Travis Potter Goodman

March 11, 1978 - May 26, 2010

Travis P. Goodman, 32, of Fort Collins, CO, peacefully passed away May 26, 2010 outdoors. Travis was born in Mason City, IA on March 11, 1978 to Neda Amidon and Earl Goodman. Travis moved to Colorado in 1983 and graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2000. Travis then moved to Madison, WI in 2001 where he began employment at Trek Bicycles, Inc. Travis became an accomplished salesman, winning the Inside Sales Rep of the Year award twice. In Madison, Travis met Christin H. Kiesner, and together they moved to North Carolina in 2006, where Travis took a promotion as a Regional Sales Manager of North Carolina for Trek. Travis and Christin married in Colorado September 18, 2008. They then fulfilled their lifelong dream of moving back to Colorado in January, 2010. Travis was an avid cyclist and loved the outdoors. He loved traveling, exploring new places, and hiking in the mountains. Travis participated in numerous mountain bike races and was very enthusiastic about getting other people outside. He regularly volunteered and participated in cycling events that promoted charitable causes. Travis was a friend that left this world too soon for our liking. His courage, grace, honor, humility, humor, and the most animated eyebrows we've ever known will be missed deeply. He will never leave our hearts and through the love that remains for him, he will live forever. Have a great ride Travis. We'll see you again someday. Survivors include his wife, Christin; mother and stepfather, Neda and Jim; father, Earl; brother, Forrest; grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and numerous friends who are like

family. A private memorial for Travis with close family and friends will be held in Rocky Mountain National Park.
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong Livestrong.com.

Tribute Wall

TO

I still think about you T-Pott. You made me laugh many times... and almost pee my pants with that 180 car trick. Much fuzz. -tones

toni - December 12, 2015 at 11:24 PM

EH

It has been almost 2 years and I just randomly came across this online. I wasn't aware of Travis' passing since we lost touch after he left Snow Mtn. Ranch in 2000-2001. I could not believe what I was reading. To his wife, Christin and his family, I know time has passed, but I am so very sorry for your loss. What a truly beautiful soul he was. I am just so glad I met him when I did because he touched my life along with the many kids and people he worked with. He had such a fun loving way about him--very goofy! I recall him dressing up as an elf for Christmas at the ranch 2000. He proudly stood by Santa, meanwhile making everyone laugh with his utter goofiness and smile. I will never forget him. Rest in peace, Travis.

Erica Hoyt - February 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SO

Ride on Travis! Ultimate Bicycle sorely misses you. From one Coloradoan to another, much love brother.

solomon - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

i got to know travis when he was a frequent visitor to the outdoor shop i work at in chapel hill. we would often cross paths out on the local mtb trails. sometimes in life you stumble upon people you realize are special the second you meet them. i felt that way the moment i met travis. although i did not have a chance to know him well, i will truly miss him. the world has lost a very special human being. christin, my thoughts have been with you.

David Falkowski - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

Christin, I am saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and yours. My deepest condolences, Sarah

Sarah Hook - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

I knew Trav in his younger years, but, learned of his many life-adventures school, marriage, work through the family grapevine, so it didn't seem like he was a stranger. It's so sad that he had to leave us so soon. Take comfort in that he was blessed by having found such a wonderful person in Christin to share his life with, and had other family to support him throughout. Everyone should be so rich this way. Take care. Pam

Pam Goodman - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

Neda, please accept my condolences. I can think of nothing more difficult for a parent. You are in my thoughts. John

John Littrell - June 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

Travis, Although we never met, I feel like I have known you from all the wonderful stories and pictures shared by your mom. You have touched so many people.

Kathy Lucas - June 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YK

Dear Christin, I am very sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through because I have been there 5 years ago. There is not a single day for me without thinking about my husband. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. Time will heal gradually because I am doing much better now even though I have to keep facing my daily challenges alone. But the LOVE will give us strength to live through our lives until we meet again. Take care. Youngmi Kim

Youngmi Kim - June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

Dear Kristen and family, My heart goes to you and all those who love him. This poem brought me much comfort when I needed it. Ada The Traveler James Dillet Freeman He has put on invisibility. Dear Lord, I cannot see— But this I know, although the road ascends And passes from my sight, That there will be no night; That You will take him gently by the hand And lead him on Along the road of life that never ends, And he will find it is not death but dawn. I do not doubt that You are there as here, And You will hold him dear.

