



Tracy Gordon Tate

July 24, 1975 - May 6, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Tracy Gordon Tate. Tracy unexpectedly passed peacefully in his sleep on Saturday May 6, 2023, at the young age of 47. Tracy will be deeply missed and forever remembered by so many people that he impacted throughout his life.

Tracy was born on July 24, 1975, to Robert Tate and Olive K Valdez in Denver CO. He graduated from CSU Veterinary school in 2005, and then furthered his career with Chappelle Animal Hospital as a small animal veterinarian where he positively touched not only his four-legged patients, but their humans as well.

Besides being an incredible Veterinarian, Tracy was also an amazing soccer coach and mentor with Arsenal Colorado for the last 25 years. Tracy had a huge impact in the Fort Collins Soccer Community and was loved and respected by so many.

Tracy is survived by his wife Kristen of 24 years, daughter Raina, son Xalen, father Robert, Mother Olive, and brothers Kevin and Jon. He is also survived by extended family, many close friends, the entire soccer community, and all of his four-legged patients.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 3pm, at the Fort

Collins Soccer Complex, 3955 NE Frontage Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80524. All are welcome to stop by anytime to share memories, enjoy food and music, and celebrate Tracy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to either The Animal Friends Alliance (<https://www.savinganimalstoday.org>), or The Fort Collins Soccer Club (<http://www.soccerfortcollins.org>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Fort Collins Soccer Complex
3955 NE Frontage Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Dr. Tracy Tate was the last vet our dog Pete was seeing at Chappelle. He performed the biopsy and diagnosed Pete's cancer and recommended CSU among other specialists. I'm so grateful that the last time I spoke with Dr. Tate on the phone, I was able to express our deep appreciation and thank him for such great care of Pete, who could be a challenging patient. Dr. Tate was gentle and patient and kind. The world has lost a beautiful soul who helped so many people and their four-legged family members.

Thank you and rest in peace, dear Dr. Tate.

Dulcie Willis - June 27, 2023 at 11:25 AM

KP

“ Dr. Tate was just the most amazing vet who displayed such love and care for our special little Sophie. He was so very kind and was always so helpful. Our sincere sympathy to the entire Tate and Chappelle families. I have not doubt that he is being snuggled by so many of his 4-legged friends in the skies. Kathy, Tony, and Sophie Phifer

Kathleen A Phifer - June 12, 2023 at 09:33 PM

JF

“ To the Tate family and the Chappelle family,

We are shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of such an amazing human being. Having moved back to the Ft. Collins area in 2005, we were privileged to have Tracy as the primary caregiver for our numerous dogs and cats for his entire career. He shepherded several of our companions through their entire live's journey. As many have stated, he was innovative and compassionate, especially with the occasional stressed animal or parent. He was engaging and always positive and interested not only in the lives of our animals, but in our own personal lives as well. He had a great sense of humor and was both optimistic as well as realistic when it came to the ongoing care of our furry companions. His infectious spirit will be greatly missed.

He undoubtedly epitomized the following;

"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission -- to be of service to them wherever they require it." -St. Francis of Assisi.

John & Amanda Ford - June 11, 2023 at 09:34 AM

DO

“ He was a great soccer coach that became family!



DaNae Ostler - June 03, 2023 at 02:03 PM

EM

“ I believe Maya Angelou said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." This is so true for Dr. Tate. We only had a few short years with Dr Tate and in that time, we learned that without a doubt, his soul is beautiful, full, and generous and while he isn't with us today, the ripples of his soul will live on. All of our love as you grieve.

Emily - June 01, 2023 at 09:59 PM

SE

“ I'll steal this quote from Paula Montgomery, May 16 as I could not express it any better, "I'm saddened beyond words that he is gone My condolences go out to his wife and children, the entire staff at Chappelle, and to all who knew him. We have all certainly lost a wonderful man." Truly a privilege to have had him as our vet for quite some years, and he was more than that...I feel like we have all lost a real friend

Steve & Diana Elder - June 01, 2023 at 05:12 PM

GRACE

A person with a heart of gold and a lending hand. Even when she has nothing left for herself, she will put the needs of others before her. She cares for all, regardless of their status or background. Her generosity and kindness know no bounds.

“ Tracy..

*Of all the many blessings
However great or small
To have had you for a nephew
Was the greatest one of all.*

*The family chain is broken now
And nothing seems the same
But as God takes us one by one
The chain will link again.*

Until we meet again - I love you, Grace

Grace Musselman - May 24, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Tracy... I remember when I first met you at Kristen's house in Cherry Creek with Snoopy painted on the corner fire hydrant to let you know which street to turn on. LOL

I met you with your very long dirty blonde hair (I was so jealous) LOL) in the driveway on a beautiful sunny afternoon and Kristen told me that you were going to be the man that she marries. And your reply back was, Yes I am. I love Kristen with all of my heart. Both of you were still in high school then - but you both already knew your dreams and that the endless love at first sight and this was the best of the beginning for you two.

I knew then that this was meant to be as there is never a love so deep than the one you both shared at a very young age. And that your love was one for the books. Through graduation of high school and then on to college CSU the two of you have always had the best intentions for your lives together.

Thank you Tracy for making my niece the happiest woman alive and giving her the two most beautiful children who are now in to their young adulthood.

You have been a light to everyone in our family all of these wonderful years and I know that you will always be with us and watch over your family continuously. It has been an honor and a privilege to have you as my nephew - you made the world a brighter place when you were here. You will be deeply missed and loved by many. Rest in Peace Tracy until we meet again.

You will forever be in our hearts. A big part of my heart lives in Heaven...And he is my Nephew

Grace Musselman - May 24, 2023 at 10:48 PM

DO

“ Tracy Tate where do we begin! You will be forever be remembered as a stand up humble person. We loved your passion for the game. We loved the friendship and the fun memories we made. We loved your ability to see the potential in players. You were “ The favorite coach “ because you truly cared, you never forgot Riley’s birthday and that meant a lot to her and us. Tracy Tate you will be truly missed. You will always be remembered as a stand up humble man, friend and coach. The impact you left will never be forgotten. Until we meet again RIP. The Ostler family.

DaNae Ostler - May 17, 2023 at 11:37 PM

MM

“ I first met Tracy in Mrs. King's afternoon kindergarten class in the fall of 1980. He lived next door to the school, and had a donkey, so obviously I wanted to be his friend immediately. That sparked a 43 year friendship that, despite the duration between seeing each other, picked up right where we left off. So much of who I am now is a direct result of Tracy, and his friendship. Knowing Tracy, I fully expect the occasional haunting, as he'd find that humorous. I look forward to that. I'll miss him so much. He'll live on, though, in the lives he touched and especially the lives he helped create. I see so much of him in Raina and Xalen. My heart and soul goes out to Kristen and the kids. Don't worry buddy, we'll look after them.

Mike Meaux - May 17, 2023 at 10:47 AM

RE

“ Tate Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man who was taken from you far too soon. Tracy was a bright and beautiful light in the Fort Collins world, a talented and kind soccer coach, and a gentle and compassionate vet for our skittish dog. May you soon come to embrace the gift of having had him in your lives, in only for too short a time. Condolences.

Reenie - May 16, 2023 at 02:47 PM

PM

“ *Dr. Tate was the primary vet for most of my pets over the 28 years I've lived here and most especially the last 10. He was always professional, kind, caring, understanding, and so very skilled at his career. I'm saddened beyond words that he is gone and so very young. My condolences go out to his wife and children, the entire staff at Chapelle, and to all who knew him. We have all certainly lost a wonderful man.*

Paula Montgomery - May 16, 2023 at 02:10 PM

SP

“ *I had many fun conversations with Tracy, often about soccer and the players. He was very welcoming to me when I joined as a coach and the subsequent years. He was part of the clubs genetics and will be sorely missed by many players and parents he touched.*



Stephen Price - May 14, 2023 at 04:11 PM

DS

“ *So many memories. FWR in Hawaii & Boise. Tournaments in Phoenix, Vegas, San Diego.....
Poker, parties, birthdays, Vet visits and home visits.
Above all else he was such a good and compassionate person. He was my friend and I will miss my friend!*

Dave Shaffer - May 14, 2023 at 02:04 PM

CW

“ I worked with Tracy at Chapelle Small Animal Hospital when he was a technician. He always made us laugh, and always made sure our patients and their owners were taken care of. Sending all who knew and loved him strength and love.

Claire Wilson - May 13, 2023 at 10:11 PM

SR

“ I first met Tracy when he was 20. I hired him as a receptionist at Chappelle Animal Hospital. During the past 27 years, I watched Tracy become a husband, a father, a mentor and an excellent Veterinarian. He was also a good friend. I will greatly miss Tracy. God speed T2❤️

Susie Redmon - May 13, 2023 at 09:26 PM

DT

“ So tragic. We absolutely adored Dr. Tate and his total compassion for both animals and their owners. He will be missed!

Dave T - May 12, 2023 at 07:50 AM

GB

“ Tracy was my daughter's soccer coach and gave her confidence, belief in herself, and skills to achieve her soccer aspirations. Tracy was also our Vet and helped us through the passing of our dog, Lucy, was a constant presence in our dog's lives and my daughter's dog's life. Most of all I am honored to call Tracy a friend. I look forward to seeing him in another world or dimension or wherever for one more concert, poker game, and just to hear his laughter. This world lost one of the best!

Gary Bohlender - May 11, 2023 at 04:24 PM