



Thomas Eric Travis

June 28, 2014

Thomas Eric Travis, 49, born October 6th, 1964, in Houston, Texas died suddenly and unexpectedly Saturday night, June 28, 2014, at Hartford Hospital. Eric attended grade schools in Maryland and London, England and graduated from William Paterson High School in New Jersey. He was currently attending Tunxis Community College in CT.

Eric moved to Avon, CT in 1992 with his parents, Frank and Eleanor Travis. Eric led a rewarding life with many wonderful moments and experiences. He traveled extensively throughout his life and lived internationally for a number of years in his youth. He loved to spend summer months at Fripp Island in South Carolina and winters hiking and skiing in Aspen, Colorado. He attended numerous concerts, galas, plays and festivals and immersed himself in both southern and Texan cultures, grits being one of his favorite classic dishes that he enjoyed with his now deceased uncle Wally Elliott.

He formed a great many bonds and friendships here in Avon and could often be found out on the golf course with good friend John Murphy enjoying life and good conversation. He worked for many years in the maintenance department at Wagner Ford. He participated in many local organizations, especially Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Country Club of Farmington and The Learning Incentive, where he most recently had the opportunity and truly rewarding experience to connect with and mentor students, under the

guidance of longtime supporter and friend, Cynthia Cordes.

He was adored and loved by his parents and family and is now reunited with his mother, Eleanor who passed away more than 11 years ago and shared a special bond with Eric.

Besides his father, J. Frank Travis, and his father's significant other Sharon Griffiths Rizikow, Eric is survived by his brother J. Gregory Travis and his wife Karen A. Lazar living in Saratoga Springs, NY and their three children, Eric's loving nieces and nephew; Brooke Allyson Travis, Grant James Travis, and Caroline Ruth Travis; his aunt and uncle, Cynthia and Dr. Luther Travis, his aunt Margie Elliott, his uncle Andrew Jackson and his late wife Joan, and numerous caring cousins. Eric will be sorely missed.

The funeral will be held Thursday, July 3, beginning with calling hours from 9-11 a.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Funeral services will follow at Noon at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave., Hartford. Burial will be in West Avon Cemetery, Avon. Everyone is invited to join the family for a reception at the Country Club of Farmington, 806 Farmington Ave., Farmington.

Eric was an ardent supporter of the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and recently the Petit Family Foundation. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to either of those charities at www.petitfamilyfoundation.org or www.stjude.org/donate. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

West Avon Cemetery

Country Club Rd
Avon, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

JUL 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Asylum Hill Congregational Church
814 Asylum Ave
Hartford, CT

Reception

JUL 3. 2:30 PM (ET)

Country Club of Farmington
806 Farmington Ave
Farmington, CT 06032

Tribute Wall

BM

“ To the family...I'm so sorry that you dealing with the loss of your dear loved one. Please know that the God of all comfort is there to sustain you at this very sad time.
Hold on to all your happy memories.

Beatrice Mitchell - July 03, 2014 at 08:31 AM

JM

“ Frank, Sharon, and family,

Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. We are grateful that we were able to meet Thomas at Sarah's wedding. He was so friendly and gracious and simply larger than life.

We send you our prayers and love,

Jane and Bill May

Jane May - July 02, 2014 at 10:21 AM

RS

“ How very sad that Eric is gone, but of course, never forgotten. My deepest sympathy to Eric's family, friends, and everyone touched by his kind and loving nature.

Roz Schuster

Rosalind Schuster - July 02, 2014 at 07:08 AM

CC

“ *What a marvelous experience it was to know Eric and his family. He brightened every day he attended The Learning Incentive with his charming personality, positive thoughts and sharp wit. He had endless patience and constant kindness to everyone he interacted with. I will always be grateful for the time he spent as a student and volunteer and I will truly miss his invaluable help and his unwavering friendship.*

You will never be forgotten.

Cynthia

cynthia cordes - July 01, 2014 at 08:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Eric Travis.*



July 01, 2014 at 11:37 AM

DM

“ *What a wonderful, charming personality. When Eric he entered a room with his most beautiful smile, it lit up like a bright summer's day.*

A golfing experience with Eric was never serious, but always memorable because he always beat his opponents. It was always a \$ 9 day for Eric.

I will truly miss you my friend.

Dick Murphy

Dick Murphy - July 01, 2014 at 07:42 AM

CB

We are so sad to hear of Eric's passing. Eric was such a delights always with a big smile on his face. He was so generous and kind. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Our deepest sympathies to your family.

Carine Bizindavyi and Alexis Hakizimana, Vaylin Hakizimana,,

Carine Bizindavyi - July 01, 2014 at 02:40 PM