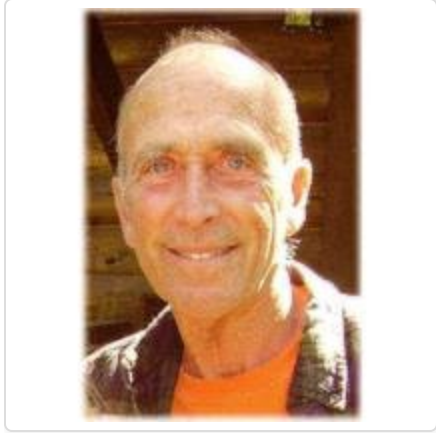




Matt Lawrence

May 23, 1941 - August 7, 2012

Matt L. Lawrence III, formerly of Bismarck, ND, and recently of Park Rapids, MN, and Crossville, TN, died August 7, 2012. A celebration of Matt's life will be held on Tuesday, August 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with Rev. Erik Saxvik officiating. Visitation will be Monday from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service and will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Matt wrote the following: I was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1941. Met my wife Susan Saxvik upon my return from Vietnam where I served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Worked in the oil business in North Dakota during which time Susan and I had three wonderful children, now three wonderful adults. If I accomplished anything good in my lifetime it was having the best kids any father could ever hope for. My life was full of love, fun, adventure and many good times. A wonderful wife, good kids—I couldn't have asked for more. I am survived by my wife Susan; my children, Erin Hennessy Kevin, Matt Lawrence IV Jennifer, and Andrew P. Lawrence; three grandchildren, Lydia, Max, and Aida; one sister, Neala Benson Chuck; and a constant companion, Jack. I was preceded in death by my parents, Matt and Edna Lawrence, and by my second parents, Dale and Marlys Saxvik. Matt also greatly enjoyed his in-laws, nieces and nephews, and many good friends.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Dear Susan and families, Matt was the nicest soccer coach i know.I fully expect to see him organizing the Angels into a team.He treated the players with respect and they stepped up for him. His influence on so many kids at that really improtant age has to have left big impressions on a lot more soccer players than mine . Thank you for sharing him in life. We share your sorrow now and offer prayers.lots of prayer to help fill that big hole in your hearts.

Rick & Evelyn Greisch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sue,sorry to get the news. Wish we had known sooner. It is sad to lose a lifelong friend. We shared so many good times growing up in Ottumws. I will never forget. Our best to all, Mark and Mayre

Mark & Mayre Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Deepest sympathies to you all. Many fond memories of good times at Lincoln School and the neighborhood. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Karen, Jennifer Heck and John

Karen Aune Wardner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you

Herman & Sharri Galster - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry for this sad news. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Susan Gibbons Watson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ So sad for your loss of your husband Matt. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Altha Schellenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Matt was a humble and kind person. His success never went to his head. We will all miss him. Rest in peace Matt.

Martin Thompson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Susan and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Bob always had nothing but good things to say about Matt. I know he'll be greatly missed by many.

Beth Ann Martin Psencik - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Matt will be missed by all that ever new him.

Gary McCartney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Susie, Erin, Matt, and Andrew, Matt was a marvelous member of our family and will be dearly missed. He was an exceptional man who left this world a better place than it was before. His gentle soul lives on through his children and grandchildren and his love for you, Susie, will be everlasting. He was always such fun and his laugh brought joy to all of us. May all the wonderful memories you have of Matt heal your broken hearts and knowing he has been welcomed into heaven by our loved ones give you comfort. With our prayers and much love, Janet, Dan, Leah, Rachel, Jill and Christopher.

Janet Saxvik - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Almost 34 years ago, Matt Lawrence gave me my first job as a landman. My Father, C. B. Thames, Jr., had done what a lot of our Fathers did, which was to pull a few strings behind the scenes with Matt & Dale. Matt was gracious enough to give me a few weeks to get my feet wet. I'll never forget that favor.

Joe Thames - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Erin & Family, I am so sorry to hear about your father. I have many memories of us growing up and how Matt treated me like I was one of the family. I remember what a nice person he was. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Norma Geiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Susan, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Neva and Ron Carlisle

Ron and Neva Carlisle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Susan and family... We were so saddened to read of Matt's death. Today, Ron and I recalled all the fun times we shared together with Lincoln School activities, soccer and Scouts. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all... Kimm and Ron Schmitt

Kimm Schmitt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“*Matt Lawrence Family Members...as the McLean County register of deeds NKA recorder, Matt was one of the first landman that I became acquainted with....think I got to know him in the late 1970s and early 1980s. We would always have the most involved conversations. He was well versed on all sorts of subjects and we just seemed to "hit it off". I was surprised to see him once again a couple of years before I retired, when he stopped in to check some oil and gas records. It was a most enjoyable quick visit. He has gone to the Other Side...forever light...forever joy and forever remembered. May the many pleasant memories of cherished family events help sustain you all in this time of sorrow.*

Dewey Oster - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“*Sue and family, we were your neighbor in Ridgeview Acres years ago and enjoyed our time there including your family and Matt. We remember Matt as full of life and always on the go . . . by his own words it was a good run down the road of life. We are thinking about you all at this time and your loss of Matt. Best wishes - Dean & Valerie Peterson*

Dean & Valerie Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“*Dear Susie and Family, I'm saddened to hear of your and our loss. I can't remember Matt every being out of humor, unkind, or judgmental. We have lost something wonderful with his passing. My most sincere condolences to all of you.*

Rachel Fay - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Susan and Family, Barb and I feel so lucky to have met and gotten to know Matt. He was a special person who made everyone feel instantly at ease. His positive attitude towards life was uplifting, and sets an example for all of us to follow. We'll miss him dearly.

Jay and Barb Dougherty - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Susan, Erin, Matt and Andrew; We had the pleasure to know Matt and his kind and gentle manner. He will always be remembered by us for his storytelling as well as his fishing and soccer teaching skills for my family. Our thoughts are with you as you go through this very difficult time. We will always have a place for Matt in our hearts!

Kelly Hennessy and Jacob and Jannon Otto - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Susan and Family, My deepest sympathies to you and your loved ones. Matt was a very special person, his personality was one of great patients, respect for others, wisdom, and kindness, just an all-around great person. It was my honor to have had the pleasure to work and become friends with him. I will miss him dearly! May God give you strength in the great memories of Matt ~ your husband ~ your father ~ your friend.

June Weeks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Susan and Family - I was shocked and saddened to hear of Matt's passing. I have nothing but fond memories of working for him at Enterprise Oil & Gas. I will always remember him for his honesty, quiet demeanor, intelligence, and love of his family. He will be missed. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

Steve and Deb Chuppe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *My father is a true hero. I love that man more than any words can express. The drop zone is clear and he deployed under full canopy. All the way.*

Andrew Lawrence - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM