



## Parker Hiatt Ernest

February 14, 1986 - October 10, 2022

Parker Ernest, beloved father, son and brother, died at age 36, on Monday October 10th, 2022.

He was born on February 14th, 1986 and grew up in Fort Collins. As a child he loved dressing up as any hero, karate, snowboarding, wrestling, and soccer. His brilliant blue eyes were the first thing anyone would notice about him. From six days old he was in wrestling gyms watching his dad coach and referee and learning moves from all the wrestlers. This community of generations who loved the sport, the dedication, and each other was a constant presence in his life. He coached and refereed alongside his dad and became well respected by students and parents, and other coaches and referees. He and his dad loved attending many NCAA National Wrestling Championships together. Parker loved his sister from the moment she arrived and included her in all of his childhood play. They were so close and his devotion to her was deep throughout their lives. His tender love towards his mom was always evident and is manifest in the treasured original garden boxes that he made for her.

After graduating from Fort Collins High School, Parker attended CSU and worked a variety of jobs in the restaurant industry. He later finished his schooling at FRCC with an associates degree. He looked forward to tailgating with his buds every season for the CSU rams and was a part of a number of fantasy football teams.

His career interest began when he worked for Connie McChesney, a ranch owner in the Wellington area. She taught and mentored him in many aspects of ranch maintenance and his interest in all things construction was born. He next worked for Aztec Fencing. Parker and his former wife, Annie Hiatt, were married and began All Elements Fencing in 2014. They welcomed their daughter, Fiona Ann the following year. As years passed with that company, a vision was launched to become a general contractor and he apprenticed in the trade with David

Doll. Next, he supervised custom home building with LifeStyle Homes. Parker had recently begun working for Forge and Bow and was excited about this new adventure.

He is survived by his daughter, Fiona Ann Ernest and former wife Annie Hiatt, his parents Bill and Sandy Ernest, his sister Hannah Ernest Requa, brother in law Spencer Requa and their children Charlotte and Pierce. His maternal grandparents, Jim and Carol McIntyre. Aunt Heidi & Greg Brewster and their son Colin, his wife Payton and daughters Lennon and Lucca. Aunt Laura and Tom Nieb and their children Darcie Schroeder, her husband Bill, Kris Nieb, his wife Shannon and their sons Sebastian and Beckett, Andy Nieb and his wife Maggie and their daughters Mason and Rory. Uncle Mike Ernest and Uncle Scott and April Ernest and their son Liam. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Max and Mary Ernest.

Beyond all else, Parker loved his family.

The Parker Ernest Memorial Fund has been established to supply wrestling shoes to young wrestlers and uniforms to rookie referees. May his generosity, kindness, and quiet excellence in the sport be continued for years to come. Donations can be made directly to Bill and Sandy Ernest or at any First Bank branch to the fund.



# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I'll always remember Parker as a great teammate on the Boltz wrestling team. He was quick to offer advice and support alongside Bill. Parker also had a great character and nobody ever said anything bad about him. We'd always chat and catch up whenever I ran into him in Fort Collins. My condolences to Bill, Sandy, and Hannah. He was truly a special individual that touched many lives.

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**David Chiu** - January 26, 2023 at 12:40 PM

GY

“ Parker was a great friend back in the day, very sad to hear this news, condolences to the family.

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**Greg Yoder** - January 25, 2023 at 11:40 PM

DA

“ Bill, Sandy & Hannah, I am so sad to see this. I always remember Parker when I think of the boys soccer days. He was always such a nice kid. And he was quite the wrestler & ref. He will be missed by so many. Thinking of you all & sending you hugs & prayers.  
Debbie Aragon

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**Debbie Aragon** - October 27, 2022 at 10:46 PM

MC

“ Bill, Sandy and Hannah, I was so shocked to hear a rumor about the death of Parker. Then it turned out to be true. I am filled with sadness, but happy for the time G-d allowed him to spend on this Earth. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Mary

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**Mary Carlson** - October 27, 2022 at 12:38 AM

GA

“ *Condolences to the entire Family. I knew parker best as a wrestling coach and friend at kinard Jr. High. I still remember many practices with him as my only wrestling partner and coach, wiping me across the mat. Or even years later seeing him throughout wrestling matches coaching a refereeing with his father. I may have grown a bit bigger then parker but he was always like an older brother to me. I will miss him greatly -Greg Adkins.*

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**Gregory Adkins** - October 26, 2022 at 03:05 PM

NB

“ *To Bill, Sandy, and Hannah--I was stunned and saddened this morning to see the obituary of this fine young man in your life. Parker was in both my 8th and 9th grade English classes. He was that rare student who soars before your eyes and you have the easy job of just watching. I can't conceive of how big a loss this is for all of you. You are on my mind.*

*Nancy Beauprez*

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**Nancy Beauprez** - October 26, 2022 at 09:12 AM