Ada A Cachafeiro - June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

My condolences.

marion Orchard - June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

Travis is in our thoughts and prayers.

Scott Lawrence - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

Words cannot begin to express my thanks to everyone for all of their condolences, love, support, and most importantly, loving memories of Travis. It is extremely comforting to know how many lives he touched, and in such a positive way. Thank you for allowing me to draw strength from your memories. I love you all, Christin Goodman

Christin Goodman - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

Travis, You were one of the nicest persons I have ever meet. I cannot recall I time we were together that there was not a smile on your face and a good thing to say. It is truely a shame to loose such a great person so early in their life. I will miss you.

Kevin Slatten - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

What a blessing it has been to have Travis in our lives. Two years ago we did a shop expansion and remodel. Travis went the extra mile to make our dream a reality. We are so thankful that Travis believed in us and helped us out with all the right connections. From the entire staff at The Bicycle Shop, we will miss the presence and influence of Travis. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christin and the entire family

Kathy Kane - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

Neda and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Pleaswe know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time.

Carol Mathena - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

Travis will be very missed. He was a great person and always made everyone smile.

Sue Peaslee - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

Travis, I will miss your smiling face and your "always" happy demeanor. Thanks for making my job here at Trek easier and better. We all miss you but know we will meet again in the future. What a ride that will be! LPJ

Lee Jones - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

My condolences to Christin and the rest of the family. Travis was truly a great person and will be remembered.

Jenelle Thurnbauer - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

Travis will be surely missed he was always there for answers any time you nedded them.

Robert C Squires - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

It was truly an honor to know Travis, and we will miss his monthly visits to our shop, showing us everything new, and innovative. But most of all his kind soul that radiated out to everyone. Thanks for your spirit, Travis.

Georgia Curry - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

Trav and I worked at Trek together and had many memories. We built a disc golf course, played some great ultimate frisbee, had a fantastic vacatoin to Costa Rica, race some 12 hr races with CK and most of all, just had an all out great time. I will miss him deeply but will have nothing but good memories about Goody. My condolances to CK and familiy, I will always have a place in my thoughts for Trav. Will Stoffel

Will Stoffel - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

I've sat here trying to put into words what I want to say, but the words fail me. All I could think about is this, great, kind, active skinny kid running around the streets of Mason City, or camping at Yellow River. I lived in Clear Lake for 3 years, so I think I got to know Travis and Forest a little better then most of the cousins. The thing that always stood out to me was that smile. The kid always looked like he was having a good time. Our condolences to all who knew and loved him. Christen, Earl, Neda, Forest, and Mary Jo, you are in our hearts and our prayers. I'm sure Grandma Della is showing him around, and smiling down at us!!!

Bob, Lana, Tierney and Marshall Goodman - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

I work with Travis through Trek, but he was far more than that, he was my friend. By that I mean he was dear to my heart and whenever we would see each other there was a hug to be had. During the time Travis was our inside rep at Trek we flew him out for our big century ride, the Wildflower. I remember we had one of our more colorful characters visit while Travis was in the store, Ted a local Drag Queen. It was priceless to see the expression on Travis's face, but he didn't miss a beat. It would appear the we didn't scare him off, because later he and Christen returned for a follow up visit. We were also lucky to visit with Travis and Christen in Chapel Hill, a place that my wife and I had spent 5 years living as well. I will keep all of those memories near and dear for years to come. Travis you are the third person I have deeply cared about that has fallen to this terrible cancer and I hope the last. You will always be remembered and have a special place in my heart.

John Alden - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

Thoughts,prayers and much love to you and the families. Shine on Travis, shine on!!!

ric abrram - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

Travis was a special nephew who will be greatly missed..We had some great times at Yellow River . Our special prayers to Christin who is a Saint for all she did for Trav.Love from Dale and Judy

Dale & Judy Goodman - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

Our hearts are very heavy. Travis was a great friend and colleague. We will miss him dearly.

Shane Hockensmith & Staff Bike Line of Charlotte - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

I had the pleasure of working with Travis at Trek. A lot of memories were made playing ultimate, disc golf, cribbage, euchre, and riding bikes. Travis always had a positive outlook regardless of circumstance. I miss him. Thoughts and prayers for Christin and family.

