



## Heather Matthews

July 19, 1970 - July 19, 2009

HEATHER MATTHEWS age 39 of Gilbert AZ formerly of Merrillville passed away Sunday July 19 2009 after a courageous battle with Lupus. Survived by her daughter Zoie Matthews of Gilbert AZ fianc Nick Hilborne of Gilbert AZ mother Patricia Matthews of Merrillville sister Sherrie Matthews of Crown Point (LOFS) three brothers: Bryant Matthews of Valparaiso Paul (Renee) Matthews of Crown Point Roger Matthews of Merrillville two nieces: Ashley and Bailey Matthews many aunts uncles and cousins. Preceded in death by her father Bryant Matthews. Heather was a graduate of Merrillville High School Class of 1989 and a graduate of Indiana University. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville Friday July 24 2009 from 2:00 to 7:30 p.m. Funeral service will follow immediately at 7:30 p.m. at Pruzin Brothers Chapel with Rev. Tim Prowse officiating. Services to conclude at the funeral home with cremation to follow. Memorials preferred to the family.

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ dear pat & bryant i would like to extend my condolences for the passing of heather. although i dont know her personally ive heard a lot of stories about her from both of you how she has been suffering so she is in a good place w/ God. jacob is also sending his condolence. helen massuda

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**elena massuda** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the Matthews family.

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**Jamie Hidalgo Calanca** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Condolences to the Pat Matthews family. We are out of town today. Heather was a warrior and we followed a small part of her life. You are in our prayers.

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**andrew and judi attar** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I want to say that I am very sorry for your loss of such a Beautiful person. I truly believe that Heather was an angel sent to us from up above. She was an amazingly strong person and truly one of my Very Best Friends. I will miss her terribly. Zoie ALWAYS know that you were your mothers greatest love. She felt so Very blessed to be your mother. She will always be right by your side. And Nick I want to Thank You for all of the joy that you brought to Heather in the last few years. She was so happy falling in love with you and finally becoming the family that she always longed for. She felt that the two of you meeting was the second greatest moment of her life. Second only to the birth of her beautiful baby girl Zoie. We had so many great times together shopping going to lunch with the girls every Saturday after gymnastics and watching our little girls play softball. Heather will live on in each one of our hearts forever. Zoie I will always be here for you. I look forward to watching you continue to grow into the beautiful strong woman that your mom has raised you to become. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Heather Rest In Peace My Beautiful Friend!! Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I will NEVER forget you!!! Love Ya Kelly

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**Kelly Hendrickson** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Heather in Jr. High and we remained friends through HS. She was one of the nicest people that I have had the pleasure of having in my life. Her quick wit and just as quick smile always captivated others. You are all in my thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Beth Hutchison Hawthorne** - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Sherrie Sorry to hear of the loss of your sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Phyllis & Danny Komisarcik

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**Phyllis Victor Komisarcik** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ as a friend of Bryants I wanted to wish my prayers and support to you at this tragic time. Please celebrate her life each day as she is in a better place where you will see her again one beautiful day. God Bless each of you and love each other. The love of a family will hold you together. Gary

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**Gary Huey** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ A sisters love is special in oh so many ways Now miles stretch between us and minutes turn to days. Weve shared so much as children the tears the joys the pain A lifetime spent together those memories remain. In times gone by weve pondered the paths our lives have taken Knowing that in spite of this our sister love unshaken. A sisters love is special in ways that are unspoken Still that binding force exists our sister love unbroken.

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**Sherrie** - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ZO

“ Mom- I love you so much. You were the greatest mother. You would do anything for me. I am very glad to have had you as my mother. Even though you were sick you made sure that I was okay. I meant everything to you and I hope you know that I appreciate that. You cared for me. You loved me. You meant everything to me. I promise you that I will get through this. So will Nick. He misses you a lot...I miss you. Everyone misses you. You were such a fantastic person and I admire you for being one. Thank you so much for teaching me the steps I needed to learn in order to succeed. You were a great person and an even better mother....No one will ever forget you. You will always be in my heart.

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**Zoie** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Heather. I knew her from the reunions every year growing up and regret that we dont all see each other more. You are in our prayers. Mike Becky Carissa Laura and Tommy Yonan

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**Mike Yonan** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Heather Matthews*

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**chris schell** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *SHERRIE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS YOUR IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*

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**ray serva** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *We are sorry for the family loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Matthews Family.*

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**Bob & Maria Stewart** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Heathers family and friends.*

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**Glenn Adler** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Heather fondly from John Wood through high school. She would cry if you were crying and was always quick with a joke and a smile.*

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**Susan Lytle Bishop** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Nick and Zoie We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Heather. May she rest in peace pain free with the Angels. Rick & Janet Larson

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**Janet Larson & family** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Matthews family.

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**Michele Puskar Hirchak** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My deepest sympathies to all of the Matthews family. I have very fond memories of Heather. My grandmother adored her and loved when she would come over during high school even if I wasn't home. Zoie your mom & I talked often after you were born. We both just brought home our little babies and found support in each other. She cherished her new baby girl. Even though we lost touch in recent years I have heard you have grown into a wonderful young lady. Your family will remain in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Debi Hofferber-Olsen** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I am very sorry to hear this. My best to all the family. Scott

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**Scott Elisha** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I am so sorry to hear of a passing of a fellow classmate. Her friends and family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead.

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**Patti Tubbs** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Heathers passing. I knew Heather since 1st grade all the way through high school. I didnt know she was in AZ as well. My condolences to the family.

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**Laura Tripp** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM