



Matthew Todd Laudermilch

February 3, 1976 - October 7, 2023

Matthew Todd Laudermilch (Laudy to his friends) 47, of Annville passed away unexpectedly on Saturday October 7, 2023.

Matthew was born in Lebanon on February 3, 1976 to Terrence S.

Laudermilch of Annville, and Patricia A. Kaley of Annville. Matthew was a December 1997 graduate of Paul Smith's College in up-state New York. He was employed by Wagner Lumber Company as a Log Buyer. He was a member of the Annville VFW Dutchmen Pool League. He enjoyed growing vegetables, cooking, hunting, salt-water fishing, walking in the woods, taking his pets to the dog park, and spending time with his many friends.

Surviving in addition to his parents is a son, Hayden Taylor, and a sister, Sharon Terrazas.

On Sunday October 22, 2023 a stop in from 12PM - 5PM will be held at American Legion Post 559, 35 South Manheim Street, Annville, PA 17003.

Family and friends can gather and share some of their favorite memories to remember a wonderful person, who is greatly missed.

Previous Events

Stop In

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 559
35 South Manheim Street
Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall

JM

“ We have had the pleasure of dealing with Matt for the past few years. He was always smiling and loved his job! We were very sorry to hear of his early departure. Our deepest, sympathies and prayers are with his friends and family.



jersey's urban axe men - October 24, 2023 at 10:16 AM

PK

Thank you for that great pic of Matt at work! Priceless!!! I'm guessing that that big hook thing in the background was what hit Matt in the head a few years ago! My son was a tough guy, but a forgiving guy. Thanks again!
Matt's Mom

Patricia Kaley - October 28, 2023 at 08:33 PM

KA

“ Matt was such a fun loving soul. He enjoyed his family and friends and getting together for special occasions meant the world to him. While those gatherings will always be different from now on, Matt would want us to continue to be together. Matt, I miss you so much and I will love you forever ❤️

Kathy - October 18, 2023 at 04:16 PM

PK

As we all, Kathy...As we all!

Patricia Kaley - October 21, 2023 at 07:42 AM

MA

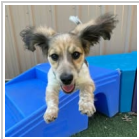
“ *Maria A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Todd Laudermilch.*

Maria A. - October 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM

AL

“ *Angela L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Todd Laudermilch.*

Angela L. - October 18, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *We didn't know Matt well - but used to sit on the sidelines at soccer games when my son Andrew and Hayden played together as young boys. His dad, Terry, is our dear neighbor. It's obvious how much Matt was loved and adored and will be missed.*

Christine Renee - October 18, 2023 at 09:13 AM

DK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Daren Kemper - October 15, 2023 at 01:28 PM

DK

“ I’m a neighbor of Mat down in Dagsburo I also love to fish like Mat did every day .Mat would go past our dock and I would always say hey where are you headed or are you headed out or what did you catch. Mat would always take the time to stop and talk to me . Always pleasant always shared how he did that day . He always gave me the tips for the fishing that day. I was really looking forward to spending time with Matt out in the ocean sometime. We talked about going companion tuna fishing, and at the Radford Matt was always friendly he will be very sadly missed . My condolences to your family. May you rest in peace, my friend fish on!

Daren Kemper - October 15, 2023 at 01:13 PM

MK

“ Matt was the best log buyer ever period. His knowledge and understanding of how to get the most out of a log was second to none. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace buddy.

Michael Kovalchick - October 13, 2023 at 05:15 AM

“ How to tell the story that was my son...How can anyone accurately paint the moving picture that was Matthew Todd (Laudy) Laudermilch?? Yes, Matthew was born on February 3, 1976, the year of our country's bicentennial. It was a beautiful time. During that year he learned to sit and gained several teeth. At nine months he walked. Matt was not going to stay sitting for any reason. And walking would get him where he was going faster than crawling. He dealt with crawling at about the 12-month mark after I bought him some hot wheels/matchbox cars.

As a youngster, he played baseball; first with the midgets, then little league, a brief stint in teeners; he played for Annville-Cleona High School, and he played Legion ball for a short time. He was a good pitcher and there was only one kid who would 'catch' him because he threw so hard. He played center field, being one of the only kids who could throw the ball from his position to the catcher. He also played short-stop and the hot corner, third base. He also dribbled a bit of basketball in middle school. But he found his niche on the high school X-Country team. He often said he loved running through the wooded areas that were part of the competition.

He also was a member of the A-C High School Choral, the Chorus and, for a very short time, the band, playing the horn. But even as a very young guy, he found passion in fishing, having been caught trout-fishing in the local creek just two days before the season opened at about age 13. All this, because he saw a rainbow trout in the creek that he believed belonged to him! Needless to say, he was caught by the local Fish and Wildlife Commissioner and his equipment was confiscated.