Matt Tiradani - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

Travis was truly an amazing, kind and caring person who I was lucky enough to get to spend time with early in his life. I remeber his laugh and how sensitive he was to others. I am not surprised that he has left such a bright light in so many lives! I am so sorry that his wife and family have lost such an amazing man. I am so grateful we all got to have the time on earth with him we did! My deepest saddness, Carolyn

Carolyn Wilson Spiwak - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

Dear Christin and family Travis was a great friend and and co-worker while you were in NC. Everyone at Cool Breeze Cyclery and the Trek Store of Charlotte grew to love his steady wit and wisdom as he guided us through a new Trek Store Opening. Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Travis certainly lives on in our hearts and we'll feel his continued presence in the great outdoors. Take care Christin Kind regards, Steve Doolittle and all the Staff of Cool Breeze Cyclery & Trek Store Charlotte 704-236-4549

Steve Doolittle - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

I'm still in shock about this. I barely knew Travis, but this hit me hard. He was our outside rep at The Spin Cycle, so I first met him during my time there, then we had the amazing experience of inventorying all the leftover Trek bikes in our warehouse. We had that Uhaul stuffed full...bikes on his car, and burley trailers stuffed inside his car. I never rode with him, but we talked about hooking up to ride Shenandoah sometime. I miss him already. Just know that you aren't alone in your grief...and I wish I could take more of it for you. lee

lee walker - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

Sorry to hear of Travis's passing. He was a great guy and it is an honor to have known him. He will be missed.

Sean Prevette - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

Dear Christin, My heart is breaking for you! I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time! Love, Erin

Erin Reimer Place - June 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

The joy of working with Travis was his willingness to make it work out for everyone involved, a rare trait these days. He will be missed. Tailwinds from the First Flight Bikes crew.

Jeff Archer - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

We have some great memories of Travis especially during his childhood; camping & fishing. Travis will be truelly missed but will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Joel, Doreen & Shannon Goodman

Joel Goodman - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WD

the line "Travis was a friend that left this world too soon for our liking" from Travis' obituary could not have said it any better. He is already deeply missed but has left an impression in my mind for life. I am honored to have known him.

Wesley Davidson - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

My thoughts and prayers go out to Christin and the family. Travis was a wonderful man and he will be deeply missed. His smile and sense of humor are somethings that I'll never forget.

Kathi Koepke - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

There are those few people in the world who always have a smile on and carry a quiet charm about them. Travis, you were one of these people. We will all keep a piece of you with us and we will always smile when we think of your grace you shared with the world. Godspeed bro. Love, Rog

Roger Bird - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

Travis my time with you was great on and off the bike you were very inspiring in many ways, some great times in Costa Rica, Mount Rogers 100K last July, Riding @ Pocohontas St park, Thanks so much for the great memories. Rick Bartels

Rick Bartels - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

All staff at the Two Wheeler Dealer bicycle shop will miss Travis and his monthly visits. He was one of the best to visit our home and he fit right in with everyone here. We are all very fortunate to have had our lives cross paths. He will live with us always.

jim mincher - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

I wanted to tell what a pleasure it was to know Travis. I am the sales rep. right next two Travis and we spoke often. He had a tough territory and he had many high pressure moments with his dealers. I know he was under a lot of pressure but he handled it well never saying an ill word about anyone. He was a pleasure to know and there is not a day goes by that i do not think about Travis. Before he moved back to Colorado we had good conversation about death and dieing and he told me he was ready for death if it came. He seemed at peace with him self and i so admire him for it. I spoke about my mother dieing when she was 29 years old and how my grandfather never got over it. Travis was a mature soul and he is smiling on you all. there is one thing i learned from my mother dieing. Your memories, you will dream about Travis and will have many more adventures as he will come back during those dreams and you will have many conversations to come. take care, jeff

jeff haase - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Dear Christin, Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Jon and Yvonne Benz

Jon and Yvonne Benz - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

I had the pleasure of meeting Travis a few times. I feel the loss partly because I no longer have the opportunity to get to know him better.

Barrett Ladd - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

A beloved member of our blended families, Travis was the adventurer. When asked where Travis was, Neda often stopped for a moment to think... not exactly sure she would say but he's probably biking with friends. And, he always found his way home for the holidays to share his stories and listen to ours. Holidays filled with food, silly gift exchanges and Christmas morning in Colorado... the closest thing to heaven on this planet! Travis, you are in our hearts forever. Tom and I love you and will watch over your family as long as we're here.

