two nights before I had to be on my way, but I’ll never forget how I felt when I drove away that morning. I remember looking in the rear-view mirror and watching him wave goodbye. He was so happy that day and I couldn’t help but feel sad that he wouldn’t be joining me for the rest of my trip. I remember how I felt then because it’s how I feel now... only it’s much worse. What I’d give for just one more road trip with my good buddy, or at least another game of hockey followed by some beers and bluegrass at the BrewPub. Matthew was such a huge part of my life, and my only hope is he’s somewhere as happy as he was the day I left him in Missoula.

Safe travels, my friend...

Craig Misoyianis

Craig Misoyianis - August 30, 2019 at 03:42 AM

DB

Wow, did that bring back memories! Thank you for sharing that and for being such a great friend to Matt!

Dee Dee Bucci - September 08, 2019 at 07:09 PM

TC

Hi Craig. I remember the day the two of you pulled up in Missoula. I just found out he's gone! What a cruel turn. Edad was a fun guy to be around because he truly appreciated the moment. I was just wondering how he was doing and found this.

Tom Coulter - September 16, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.*



August 29, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.*



August 28, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 28, 2019 at 02:49 PM



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



August 28, 2019 at 02:40 PM



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



August 27, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 27, 2019 at 09:12 AM

HC

“ So sorry for your family's loss . My prayers go out to the family



Holly cicci - August 26, 2019 at 08:18 PM

DB

Thank you Holly, appreciate you prayers!

Dee Dee Bucci - September 08, 2019 at 07:12 PM

SZ

“ Dianne, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.



Sharon Zelenski - August 26, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 26, 2019 at 10:01 AM

LK

“ *Dianne, you have my deepest sympathies. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Linda K - August 26, 2019 at 07:20 AM

DB

Thank you Linda for your thoughts and prayers, we need them greatly!

Dee Dee Bucci - September 08, 2019 at 07:14 PM

AD

“ *Amy Dzurko lit a candle in memory of Matthew Eland*



Amy Dzurko - August 25, 2019 at 08:46 PM

AD

“ *I knew Matt as a child and didnt realize it until we worked together just last year. He was such a sweet, helpful, happy friend. He was one of the highlights of my day when I got to work with him. Always gave me a high five when I saw him and a hug when I needed it, and always there to lend an ear when needed. We had many great conversations that will be missed. HE will be very missed by many I'm sure. My sympathies are with the family.*

Amy Dzurko - August 25, 2019 at 08:45 PM

DB

Amy, we cannot thank you enough for all you did and it was great seeing you at the memorial.

Dee Dee Bucci - September 08, 2019 at 07:13 PM

LB

“ I knew Matt from serving him coffee almost daily for probably almost a year now. He was such a kind-hearted man. Even from the little I knew him, I can say I will miss him and his friendly conversation at the shop in the mornings. My prayers are with his family in this difficult time.

Lacie Bryner - August 25, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 25, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 25, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.



August 25, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Eland.*



August 25, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lauren Coleman - August 25, 2019 at 02:46 AM

LC

“ My very first memory of Matt was when he was a baby. Aunt Dee Dee was in the hospital giving birth to Gordy and my parents were taking care of Matt. I remember him in the high chair in our kitchen throwing his cup. Through the years, we were very close as I was practically growing up in their household as Heather and I were inseparable. I have so many memories of swimming, cheering on Matt and Gordy as they played hockey throughout the years and then later as we got older, having beers at Frosty Mugs. Matt really grew into such an amazing young man. I was so proud as I watched my younger cousin buy his first house in Idaho while having a job he loved in a place where he could explore the great outdoors as I know he loved to do. The last I saw him was 3 years ago at my dad’s birthday party. I was so happy to see him but had no idea it would be the last. I hope Matt knew how proud of him I was and that I loved him. He was a huge part of my childhood which I will always hold dear to my heart. Aunt Dee Dee, Heather and Gordy, please know that if I could be home at this time, I would. I love you all and send you my condolences and all my love. I’m so sorry. You are all in my prayers. May God ease your pain with time. Matt, until we meet again. Fly high.

Lauren Coleman - August 25, 2019 at 02:45 AM