



Joshua "Josh" M. Mathwig

August 4, 1978 - September 18, 2023

“The Lord is my Shepherd. I lack nothing” Psalm 23:1 EHV

With an unwavering faith and trust in Jesus his Savior, Joshua Michael Mathwig lived his life with an upbeat and positive attitude. Josh was born August 4, 1978 to Michael and Linda (Harbach) Mathwig. He was born again into the family of God on his Baptism day at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Egg Harbor, WI on August 13, 1978. He confirmed his faith at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church Mankato, MN in May of 1992. He attended school at Zion Ev. Lutheran School in Egg Harbor, WI, St. Mark Ev. Lutheran School in Mankato, MN, Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School in New Ulm, MN and graduated in 1996 from Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, WI. He attended college at Minnesota State University, Mankato where he graduated with a degree in Athletic Training. He became an Athletic Trainer - Certified and worked in Bay City, Michigan, then at Manitowoc Lincoln HS and Manitowoc Lutheran HS. He then worked as a Wellness Coach and a Livestrong Instructor at the “Y” in Fond du Lac, WI.

When a major brain infection in 2003 left him unable to walk, he fought back with that positive attitude and unwavering trust. In 2006, God again asked Josh to trust Him completely when Josh was diagnosed with testicular cancer. That positive attitude and complete and unwavering trust in his Savior helped him walk again only to suffer another setback when he again needed brain surgery. Through all this, he knew whatever was to be was the will of God and that Jesus would see him through until the day when He called Josh to His

side in glory. That day came on Monday, September 18, 2023 when Josh suffered an apparent cardiac arrest, finished the race and won the victor's crown of gold.

Josh is survived by his parents, Michael and Linda, his siblings and their families; Rebekah and Brian Herbrand, Makenna, Austin, Kylee, and Kailyn; Peter Mathwig; Joel and Laura Mathwig, Amelia, Braydon, and Charley; Hannah and Kurt Nielsen, Julie, Samuel, and Jillian; Philip and Rachael Mathwig, Olivia, Easton, Madison, and Morgan; Abigail and Andrew Wagner, Irelyn, Braxton, Kason, and Christian; Lydia Mathwig; Grandmother Janice Mathwig, Aunts and Uncles - Mark and Karen Mathwig, Steven and Linda Mathwig, Nancy and Tod Heath, Alice and Roy Hefti, LeRoy and Jane Harbach, Patricia and Brian Wulf, great aunts and uncles, many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Jerry and Helen Mathwig, LeRoy and Shirley Harbach.

THANK YOU so much to his "family" at the YMCA Fond du Lac and all of his healthcare teams who assisted Josh and his family through all these years. Visitation will be from 9 - Noon with Services held at Noon on Friday, September 22, 2023 at St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family.

Jesus answered them, "I have told you these things, so that you may have peace in me. In this world you are going to have trouble. But be courageous! I have overcome the world." John 16:31,33 EHV

.....Now what I'd give for one more day with you. 'Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something's missing. And they tell me that it's gonna heal with time. But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased And knowing yours are healed is healing mine

.....I know the road you walked was anything but easy You picked up your share of scars along the way Oh, but now you're standing in the sun, you've fought your fight and your race is run The pain is all a million miles away

The only scars in Heaven, they won't belong to me and you. There's no such thing as broken

....And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down Is that the only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold you now

....Hallelujah, for the Hands that hold you now

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
1600 S. Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ I just learned of Josh's victory into eternal life; I am grateful I knew Josh in his younger years. Josh was a former student of mine at MVL and a key player on the JV basketball team I was privileged to coach. It was no surprise to me that he became a successful player at WLA. Then Josh reentered my life while he was a trainer in Manitowoc when I taught and coached at Manitowoc Luthern High School. What a fine and fun Christian young man he had become; again, no surprise to me as I knew his parents from college at DMLC. What a blessing for all of us who knew Josh to see him humbly and gracefully deal with the health issues God allowed to come into his life. And now the good Lord has called him to himself in heaven, where there is no more pain and suffering. Thank you Josh for modelling a true and faithful Christian lifestyle and attitude to me and so many others. My condolences to those of us who mourn his loss here on earth; in faith, we will someday celebrate his victory - and ours - in heaven together.

Tod Hauf - October 29, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JC

“ I had the opportunity to get to know Josh at the Y. We over the years have had many conversations about all kinds of topics. We talked about life, politics, religion and of course workouts. He always was upbeat. I was away from the Y for awhile and as always I looked forward to seeing Josh when I returned. There were times over the years he wasn't there for various reasons so when I returned this Monday I noticed his van wasn't there. Each I wondered where he was. Today I found out. My heart is broken. He was a true friend and great inspiration. He will truly be missed.

Jay Capelle - October 19, 2023 at 05:15 PM

RM

“ Some long-lasting Josh memories from an old Minnesota Valley Lutheran H.S. classmate & friend... sitting with him on the bus from Mankato to MVL each morning working on homework or laughing about the latest Seinfeld episode, needing each other as Viking & Packer fans do (Badgers & Gophers too). ... watching him play on those fun-to-watch mid-90's MVL basketball teams, teams that were loaded with talent, and Josh was a key contributor.

Mathwig family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, but I'm also comforted to know we'll see him again - Heaven is our home!

Ryan Madson - September 22, 2023 at 12:13 PM

SZ

“ I will forever remember you Josh - all our talks- our training sessions- and all the positive, faith filled , energies you radiated. You were a beacon of hope for me during some of my darkest days.

I will always remember, with a smile, the day you told me I was the worst squatter you've ever seen. Lol! ☐☐ Oh my friend- I will miss you. May you be healed and free now in the loving hands of our Savior~ Shannon



Shannon Zahradnik - September 22, 2023 at 05:10 AM

JW

“ I met Josh at the Y, he gave me some instruction, direction. His faith was easy to see, he lived his life by it. My condolences to his family.



Joel White - September 21, 2023 at 10:36 PM

PO

“ I will miss Josh's friendly smile and greeting upstairs at the Y. He was always there offering a willing hand if needed. Pat Olson

Pat Olson - September 21, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BB

“ I have so many memories of going through the Athletic Training program with Josh. We traveled to San Antonio to take our board exam together too. Josh was such a rare, genuine soul. He never deviated from being kind and considerate to those around him.

Beth Bushie - September 21, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MG

“ Mary Goebel lit a candle in memory of Joshua "Josh" Mathwig



Mary B Goebel - September 20, 2023 at 11:58 PM

BB

“ Who can forget his miracle shot during a practice throwing the ball from half court during a practice. It bounced on the court at Zion and went in. Sadly the years go by too fast and lost contact but sending prayers to his family and siblings from a former Zion kid.

Bryan K Birnschein - September 20, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joshua "Josh" M. Mathwig.*



September 20, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *My heart breaks for Josh's family. I considered him a friend, getting to know him at the Y over the years. We often had great conversations. He was an inspiration to me....*

Shat - September 20, 2023 at 04:19 PM