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Matthew John Coleman, 51, of Boone passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames. Since December Matthew suffered a gradual decline from a disease that was not diagnosed until April. He had a viral infection that caused a rare condition called PML. In the words of 4-year-old William, “a bad germ was punching daddy’s brain” and that is why he could not talk or walk.

Matthew was born March 15, 1968 in Boone to John and Lelia (Liden) Coleman. At the age of ten, his family moved to Sioux City, and he graduated from East High in 1986. Some of his work experience included computers, driving, property inspections, and attorney.

Matthew loved his country. He served in the U.S. Air Force active duty from 1990 to 1993, was also in the Air Guard for numerous years, and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), which is an auxiliary of the Air Force.

Matthew loved learning. He earned an associate degree from WIT in 1998, a bachelor’s degree (online) from Utah Valley University in 2010, and a law degree from Creighton University in 2013 at the age of 45. He also learned to fly, earning his private pilot’s license.

Matthew loved language and storytelling. As a child he read the dictionary for pleasure. In high school he started a fiction novel that he finished as an adult. In 2016 he self-published it. He also spent hours in his youth playing Dungeons and Dragons, which he later shared with his children, nieces, and nephews. Prose, poetry, or even ideas for stories came easily to him.

Matthew loved music and movies. He played the piano, was a percussionist, and prepared

the music for his mom's dance classes. He was a big fantasy and science fiction fan. No matter the music or movie, his favorite past time was sharing them with his family.

Matthew loved his family. He first met Greta Menting in 1990. They were married August 23, 1997 in the Chicago, Ill. Temple. They were blessed with seven children: Elizabeth, John, Brendan, Seth, Adelaide, William, and Mia. Most of what Matthew did focused on them: school sports, concerts, plays, family trips, movie premiers, etc. He volunteered with Cub Scouts, PTA, book fairs, and whatever else his wife needed help with. He was always there for his family.

Matthew loved the Lord. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in a variety of positions. His testimony of Jesus Christ guided him in all he did.

Matthew is preceded in death by his infant daughter Adelaide and mother-in-law Linda Menting. He is survived by his wife Greta Coleman of Boone, IA; six children: Elizabeth, John, Brendan, Seth, William and Mia Coleman all of Boone, IA; his parents John and Lelia Coleman of Boone, IA; his siblings: Lisa (Keith) Davis of Boone, IA, Leah (Marcy Anderson) Coleman of North Liberty, IA, and Joseph (Katrina) Coleman of Olathe, KS; Father-in-law Marvin Menting of Everly, IA; and numerous extended family.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 am, Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1516 22nd Street, Boone, Iowa. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, May 31, 2019 at Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home, 609 7th Street, Boone, Iowa. The family will also greet friends Saturday morning at the church from 9:00 am until the time of the service. Interment will be at Boone Memorial Gardens, Boone, Iowa with Military Honors. Memorials are suggested to the Boone Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Boone.

Online condolences may be left at www.schroederfuneral.com.

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home

515-432-4550

Events

MAY **Visitation with family** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home (Boone)
609 7th Street PO Box 116, Boone, IA, US, 50036

JUN **Visitation with family** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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JUN **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Very sorry to hear of Matt’s passing. He was a great law student at Creighton and an alumnus we were very proud of. Matt was a good man and filled a lot of hearts during his life.

- Prof. Mike Kelly

Mike Kelly - July 03, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Deepest condolences to the family. I have fond childhood memories of Matt, and I know he will be greatly missed.

Patricia Ades - June 03, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ I first met Matthew and his wife greta while working at hyvee he was such a nice man had a great family i always enjoyed them coming in so polite i remember how hard he worked towards the law degree and was so when he graduated this family has endured so much my deepest simply to all of his family and friends i know without a doubt he will be greatly missed prayers to you all.

Deanna Brown - May 31, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ He was so happy when he graduated

Deanna Brown - May 31, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ An exceptional person, I genuinely loved getting to know Matthew. His love of history and his work around historical preservation was inspiring. Incredibly gifted in his career and generous toward rural Iowa communities. Sending healing thoughts to his entire family.



Mara MacKay - May 29, 2019 at 02:31 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew J Coleman.



May 23, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Greta and her kids. Hugs to Matthew's parents. Amazing people all. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Gena Treganza - May 23, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Gretta their children and the rest of Matt's family. May your memories bring you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead.
Jody (Hilsabeck) McNaughton

Jody McNaughton - May 22, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Coleman Family
You are in my prayers. Cherish the memories.
Janice Thrap Larson

Jan Larson - May 23, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Many prayers to you all. May God bring comfort in your time of loss.

Ashley - May 24, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ John, I was saddened to hear of Matt's passing. He worked for me as an intern at IBP and we thoroughly enjoyed his wit and knowledge - we had fun working with him! My prayers for all of you during this most difficult of times.

Sincerely, SusanYoung
Sioux City, Iowa

Susan Young - May 25, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ To all the Colemans: We are so saddened to hear of Matthew's passing from this earth. We remember Matthew as a strong 20+ yr old when we lived two doors from you in Sioux City, so many years ago. May the sweet memories of Matthew always put a smile in your hearts as the tears roll down your cheeks. We know God has given us a special promise, of our eternal home, with him in Heaven. Though in our minds, we believe God has taken our loved ones far sooner than we wished, we know they have paid their earthly dues and he only takes the very best earlier than expected. Very special thoughts and love to John, Lil and the "kids" as we well remember all of you. Hugs and prayers are with you. John & JeanAnn (Dodds) Carrigan

John & JeanAnn Dodds Carrigan - May 27, 2019 at 02:57 PM