

Eric J. Hewitt, age 50, entered eternal life surrounded by family on March 13, 2020, at Golden Acres Manor in Carrington, ND, after a 3-year battle with ALS.

Eric Jerome Hewitt was born October 26, 1969, to Jeffrey and Sharon (Puterbaugh) Hewitt in New Rockford, ND. He attended school in Carrington and graduated in 1988. He attended NDSU for one quarter before transferring to VCSU to pursue a degree in elementary education and a minor in coaching. He came home to substitute for a year and half before beginning his teaching career in Carrington Public Schools as a seventh grade science and geography teacher.

He was united in marriage to Brenda Rodacker in 1997, and they welcomed a son, Braxton, into their union. In 2004, he married Kristen Schumann, and they welcomed a daughter, Calleigh to their family. Eric made a career change in 2012, becoming a 50% partner in Central Distributing. His outgoing personality allowed him to enjoy his relationships with customers over the years and counted many of them as friends.

As a life-long Carrington resident, Eric took great pride in his hometown. He served on the park board, the board of the Federated Church, and was a founding member of the baseball club.

Throughout his life, one of Eric's passions was sports. He was involved in them throughout his youth and was an avid New York Yankees and NDSU football fan. In his high school years, he was a member of the 1988 state class B championship wrestling team, finishing fourth individually at 135 pounds. He was also a member of the 1986 state championship and 1987 runner-up legion baseball teams. As an adult, he coached various sports, among them junior high football, varsity and junior high wrestling, all levels of summer league youth baseball, and JV volleyball. He was the assistant coach of the state championship 1994 and 1995 CHS wrestling teams. One of his greatest joys was a 25-year run as a baseball umpire for high school and college levels and watching the success of the Carrington High School and American Legion teams. Another position that gave him much joy was his radio broadcasting for CHS sports and announcing for the state wrestling tournaments. He also enjoyed his 28 years of softball, including a trip to the national tournament in 2003, playing on a team with his three brothers and many friends.

A second passion of Eric's was travel. He traveled to all the major league baseball parks in his adult life, excluding the new Mets stadium, and followed his beloved Bison around the country. Along the way, there were many side trips, road trips, detours, and life experiences with both friends and family. The memories of these trips were one of his most treasured memories.

Eric is survived by his wife, Kristen; his children, Braxton and Calleigh; his mother, Sharon; his brothers Kent (Cindy) Hewitt, Shawn (Donal) Hewitt, and Kyle (Kristy) Hewitt; fourteen nieces and nephews; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jeffrey Hewitt; his grandparents Leslie and Ethel Hewitt, Abram Puterbaugh, and George and Dorothy Semmens; and many aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the ALS Association of MN/ND, the Federated Church of Carrington, Carrington Pit Crew Wrestling, or DPRCA in New Rockford.

## *In Loving Memory of*



*Eric J. Hewitt*

*October 26, 1969 - March 13, 2020*



### **God's Garden**

*God looked around his garden,  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest;*

*God's garden must be beautiful-He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain;*

*He knew you would never get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough  
And hills were hard to climb*

*So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered,  
"Peace be thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,*

*But you didn't go alone,*

*For a part of us went with you,*

*The day God called you home.*

*By Melissa Shreve*



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### **PRAYER SERVICE**

Monday, March 16, 2020 ~ 7:00PM

Federated Church UCC/UMC, Carrington, ND

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 ~ 10:30AM

Federated Church UCC/UMC, Carrington, ND

### **OFFICIATING**

Rev. Rick Loewen

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Clara Edwardson ~ Organist

Scott Beumer ~ Soloist

### **Congregational Hymns**

*In The Garden #425 and Amazing Grace #202*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Andy Braaten ~ Kelly Hagel ~ Aaron Geiszler

Rick Christianson ~ Troy Lura ~ Jeff Galt

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Eric's Family & Friends, CHS Class of 1988, Former Students  
& Fellow Umpires

### **BURIAL**

Carrington Cemetery - Carrington, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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