



Eric K. Augspurger

October 24, 1966 - July 9, 2019

Manteno – Eric K. Augspurger, 52, of Manteno, formerly of Normal, passed away unexpectedly at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 of natural causes.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on July 27, 2019 at Mennonite Church of Normal. A private family burial will be in Funk's Grove Cemetery in McLean, Illinois.

Memorials may be directed to Sierra Club Foundation or Amnesty International. Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Eric was born on October 24, 1966 in Bloomington, a son of Don and Ramona (Peacock) Augspurger. Surviving are his parents, Don and Ramona Augspurger; sister, J'ne Augspurger; and two nephews, Adam and Caleb Augspurger, all of Normal. He is also survived by several aunts, an uncle, and cousins.

Eric was raised in Normal, attended Unit 5 schools, and graduated from Normal Community High School. He graduated from Illinois State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in Industrial Technology. He worked for Goodheart-Willcox Publisher in Tinley Park, Illinois as a senior editor. In addition, he authored several books. Eric was a member of Mennonite Church of Normal.

Eric was an intelligent and talented man with many interests and abilities and will be greatly missed.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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Mennonite Church of Normal
805 S. Cottage ave, Normal, IL, US

Comments



“ As an author for Goodheart-Willcox Publishers, I worked with Eric long distance for many years. He was always the knowledgeable and conscientious editor who often had to clean up fractured verbiage I'd send him. His editorial skills were well-complemented by his knowledge of the AutoCAD software that was the subject of one of my books. I cannot remember how many times I appreciated his wordsmithing and his insight.

We would conduct long email discussions, punctuated by occasional phone calls, on topics of ethics, cars, landscaping, remodeling and occasionally we would even discuss work. I remember telling him once that one of my favorite hikes in the Columbia River Gorge was near Augspurger Mountain⁺, and he was famous in my neck of the woods!

It is a time like this that gives you pause. And words can't come. I am 21 years his senior, looking at his young 52 years, and wondering. But also knowing that in his 52 years he touched and uplifted many people, myself included. Although I share the grief of his loss with his family in what very small way I can, I also celebrate his life, and know that I was one grateful recipient of his caring touch.

Terence Shumaker

Terence Shumaker - July 28 at 07:57 PM



“ I first met Eric during my time at ISU when we worked together at Hometown Video. Later he helped me get my first “real job” at G-W and even gave me a place to stay while I got on my feet. It's safe to say that I wouldn't have the life that I do now without his generosity and help. Eventually life got in the way and we drifted apart, but I thought about him often. I'm sure that I didn't say it enough while he was alive, so I'll say it here one last time: “Thank you, Erik. For being a good friend and person, and for helping me out at a time when I really needed it. You'll be missed.” -Brad Stine

Brad Stine - July 24 at 02:59 PM



“ Eric and I hung out a lot in high school and while I went to ISU. I remember how much he loved getting to take his dad's Jeep out for a spin. It was always a lot of fun with the top down on a nice summer day. He also taught me about the secret Jeep wave, which I was unaware of prior to going on a Jeep ride with him. My condolences to his family and friends on the passing of Eric.

Max Rexroad - July 24 at 02:00 PM



“ Eric and I were friends during high school and I remember many evenings watching movies and playing video games at his house. We also enjoyed church youth group volleyball and riding around in his jeep. Eric’s parents were very kind to me and I remember his mother sewing a coat for me. I am very thankful for those memories and sorry to hear about his passing.

Tim Reeser - July 24 at 11:32 AM



“ Eric was a great friend through high school and college. We lost touch after graduating but I have thought of him many times over the years. I'm greatly saddened by the news of his passing. I still remember when he got bit by his pet piranha and taking a motorcycle trip with him where he tipped his bike over three times, lol! Those were great days.

Mark Romine - July 24 at 10:22 AM



“ Eric was a coworker and a mentor. He was extremely knowledgeable and a dedicated editor. He was the first person I sought out whenever I had a question or needed help. I always got the answer I needed. Eric was also a loyal friend. He always had an interesting fact or a funny story to share with me. We often discussed books, movies, cooking, and baking, and compared notes about our respective years at ISU. I consider myself lucky to have known him well.

Julia O'Dell - July 19 at 05:42 PM



“ When I began teaching at ISU in the late '80s, Eric was one of my students, and we were both having fun with all the new computer graphics applications. As with many students, Eric later began a career that put him in a position to work alongside his professor... in this case editing and helping me bring to market a new edition of a textbook that continues to impact the next generation of technologists. I always had to stop by and say hello to Eric when visiting Goodheart- Wilcox headquarters, and let him know Normal was still changing. This definitely leaves a void. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

Ryan Brown - July 16 at 09:49 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Eric the past four years. He was very smart, organized, and professional, and developed many quality friendships with co-workers. He could be a little quiet at first, but once a conversation continued, he shared knowledge and humor on many different subject areas. My last memory of Eric was at the end of June during our company barbecue, which was a super hero theme. Eric wore a Captain America shirt. When I asked him which super hero it was, he gave me a sarcastic grin for not knowing, and luckily I guessed Captain America. He really seemed to be enjoying himself, and I feel lucky to have that last fun moment with him. Prayers to all who mourn Eric's loss, and Godspeed to Eric!

Cathy Scheffers - July 16 at 09:23 AM



“ Eric was a mentor and coworker. Beyond that, he was a loyal friend and confidant. I knew that if I needed honest input, be it work-related or personal advice, I could always get it from Eric. Beyond his loyalty and integrity, what I admired most about him was his intelligence. I seldom walked away from a conversation with Eric having not learned something new, regardless of the topic. His absence leaves a gaping hole that can never be filled, and I'm incredibly grateful for having known him both professionally and personally.

Nicholas Drammissi - July 16 at 08:18 AM



“ I worked on many projects with Eric. He was a very skilled and knowledgeable technical editor and illustrator. He authored an excellent textbook on 3D Studio MAX for G-W. He also wrote creative work, including a historical novel based on the role women had in American manufacturing during World War II. Eric had many different interests and as we like to say as technical editors, “knew a little bit about everything.” I talked to him about music, history, computers, home renovation projects, and work and life in general. As a friend, Eric was always eager to lend out CDs and even “box” CD and DVD collections he owned. Eric's quality of work was an example to all at G-W. He had a major impact on many of our products. We are fortunate to have known and worked with him.
-Tony Panozzo

Tony Panozzo - July 15 at 10:00 PM



“ Eric was a friend and co-worker who I spoke to on a daily basis about anything and everything. The biggest memory I have is going to his house and setting up his computer and then he asked if I could help him put an antenna. I told him yes without any hesitation but I didn't realize the antenna was on a huge pole behind his house that we needed to take down lol. Then we just sat around and talked about work, life, hobbies, and his goldfish. You have inspired me to be more detailed at everything I

do. You will be missed by many.

Nick Sforza - July 12 at 10:09 AM



“ Eric was a good friend and co-worker who took great pride in everything he did. He was someone I could always trust for advice or to just share time with. I will miss our time talking about cars and woodworking but am thankful for having known him during our time together on earth. You made it a better place.

Jim Walsh - July 11 at 10:20 PM