After graduating high school in 1994, Matt tried pursuing the environmental science major at LVC, but that wasn't really in his corner, being focused too much in research and not enough in 'hands-on' study. So, he ended up at Paul Smith's College in a Forest Technology program, where he thrived, knowing he would get to walk through the forests and touch the woods in a unique

way. The college was only twelve short miles from Lake Placid in Up-State New York and he just couldn't resist the lakes in the region. During the warm months he fished, loading a canoe onto the roof of his Mustang (scratching the roof beyond repair). In the cold months he found an ice-screw and went ice fishing. And during his time back in Annville, he took up table pool, at which he became quite adept, eventually joining a league.

The summer before he graduated from college, he did an internship with Webber's Saw Mill in South Annville Township. They were so impressed that they told him he could count on a position as a field forester with them when he graduated in December of '97. He worked for Webber's for about 17 years before joining a The Brown – Foreman Corporation out of Kentucky that produces Jack Daniel's. His job was to accrue white oak in our geographical area for their whisky barrels. They eventually downsized his position, which brought him to the Wagner operation.

Matt loved his life. Recently he said to me, "You know, Mom, I have this great life. I'm not fabulously wealthy, but I don't believe I'd be happy like that. I have a great job that I love doing. I have a nice home; I get to grow my own vegetables. I can cook whatever I want. I have this great boat and I get to go fishing almost every weekend. Who could ask for more?"

Indeed, who could ask for more??

I love you Bud! I'll miss you forever!

Mom

Patricia Kaley - October 12, 2023 at 11:49 PM

DK

I'm so sorry for your loss... I have a video of Matt in his boat going down the lagoon. It was Saturday the day he passed. Please let me know if you would like to have it. When you want to reach out to me my number is (717) 309-2626 my Mother is Eileen Kemper my name is Daren again we are sorry for your loss. We are at 30814 West Lagoon Road.

Daren Kemper - October 15, 2023 at 01:41 PM

PK

Thank you, Daren. Someone will contact you.

Patricia Kaley - October 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

TG

“ Matt was identified as a person we wanted to work at Wagner long before we could talk him into it! He was skilled, loyal, upbeat and a person you were always happy to run into. When he finally came to Wagner, he had immediate impact and that continues even after his passing; a bad day for all involved to say the least. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace Matt, we will miss you.

Tom Gerow, General Manager of the Wagner Group

Thomas Gerow - October 12, 2023 at 01:13 PM

PK

Thank you Tom. As Matt's Mom, I saw the man he would become when he was 3 years old. Your words are validating. He was a man of worth; a man of integrity.

Patricia Kaley - October 13, 2023 at 08:23 AM

GH

I had the pleasure of working with Matt thru Wagners as a truck driver. Most generally doing a Bally PA load I would call Matt and see if he had a load for me to pick up, most of the time he did and we would chat and joke around about work or whatever, then I would say see you next time. Thank you Matt for being a friend and great coworker, you will be greatly missed.

Greg Holdrege - October 14, 2023 at 12:13 PM

PK

Thank you, Greg, for your kind words. I can't tell you how validating it is to hear how much my son was respected and liked among his coworkers. You are right, he will be greatly missed.

Patricia Kaley - October 14, 2023 at 10:21 PM

JR

“ Such sad news to hear of one of our good high school classmates, Matt always strived to be good at what he set his sights on and it wasn't too often you seen him mad , deeply saddened and will definitely be very missed

Jeremy Rhoads - October 11, 2023 at 05:44 PM

TR

“ So saddened and sorry to hear of Matt's passing. He was a smiling and pleasantly social guy that would chat with anyone and liked to make folks laugh and smile. I will miss seeing him around and always being greeted warmly and kindly by Matt. Great, honest, and social man. Take care and my best thoughts to all of his family and friends.



Trevor - October 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Matthew Todd Laudermilch.*



October 11, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Matt was a fantastic teammate and he will be greatly missed. He was always will to go the extra mile and lend a helping hand. He was a high performer who loved his job and took pride in the work he did. The forest products as whole was better with Matt's contributions. Doug Beaulieu, Forester, Wagner Hardwoods*

Douglas Beaulieu - October 11, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, I am still in disbelief that we have lost such a great friend in our industry. Matt was full of good positive energy, loved being out and sharing his fishing stories and who had the nicest logs. I unfortunately didn't get to learn enough from him but he definitely had a big part in growing our company and making it what it is today. Thanks for everything Matt we will miss you stopping in from time to time to let us know what we need to improve on.*

Jereme lockey - October 10, 2023 at 08:40 PM

RJ

“ To Matt’s family, I was shocked and saddened to her of Matt’s passing, I got to know Matt when he came on board at Wagner’s. He always treated me with respect and was always a pleasure to work with and always had a good story of hunting/fishing to share. He will definitely be missed by his peers. RIP Matt!

Roger Newman Jr - October 10, 2023 at 07:36 PM