



Eric F. Henager

May 24, 1987 - August 6, 2011

Eric Franklin Henager May 24th, 1987 to August 6th, 2011 Eric died Saturday morning after a too brief 24 years of life. He was born and raised in Spokane, WA, but moved to Cameron Park, CA for high school. He recently moved back to Washington to live with his mother in Cheney and to pursue a career as an electrician. Eric made friends easily with his quick smile and adventurous spirit and leaves many of us behind to mourn his passing. He was an avid photographer and loved to travel looking for that perfect shot. He had a passion for swimming that started at a young age with competition and morphed into teaching lessons and coaching with Team St. Luke's to pass on the love of the sport to a younger generation. Working with young children meant so much to him. Eric was always putting others first and was quick to help out in any way he could no matter the sacrifices he had to make. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, energy, passion for life, and ability to make others smile. He is survived by his mother, Heather Carling-Smith; father, Bob Henager; brother, Colin DeWitt; sister, Allison DeWitt; and grandmother Barbara Scrogam . As well as his uncles- Malcolm Carling-Smith, and Bill (Mellony), Steve (Casey), and Dave (Karen) Henager, cousins- Marisa, Megan, Dane, Tom, Barbara, and Kelsey, niece Cecilia, and nephew Walter. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Bud Scrogam, Alan Carling-Smith, and Bill and Arlene Henager. Memorial contributions may be made to Spokane Area Swimming, 21715 S. Cheney Spangle Rd., Cheney Wa 99004 in Eric's memory. Eric touched many lives during his time with us

and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday August 12, at Cheney Funeral Chapel. A reception will follow at the family home.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Heather - Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Shelley Mader - August 16, 2011 at 03:58 PM

DK

“ my best memory of Eric is the time he spent working at Betz. He had so much positive energy and the kids just loved playing with him. He always had games of some kind going and everyone played. He was a great young man and he will be greatly missed. God Bless you all.
Deb Kinnie

Debbie Kinnie - August 13, 2011 at 11:49 AM

HS

“ I don't believe I had the opportunity to meet your son but having known you for many years I wanted to send my deepest sympathy . Here's a big hug to you Heather from Heather.

Heather Van Stone - August 12, 2011 at 07:19 PM

CJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. Eric was such a great kid. I really liked him so much and enjoyed working with him and loved watching how great he was working with children. C.J.

C.J. Johnson - August 12, 2011 at 05:07 PM

KR

“ Eric was a stellar individual who took an active interest in others whose lives he touched. He had a carefree, happy demeanor that easily put one at ease. In the brief time that I knew him I quickly learned that he was a person of integrity and someone who sincerely cared about the welfare of others, no matter how various their needs may have been. I am saddened to learn of his death, but am comforted with the knowledge that we may one day meet on that blessed shore. My heart goes out to all of his family and friends. He was admired and respected by all who came to know him at the greater Sacramento area YMCA. His talent as a patient and thorough swimming instructor is legendary and continues to circulate ever since his untimely death became known. My heart and condolences go out to all family and friends who will continue to cherish what has now become a profound memory. You will be missed, Eric Henager.

Kevin Ramsey - August 12, 2011 at 03:25 PM

CT

“ Heather...you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers...Eric will be greatly missed! Love...Cindy

Cindy Tilque - August 12, 2011 at 02:21 PM

RF

“ Bob, we're so sorry to hear about your loss.
With deepest sympathy
Alan and Gwenlee Riedel

Riedel Family - August 12, 2011 at 12:49 PM

FB

“ On behalf of Eric's co-workers in the Aquatics Department at The Spokane Club, our sincere condolences. Eric was well liked by staff, the members of the Club, and of course, the children he taught. Eric was larger than life, fun to be around, and was a conscientious employee. Although employed at the Club for a short time, Eric made a big impact. He will be greatly missed.
With Regards ~ Frances Bailie, Human Resource Director, The Spokane Club

Frances Bailie - August 12, 2011 at 12:18 PM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy to you Heather and all your family. So very sorry to hear of your loss.

Kathy Hatcher - August 12, 2011 at 12:35 AM

KL

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Eric was a wonderful person who always had a twinkle and a sparkle in his beautiful blue eyes. He will be missed by so many people. Heather, he told me how proud he was of you climbing the alps and I am sure he told you that as well. My prayers are with you all. I will miss him too.

Kay Labish - August 10, 2011 at 09:03 PM

RP

“ So sorry Heather and family..roger

Roger Pugh - August 10, 2011 at 08:12 PM

VE

“ We are so sorry to learn of Eric's death. Of course, we remember him as the fun kid on deck at swim meets. You have our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Vicky & Jeff Eickerman

Vicky & Jeff Eickerman - August 10, 2011 at 04:38 PM

KT

“ Bob and family-
Our prayers go out to you during this very sad time. Randy and I are thinking of you and if there is anything either of us can do, please don't hesitate to give us a call. You are a very kind man with a big heart. We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Randy Baker and Karrie Thomson

Karrie Thomson - August 10, 2011 at 11:54 AM