



Theodore Michael Jenès

May 1, 1954 - March 10, 2015

Beloved, admired, and an inspiration, Theodore Michael Jenès (1 May 1954 – 10 March 2015), was a tenaciously loving man who lived in a way that made life better for everyone around him. No one felt this influence more deeply than his family: his loving wife of more than 37 years, Jean; their son Eric, wife Nora, and son Oscar of Ithaca, NY; their son Adam, wife Amy, children Owen and Lylah of Fort Collins; his parents Ted and Bev; his brother Mark and wife Ann; and their large extended family, including Jean's brother Cliff Summers of South Dakota, his lifelong devoted friend. For those he taught, Ted was more than a role model; he was a kind, funny, and dedicated man in love with teaching while gently caring for generations of students as an elementary school teacher in the Poudre School District for 31 years, with tenures at Cache La Poudre and Timnath Elementary Schools, among others, and as a district curriculum development specialist. Long after leaving his classroom, students still sought him out; sometimes seeking advice, always expressing gratitude. His influence in their lives reached beyond academics, and inspired them to be caring, productive, and generous of heart. Ted was also an inspirational athlete, excelling at distance running while earning his bachelor's at the University of Washington, and then during a lifetime of running and cycling. That inner drive and commitment characterized his life, from earning his master's degree at Colorado State University to building a loving home and family with the "girl next door" he met in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where he graduated from high school in 1972. His tenacity and sheer grit was never

more evident than during his ascent in the Pike's Peak Marathon or his cross-country bicycle ride from Colorado to New Hampshire, with the exception of his 13 year battle with brain cancer, which incited even more endurance and willpower. Right until his diagnosis, Ted took great joy in mountain biking with his sons, Eric and Adam, in rugged places like Moab, Utah. Ted will be vividly remembered for his infectious zany humor, his generous spirit, his gentle ways together with fortitude and courage. Ted expressed the sentiment; "I had success in racing only because I was not afraid to lose so long as I left everything I had on the track or course. This [cancer] is no different." Ted Jenes left the best of himself in the lives of all those he taught and loved.

A Memorial Service in Ted's honor will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, in the South Auditorium of Timberline Church in Fort Collins, 2908 S. Timberline Road. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church
2908 S. Timberline Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Ted's passing. When I started my teaching career 22 years ago, he was someone I looked up to and aspired to emulate. His compassion for his students was evident in every moment he spent in the classroom and, then as curriculum specialist, he extended that same love and concern to the teachers he supported. My deepest condolences to his family and all who loved him.

--Mary Barela

Mary Barela - March 28, 2015 at 02:43 PM

JS

“ I am sad to hear of the passing of this wonderful man. I am grateful to have known him and honored to have gotten to know his family. Please accept my sincere sympathies and may you all find comfort, peace and inspiration with each other and the memories you all share.

Love,
Jesse Solomon and family

Jesse Solomon - March 21, 2015 at 11:39 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Jenes and boys,
I'm so sorry to hear that Mr. Jenes passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
He was my favorite teacher all through my school years. I still remember the first day of sixth grade thinking that we had the "hottest" teacher in all of CLP. I hope that we weren't too much of a pain his first year of teaching!
I have often looked back on my elementary years and feel very blessed to have had Mr. Jenes. We moved when I was in the middle of third grade and was very sad to leave my old elementary. It wasn't until my sixth grade year that I was truly happy to be at CLP. Mr. Jenes was kind and easy to respect. I think he deserved teacher of the year every year that he taught. He was an amazing teacher and made me want to learn and be a better person. He made me want to try harder in school, in which I am truly thankful to him, as he helped me prepare for junior high.
I think the last time I saw him was before I moved to Hawai'i in 1998. Please know that my respect and love for this great man never changed, 37 years later it has not changed and it never will. I will always think fondly of him and love him for the kind, caring, loving and fun man he was.
May the Lord hold you all in the palm of His hand!
Love and my sympathies,
DeeDee Shoemaker

DeeDee Shoemaker - March 20, 2015 at 07:48 PM

DM

“ I worked in PSD and knew Ted from math training. My teammate also worked with him at CLP and she spoke to highly of him. I remember having a conversation with Ted after one of the training sessions about people changing their lives in a positive way and asked for a book recommendation from him. He suggested *The Power of Positive Thinking*, which I bought, read and applied some of the ideas to my life. Ted was a man of such positive, good character, and I am sorry he is gone. *Deb McAlister*

Deb McAlister - March 20, 2015 at 06:26 PM

MF

“ *Jean, Eric and Adam,*
My thoughts are with you at this time. I have fond memories of Ted and his family.
Be there for each other.
With love,
Mary Joyce Fink

Mary Joyce Fink - March 20, 2015 at 03:47 PM

LB

“ *We wish to send our heartfelt condolences to the whole Jenes family. Remembering the great good that, he delivered to the World, by teaching the generations of young minds, too be all they could be. The World is a better place, for his having been here. He leaves a legacy , that we can all live by, and he will be surely missed by all.*

Love,
Donna, Larry and Kristy Bales

Lawrence W. Bales - March 19, 2015 at 08:41 PM

MS

“ I taught with Ted for only a short while, but knew I had met a superior human being right away! He had such a wonderful smile, quiet sense of confidence, and was a master teacher. No challenge was too much for Ted. He included EVERY student, no matter the needs or skills, and each came away feeling so successful. He had the gift to touch the souls of all he encountered. Ted was and is an inspiration to all his coworkers and students. Sincere condolences to his family.

Maureen Schweickert

Maureen Schweickert - March 19, 2015 at 05:47 PM

ER

“ Ted Jenes was my son's teacher at Riffenburgh Elem and a colleague in the Poudre School District. I have always regarded him as a prince of a person who used his intelligence and talent to make the world a better place. He possessed compassion that was unequalled for students in his care. The world is a better place, especially our community, because he shared his life with us. Thank you to his family for allowing him to be part of us. I am so sorry for your loss but grateful that heaven will be gather such a good man. Evelyn Gaston Reuter
David Reuter (former student)

Evelyn Gaston Reuter - March 19, 2015 at 04:47 PM

ME

Jean, Eric, Adam, and Family~

I worked with Ted through PSD a number of years ago. Everything you expressed on his memory page was evident to me from the time we met. We are only on this earth for a blink of time in history. Your husband and father did well to make a mark of "life well lived." He has also created a wonderful legacy.

*My prayers for you during your time of adjustment..
He is just a whisper away.*

~Mary Sue Landrum-Ehrlich

Mary Ehrlich - March 21, 2015 at 11:14 AM