Debra Fishpaw - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

Neda, I am so sorry for your lose. I cannot image a more difficult death than that of a child. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Gene

Gene Gloeckner - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

Neda --- I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family... Tom

Tom Chermack - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DV

Neda, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. My prayers are with you.

Don Venneberg - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

Neda, I am very sorry for your loss. I know you will keep his memories close to you and in your heart.

Jerry Kohler - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NK

Dear Neda and familly, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your lovely son Travis. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories of him provide some comfort in your hearts during this very difficult time. Nathalie Kees

Nat Kees - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PL

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. I'll Never forget you "Goodie"

Patrick Leslie - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TU

I appreciate all the great Travis memories that will always be with me. From the day we met at Trek, I proudly received the title of #2. Then there was the summer we raced 2 person 12hour mountain bike races as Team GoodWood and placed 2nd. My thoughts and prayers are with Christin, Neda, Earl and all of us who were blessed to have Travis in our lives. Following is something Travis told me as well posted. ""I hate when people say, "He/She lost their fight with Cancer." That sucks, and makes it seem like that strong person was defeatable. "The Cancer could not be controlled by their immune system an involuntary response mechanism and medicine." That's how I'd put that! Give the person who "Lost their fight" some boxing gloves to attach to their strong mind....game over Cancer!"" Well said!... LiveStrong! Blessings, Travis #2 Underwood

Travis Underwood - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

Travis i miss you. everything i'm doing right now is in your honor and in remembrance. i'm thinking about you a lot and they are the best of thoughts. i'm off to Texas to see mutual friends during this holiday weekend. take care man jay

Jay Moncel - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

Thank you Travis for being an incredible co-worker. Thank you for the weekly game of Ultimate Frisbee. Thank you for always lighting up the room with your energy and infectious smile. Thank you for being a caring and honest friend. Thank you for being an incredible husband to CK. Thank you for always giving your time and energy to those people and causes that needed it. I'll never forget you, and know that you are smiling down upon us all, with that special Goodie grin, from that big playground in the sky.

Tim Staton - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

My heart goes out to Travis' wife, family, and all the other friends out there who are saying goodbye to one of the most wonderfully positive and charismatic people any of us has ever known. Rest in peace, brother.

Jarrod Murphree - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

Neda, I am so sorry for your loss, please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or your family.

Laurie Carlson - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

Travis lived with such enthusiasm and joy. I feel so fortunate to have experienced that and only wish there could have been more. All my best, Elisabeth

Elisabeth Huber - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

Travis we miss you already. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jarred - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OH

Travis, I did not get to know you. As a parent with two beautiful children, I can only say that I know your mother whom I work with loved you with all her heart and soul. I hope your family can see that you've let go of the suffering you must've had to endure and is finally at peace. I'm not good at this sort of thing as I too had experienced what it was like to lose someone wonderful and beautiful. May God Keep You Safe In his Loving Arms!

Okee Hanna - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NJ

We will keep in our hearts forever our memories of Trav. We love and miss him very much.

Nola & Jim - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

Travis was a kind a sweet soul who always lent a smile and the most positive energy. Working with him at Trek, riding at Camrock and enjoying good conversation was a great pleasure. He will be missed by many, but will live on in our memory always. Peace, Stacey

Stacey Hallman Wilhelm - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

Travis was a delight to work with -his positive attitude and sense of humor will not be forgotten. We will miss your presence greatly Travis. Our condolences go out to his wife, family, friends everyone who was blessed to have crossed paths with him. Jason and Natalie Fryda

Jason & Natalie Fryda - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

My thoughts and prayers go out to Travis's family and friends. I went to school with Travis Jr High and High school years. My god bless!

Maleena Walker Romero - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Travis was a man of integrity, full of positive energy and kindness. His smile was contagious as was his personality. He will be missed.

Norman White - May 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

I have so many memories of Trav; playing football in our backyard all through school, Gumby, fishing for crawdads in Spring Creek, playing video games in the basement, frisbee golf, the apartment in Greeley with the "hole to China," and a dear, dear adopted member of my family. He is my brother, I love him, and will greatly miss him.

Tyler Hancock - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM