



Matthew Knecht

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MATTHEW KNECHT, age 32; cherished and beloved husband of Kristin Rundo Knecht; loving son of John and Christine Rundo and Greg and Mary Knecht; dear brother of John (Rundo (Rachel) and Nicole Washecka (Michael); dearest grandson of Sam and Bev Staltari, John and Gail Rundo, Gerald and Rose McCarthy, and Henry and Carmelia Knecht; dear uncle of Abigail Washecka. Matt is a graduate of The United States Merchant Marine Academy, class of 2000; served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy in Operation Enduring Freedom, and an employee of Rolls Royce Energy, gas turbine division.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August, 27, 2009 at Holy Angels Church, 18205 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls at 11am. A memorial gathering will take place at the church 1 1/2 hours prior to mass (9:30 - 11am). Arrangements by GOLUBSKI DELIBERATO FUNERAL HOME 216-883-3900. Online condolences may be submitted at GDFH.net.



Tribute Wall

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RM

Robert Millington posted:

To the entire family of Matthew Knecht. I was shocked and saddened today to learn of the passing of Matt. I served with Matthew during Operation Enduring Freedom and he was the consummate professional as a Naval Officer and Gentleman. His quiet disposition and mischeivous smile will be missed. I pray that God will grant your family infinite peace during this trying time. you all and matt are in the Millington Family Prayers.

September 15 at 8:00 PM

GW

Gaylyn (Reynolds) Wheaton posted:

I would like to send my sincere condolences to the Knecht family. Matt was a great friend of mine at Kings Point and I have many fond memories of time spent with him during our time at school. Matt was such a kind and genuine person, I'm thankful that I got to know him and my thoughts are with you.

September 14 at 8:00 PM

MK

Mary Knecht posted:

To all Family and Friends thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy at Matt's passing. Your love, support and memories have been a comfort to us all. Matth is on to his next journey, he leaves his love, smile and spirit that we will always have with us. As we all continue on Matt would wish you all "Fair Winds and Following Seas". With our sincere love to you all, The Knecht Family, Greg, Mary Nicole, Michael and Baby Abby.

September 9 at 8:00 PM

MJ

Montia Jewell posted:

I have worked with Matt as his employee for the past two years. Never have I had a more supportive and trust worthy person as my superior. He is greatly missed and lovingly remembered. Our prayers are with you.

August 27 at 8:00 PM



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LB

Linda Bebenroth posted:

Matt earned a special place in my heart because of his determination to attain his goal of an appointment to the US Merchant Marine Academy. He was enrolled in my Computer class, and I helped him with his paperwork and recommendations. When he did not get accepted, he took it in stride and completed his coursework at CSU and applied again with success! But our paths crossed again--I followed his progress through talks with Nicole, who was also a wonderful student. Then in 1997, Matt took a great deal of time from his busy schedule at The Academy to talk to my son Brad about seeking admission to the USMMA. Matt took us on a tour when we visited the campus and advised Brad on admission information. Brad did receive his appointment to the USMMA, but opted to accept an Air Force scholarship at The Citadel instead. I remember how much fun we had taking Matt and Brad out to eat at an Italian restaurant near the campus. The food was amazing, and Matt definitely enjoyed it and our visit. When I told my son Brad of his passing, he said, "Mom, he was really a great guy! He helped me make my decision by his passion and honesty and advice. Please tell his family how much I appreciated his help." As you well know, Matt truly was a special soul! His friendship was a cherished gift to all who were fortunate to know him! Fondly, Linda and Dave and Brad Bebenroth

August 27 at 8:00 PM

LP

Leah Boslaugh Formerly Leah Prassinis posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to the Knecht family. I went to junior/senior high with Matt and always have remembered him as such a sweet, honest and sensitive person. He made those sometimes uneasy highschool days much more pleasant! I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

TK

Tim Keck posted:

I just found out about Matt's passing. I knew Matt when we were in Sea Cadets together; he taught me most of what I know about running a Color Guard which I later went on to do in the US Navy. I would like to express my deepest condolences to Matt's wife and family. I wish I was in town to attend his services but will be running about 10 hrs too late. Rest in peace Matt. Sincerely,
AC1(AW/SW) Tim Keck (USNR)

August 27 at 8:00 PM



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JH

Jamie Frasolak Harubin And Greg Harubin posted:

We can only express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Matt. He spent his time on earth being a kind, gentle, and courageous human being with a huge smile and a heart of gold. May you find peace knowing he positively touched so many lives. We feel honored and privileged to have know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

MT

Marge Tatulinski posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Knecht family. We knew Matt when he was a student in Parma City Schools. He was a quiet, gentle and very respectful young man, who we are sure will be watching over his loved ones. We know Matt's passing is a tremendous loss and will pray that his family will find peace. Sincerely, Marge and Ralph Tatulinski and family and Pat and Dennis Svozil and family

August 27 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jeanne Caparso posted:

To Kristin, Chris and all other family members of Matt: We are so saddened by your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that God brings you peace and healing at this difficult time. Fondly, Jeanne, Frank and Dominic Caparso and all the rest of the Bella Toccare team

August 27 at 8:00 PM

CK

Charlotte And Jim Koch posted:

Our deepest and sincere condolences to you all in the loss of this wonderful young man, husband, son and brother~no one can imagine your grief or your pain at this time. The living memory is that I don't think there is a person who met Matt that didn't say what a sweet and happy person he was. We know your loss is so great, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

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RS

Ron And Jan Seith posted:

To the Knecht Family; We were so saddened to hear of Matt's passing. To have known such a wonderful person from grade school on through the Merchant Marine Academy and beyond was a privelege. We thought of the Knecht family as part of our family and our hearts grieve with yours. God bless Matt and his families.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

DJ

Daniel Jeffers posted:

MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MATTHEW KNECHT. I AM A VIETNAM VET AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MATT FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION. AGAIN MY CONDOLENCES TO THIS FAMILY MAY GODD BLESS AND BE WITH YOU.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

LR

Lilian Robinson posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Kristin and her family. I am so sorry for your loss.

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KC

Karen Callaway posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. I worked with Matt for a short time at Vericor. He was a wonderful guy and will be truly missed. My heart goes out to your family during this difficult time.
Karen, McKenzie and Riley Callaway

August 27 at 8:00 PM

BB

Beth Saepic Batig posted:

Words alone cannot express my sympathy on Matt's sudden passing. I truly feel blessed and honored to have been able to call him my friend. May you all find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories you have together. You are and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

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BZ

Beth (Larosa) Zabor & Justin Zabor posted:

Our hearts go out to the Knecht and Rundo families. Matt was a wonderful person and he will be greatly missed by all. Words cannot express our sorrows. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

August 27 at 8:00 PM

MG

Missy Jakovcic Galus posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing and my prayers go out to all of Matt's family and friends. I remember Matt as one of my first friends when I came to Alrington Elementary and it was and always will be his love of life, smile, and kindness that I will always remember! I am very proud of him for being part of our military and how he stood up and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom! My heart feels a void...you will be missed my friend. Love, Missy

August 27 at 8:00 PM

MR

Melissa Rodriguez posted:

To all of Matt's family and friends; Sorry to hear of such a great loss for all of you. I knew Matt in high school but sadly hadn't seen him since. I remember even then what a gentleman he was. I wish we knew why God calls some of us back so soon. My prayers are with you that time will help to heal all things and you may all find peace. Sincerely, Melissa

August 24 at 8:00 PM

LS

Lyndi Sarges posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Knecht Family, Matt's wife and her family. I was devastated to hear of Matt's passing and he has reminded me how precious our days together are. The Heavens are lucky to have him, and I can only imagine Matt, our Angel, watching over us. God Bless.

August 24 at 8:00 PM

JD

Jessica Wandell Duer posted:

Although life has taken us down different paths, I know you as a sweet and selfless man and a great friend. Your contribution to this country does not go thankless. My condolences to all who knew you, were close to you and your family. You will be missed.

August 24 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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