



Dan Leroy Mathewson

November 11, 1952 - May 13, 2022

Our very dear husband, father and grandfather, Dan Mathewson, passed away on May 13, 2022 after a year long battle with several health issues. Dan fought hard this past year to try to stay with his family and tried every intervention possible to extend his life. He passed peacefully surrounded by the love of his family.

Dan was born in Fort Collins, Colorado on November 11, 1952 to Don and Avis (Maddy) Mathewson. Yes, he was a “townie”, attending Dunn Elementary, Lincoln Junior High, Poudre High School and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. After college, Dan returned to his former high school, Poudre, to begin what would be a long and rewarding career as an educator and coach.

Early in his career, Dan coached teams for the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department. He also coached for the Denver Nuggets camps during the summer. He coached football, basketball and baseball at Poudre High School.

Dan was devoted to his students and his student athletes. Many of his former students have stayed in touch with Dan over the years introducing him to their children and even some of their grandchildren. They would share stories with him about what a positive influence he was in their lives which helped Dan to

know that his work with his students produced such a positive outcome.

He founded Sports Unlimited, a girls basketball club, that was devoted to providing a safe learning sports environment for girls who loved the sport of basketball and wanted to improve their skills. He made sure that everyone who wanted to be a part of the organization was able to join and to participate in the many trips he organized to play in tournaments across the country, even paying for expenses for girls who weren't able to do so.

Dan and Lari were co-owners of the The Ram's Horn, a Colorado State University fanwear shop at Foothills Mall for 13 years.

In his later years, Dan became president of the Poudre Football Alumni Association working with his dear friends and coaching colleagues to provide a fundraising organization to help support Poudre Football. He was the driving force behind the first Hall of Fame Banquet and helped to establish the Wall of Fame at Poudre recognizing former members of the administration, staff, coaches and players. He organized the celebration to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Poudre Football State Championship team. It was important to Dan to establish a history of the people who have given so much to the football program since the establishment of Poudre High School. He wanted this history preserved for future generations.

Dan's family was the most important aspect of his life. He was a loving, wise, kind and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Dan married Lari Marie McCarter on November 12, 1983 and became a father to three daughters, Michale Chambers, Cody (Chambers) Augusta and Casey (Chambers) Turner. He immediately invested himself in becoming the best "bonus" dad he could possibly be to his children. He loved them as his own and kept them safe. They were his world and he was so very proud of the kind and accomplished women they had become.

He loved his son-in-laws, Corren Turner and Rafael Augusta so very much. He was in awe of their kindness, intelligence and dedication to their families. It was such a relief to him to know that his daughters had men in their lives who would love and care for them as he had and would be fathers who would keep his grandchildren safe and loved.

When Dan was blessed with his four grandchildren, Kannon Turner, Kayden Turner, Lunden Augusta and Peyton Augusta, he was the happiest man in the world. He reveled in the special joys of raising grandchildren. He loved to have quiet, personal talks with each of them, hoping to impart words of wisdom that would help them through their lives. Mission accomplished Grandpa!

Dan and Lari were a loving and devoted couple. They were so fortunate to spend 38 wonderful years together. Those years were filled with the joy of raising children and grandchildren, attending their daughters' activities and events and then later the activities of their grandchildren. They shared a passion for history and took several trips exploring archaeological sites. They shared a love of gardening and the precious birds and squirrels that would visit their back yard daily, knowing Dan was always there with peanuts!! It was a life filled with loving family, joy, kindness and lots of laughter.

Dan was preceded in death by his dear mother and father, Don Mathewson and Avis (Maddy) Mathewson.

Dan is survived by his loving spouse, Lari Mathewson, his precious children and son-in-laws, Michale Chambers, Cody (Chambers) Augusta and Rafael Augusta, Casey (Chambers) Turner and Corren Turner and the grandchildren who were so dear to him, Kannon Turner, Kayden Turner, Lunden Augusta

and Peyton Augusta. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Conrad McCarter (Maggie Salazar), with whom he had a very special friendship, and his dear cousins Jim Nye (Nan) and Duane Maddy as well as many additional cousins.

Dan requested a private family graveside service which was held May 19, 2022 at Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins Colorado.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I was Dan's neighbor cr. 1960-1963. Dan was the brains of the outfit and I enthusiastically followed his leadership. One afternoon we decided to dig a hole to China (a popular activity for kids in the early 60's). We elected to tunnel under the garage floor (everyone knows that's the shortest route to the Orient). We excavated a hole roughly 4 feet deep before being discovered by Dan's mom. She strongly "encouraged " us to backfill our handiwork and find some other outlet for our energy. We shifted our efforts to throwing apples at a neighbor's glass greenhouse. Surprisingly, some panes were broken in the process.

Peter Cunningham - June 01, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DK

“ My condolences to Coach's family. He was my football, basketball and baseball coach at Poudre, and a mentor during those years. A kind, loving, and caring man, he expected the best out of every Impala on and off the fields and courts. He could scowl you into working hard yet would smile along with you in each success. Godspeed Coach.
Dean Kreikemeier 1983

Dean Kreikemeier - May 22, 2022 at 08:07 PM

JB

“ My condolences to the entire family. I met Coach Mathewson when I became a football manager for Poudre High School in 1987. Once football season was over, Coach Mathewson asked me to become the basketball manager for the girls team at Poudre. I got to know Coach Mathewson and Mrs. Mathewson really well. Coach Mathewson asked me to travel with the team over the July 4 week to New York City and Philadelphia. During our trip Coach Mathewson, Mrs. Mathewson, and I even attended a New York Yankees game at the old Yankees stadium. Coach Mathewson was such an avid Yankees fan. I really enjoyed going to the game (I was a Cubs fan at the time). I still laugh during the trip because I heard my first Trojan condom commercial on the radio out there. I was so embarrassed and I think all of the girls on the basketball team were laughing at me.

I am sad to hear about Coach's passing.

*Jeff Bedan
PHS 1990*

Jeff Bedan - May 22, 2022 at 03:13 PM

DG

“ Coach you will be missed in the halls of Poudre and on the basketball court! You have left a legacy of excellence and I thank you for all of the skills you taught me. Sending hugs to your beautiful daughters and their families who surely are feeling the deep loss. Lightning a candle in your honor Coach! Dasha (Scott) Grant Edgewater, Maryland

Dasha Grant - May 22, 2022 at 02:50 PM

CK

“ *Lari, Michale, Cody and Casey,
So sorry to hear of Dan's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you.
Love,
The Kuck Family,
Russ, Carol, Ted, Dave, Bob and Kris Kuck Berglind*

Carol Kuck - May 22, 2022 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ *Lari and family, we were so sorry to hear about Dan. Please know
you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jan Barry and Dennis Hulbert*

Jan Barry - May 20, 2022 at 09:56 PM

CY

“ *The Yaussi famiy enjoyed working with Dan over the years at
Poudre. He was a kind, caring, and thoughtful man who will be truly
missed. We send our love and prayers to his family!
Randy & Carol Yaussi*

Carol Yaussi - May 20, 2022 at 04:06 PM

RA

“ Lari,
My condolences. I was saddened to read about Dan’s passing. Oh my what a loss to so many people, family and friends. I went to school with Dan from Dunn through Poudre. I recall the days at Dunn playing football on the front lawn during the summer and then reminiscing with Dan at Poudre’s 20th (I think) at Lincoln Jr High about the good times growing up and teachers that impacted our lives. Not to surprising to read about the legacy Dan left and the lives he impacted in Northern Colorado. I am so thankful to have been able to visit with Dan last year at our 50th class reunion. He truly had a heart to serve and support others. Dan you will be missed.

Ron Arndt - May 20, 2022 at 01:49 PM

TD

“ To Lari and family, I want to express my sincere condolences over the passing of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. I knew Danny since our days together at Lincoln Junior High, Poudre High School and Colorado State University. I will never forget our many days playing and talking about sports together. Everybody that played football at Poudre owes a debt of gratitude to Danny for his work on getting the alumni association and Hall of Fame going. Even though Danny was dealing with multiple health issues, he remained positive and looked forward to getting better. I looked at my call log, and I talked to him on May 5th and we both yearned for the day when we could get together and have some Mexican food, which we all enjoyed. I have a hole in my heart over Danny’s passing, but please know I will pray 🙏 for you and your family. Rest assured I am proud as are many other Poudre alumni to have been a friend of Dan. Sincerely, Tom Dreiling, class of 1970.

Tom Dreiling - May 19, 2022 at 10:31 PM

GR

“ Lari, I am sad to read this. The part about Dan feeding the squirrels peanuts really resonated with me because my late brother was somewhat known for doing the same thing in Loveland's parks. He told me once he spent about \$200 a month on peanuts! My brother was close to Dan in age--about three months older than him. Anyway, you will be in my thoughts and have been occasionally throughout the years. We worked together at CSU Continuing Education many, many years ago (in case you're wondering who I am). Please accept my condolences.



Gayle Roslund - May 19, 2022 at 09:27 PM