



Matthew Durand Dornquast

May 17, 1966 - February 4, 2022

Dornquast, Matthew Durand of Minneapolis, MN passed away suddenly from natural causes on February 4th, 2022. He was born in Massachusetts on May 17, 1966, to Suzanne Rae-Ellen Johnston and Thomas Wayne Dornquast. Matthew was a self-taught tech prodigy who started his career well before graduating from Roosevelt High school in Minneapolis. He would go on to create a truly prolific career in the start-up tech world, both through his own creations, in collaboration with others, and through investing in causes and startups he believed in. He is survived by his wife Colleen, his 5 daughters Camilla, Evelyn, Josephine, Madeline & Genevieve, his mother Suzanne Johnston, brother Nathan (Kim) Dornquast and sister Raelene (Jeff) Ostberg, and bonus brother's Peter and Eric Nelson. Preceded in death by his father Thomas Dornquast in 2000. Matthew Dornquast was a creator. Instead of waiting for adventure, innovation, or opportunities, he created them. He went through life learning every day and strove to design a future where things simply worked better and made more sense. He faced frustrations and hurdles with unwavering optimism. Everything was a game to be mastered. While still finishing high school, he was a pioneering tech professional. Working at Microworks, Control Data, Blue Cross, and then, at just 22, becoming the C.T.O. (Chief Technical Officer) of the renowned ad agency Fallon. Matt was on the cutting edge of bringing companies online, personally building servers, networks, applications, and helping create the entirely new industry of online branding that we see today. He helped define what it is to

have a company, a website, tracking, and communication. He started a new company Code42 with two of his close friends as an IT consultant firm. Under his guidance as co-founder, C.E.O., and Board Chair, Code42 went on to be one of the most successful technology companies in Minnesota, landing the largest private investment in our state in 2012. Until the day he died, Matthew was, as he always was: Caring, Loving, Patient, Brilliant, Funny, and above all Loved. Goodbye Matthew, we love you, we will miss you. Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00 pm 8:00 pm at Washburn McCreavy Funeral Home 5000 West 50th St. Edina, MN., with sharing of memories to take place at 7 pm for those who wish to participate. Funeral services at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Ave., in Edina, MN on Saturday, February 12th at 11:30am. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Bright Foundation, Minneapolis are welcomed.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 12. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Durand Dornquast.*



February 11, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ *My condolences. I didn't know Matthew personally, but we shared a common occupation; we both were in computer technology - on the design end. A tough profession with many demands, pitfalls, and interlopers. The early days of tech were fun, but the later days of tech focused on security. I know my systems were constantly under attack, and so were Matthew's. This stress took it's toll.*

I'm posting this message because Matthew and I had another common element; we are both fathers to girls. I only have one, and she is precious. Matthew has four. What Matthew and his daughters will miss out on is the close personal relationship a father has with his adult daughters. This is my motivation for posting. I'm seventy, and my daughter is in her forties. We've had countless conversations, perhaps numbering in the thousands; frequently we talk daily. Most of what we talk about is the difficulties of working with others. My daughter is much better at dealing with others than I am, and I remind her of that. But I know that she wants to know how I handled a particular situation, and I share my experience with her. These conversations have increased in frequency as my daughter moves into upper management. Matthew won't be here to help his daughters with those same challenges, and that breaks my heart. So much so, that I can't remain silent.

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Douglas Curtis - February 10, 2022 at 07:43 PM



I'm sorry, I made a mistake. Matthew has five daughters.

Douglas Curtis - February 10, 2022 at 08:27 PM