



Matthew Hubly

January 7, 1965 - February 7, 2008

Matthew Hubly -- Kankakee Chief Matthew P. "Matt" Hubly, 43, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday (Feb. 7, 2008) surrounded by family and friends. Visitation for Matt will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Court Street. A firefighter walk-through will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. The family has requested NO flowers, but that memorials are given to the family's wishes. Matt was born on Jan. 7, 1965, the son of James J. and Ruah Laase Hubly of Kankakee, who survive. A 1983 graduate of Eastridge High School, Matt went on to Lincoln Technical Institute of Technology in Indianapolis, completing the Diesel Truck Technology program. He began his working career for Johnson's Ace Hardware and then moving to 4K Garage in Kankakee shortly after vocational graduation. Matt also worked for Triangle Diesel Injection Sales & Service, leaving them in 1994 to pursue a career with Snap-On Inc. Matt was an independent Snap-On dealer for seven years, meeting some wonderful people that he missed long after turning to the teaching profession. He was hired by the Kankakee Area Career Center in August 2003 as the Fire/Rescue instructor. Through Matt's involvement with the Career Center, Matt has been able to bring to numerous students the joy and compassion that comes with being a firefighter. While with the Area Career Center, Matt was a SkillsUSA advisor, a National Contest advisor in which 2007 was the first year in which the firefighting skills

competed on the national level. He also served as a contest supervisor at the state level. In addition, Matt served on the I-KAN Emergency Response and Crisis Management Project Leadership Team. He worked on behalf of improving school safety by implementing the red and green cards that are now present in classrooms across Kankakee and Iroquois counties. He joined the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District in October 1991 and worked his way through the rank of firefighter to be appointed Fire Chief in 2003. As a 16-year member of the department, Matt obtained numerous fire certifications, including Certified Firefighter III, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Vertical 1 Ops, Firefighter Instructor 2, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Ops, Vehicle Machinery Operations, HazMat Technician 2, HazMat Advisor, CPR/First Aid Instructor and had recently obtained his Fire Officer 1. Matt has also served as past president of the Kankakee Valley Tactical Rescue Team, past president of the Kankakee Township Firefighter's Association and served on the Governance Committee for the Kankakee Valley Fire Academy, of which he was an instructor. In his spare time, Matt enjoyed home repairs, was a former member of the Sunday Nite Victory Couples bowling league and served as past vice-president and secretary of the Kankakee Elks PONY League baseball team. Matt had also coached Little League teams for the Knights of Columbus. He also enjoyed working alongside his brother, J.T., for Hubly's Towing and Repair of Kankakee. Matt is survived by his wife, Debra (Meyer) whom he married on April 22, 1989, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. He is also survived by two sons, Aaron Hubly, who is a sophomore at Bishop McNamara High School, and Noah Hubly, who is a seventh grader at St. Paul Lutheran School. In addition, he is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, J.T. and Paula Hubly of Kankakee; sister and brother-in-law, Carrie and Dan Petry of Kankakee; and one sister-in-law, Patty (Ray) Hubly of Bourbonnais; along with several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brother, Ray Hubly; both paternal and maternal grandparents; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law. Matt had lived life to the fullest and leaves behind wonderful memories that his family, his students, co-

workers, and firefighting family will long remember. Remember the laughter and lessons; don't dwell on the tears; that would be the best way to remember me.

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“ I was very shocked when i heard that matt died, he didn;t deserve any of this. may wishes go out to his family i went through my dads death about a year ago. hang in there everything will be ok.

God bless you##imported-begin##Brooke Regnier##imported-end##

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“ ĩ¿½Cheif Hubly was a great man and teacher. ĩ¿½He will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Andrew Peters##imported-end##

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“ Matt was a wonderful person and I was glad that I knew him through teaching CPR. ĩ¿½He was one of our best instructors and will be missed. ĩ¿½Vicky Shell##imported-begin##Vicky Shell##imported-end##

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“ My Deepest sympathy goes out to his family i½and friends and to the students that he taught at KACC and to the Kankakee Twp Fire department for their loss of such a great person and chief He will diffently be missed i½and Kankakee County lost a such great person##imported-begin##Ben Serena##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the family.

Matt will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Don and Alice Anderson & Don's Auto Repair##imported-end##

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“ Ruah and Jim, and Carrie and Dan,

I want to extend my sympathy on the death of your son and brother. i½I am very sorry for your loss.

I was not able to see you personally as I had minor surgery on Friday.

Bill Dyon##imported-begin##William Dyon##imported-end##

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“ Dear Debbie,

 You might not remember me but you and Janine were friends with Shawn Shade in high school.

 You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. I am sorry that I was not able to make it to the wake for Matt but I had to be at another family members wake at the same time and day as his.

 I know what it is like to lose your loved one as I have lost mine going on three years now. If at any time you wish to talk when you are feeling down just give me a call. My home number is above and my work number is 427-6734. I took over the company after Bill died.

 Sincerely,

 Gladys Goreham###imported-begin##Gladys Goreham###imported-end##

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“ I met Matt when I participated in Fire Academy. He was extremely well versed in every area of fire science. He taught with great motivation, professionalism, and dedication.

The last two years, however, we came to know Matt as our son's teacher at the Career Center. Matt passed his passion of fire science on to our son. We shared more time with Matt as our son participated in Skills USA 2007. Our son will continue on through the academy missing Matt, but knowing that he has an angel on his shoulder.

Our sympathies to the entire Hubly family.###imported-begin##Tom & Sherri Funk & family###imported-end##

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“ I wanted to express my deepest condolences to the Hubly Family. i½Matt's memorial on Saturday was one of the most touching tributes I have ever been a part of. i½He was such an asset to our community and this tragedy has truly touched so many of us.##imported-begin##Katie Holohan Johnson##imported-end##

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“ This is to Matt's wife and kids, to Matt's brother(s) and sister, and to Matt's mom and dad: i½I am so sorry and so sad for your/our loss. But I know Matt is with Ray now, his arm around Matt's shoulder in an oh-so-glorious place...helping Matt learn the ropes of Eternal Happiness in heaven. Fly high, my cousins! I will see you soon.##imported-begin##Daniel Victor Donovan##imported-end##

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“ Dear Deb and Family,

Tom and I will always joyfully hold dear

the Sundays we shared with you both.As I'm

sure ours are short to what you will always hold dear, one can only be grateful

for those years. Our prayers are with you.

Thankful For Knowing Matt,

GOD SPEED,

Deb and Tom Mitsdarffer##imported-begin##Deb Mitsdarffer##imported-end##

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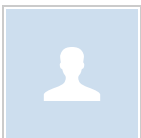
“ Always a sense of humor, and always true and there for friends and family and your causes and beliefs. You and Debra are always supporting and cheering and even parenting the kids at Victory Lanes. AJ, Allie, Alec, and of course Adam will always have special memories because of the Hublys. I know you made an impression on AJ by coming all the way to Watseka to watch him play ball. I'm sure all of you had many other things to do but in the Hubly way you put friendship and Christian values first. Thank you. We are all blessed and will continue to be through the presence in our lives of Debra, Aaron, and Noah.##imported-begin##scott weedon##imported-end##

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“ Matt, a Firefighter. A Firefighters career ended in his prime. Fire alarms, structure fires, vehicle crashes, technical rescues, and hazardous materials responses. No longer will you respond with us to these emergencies in person. We all know you will make every run safer by being with us in spirit. Heaven must be busy these days, so God searched for the best Fire Chief he could find to protect those living in his kingdom; and he found him, Chief Mathew P. Hubly.##imported-begin##Bob Lergner##imported-end##

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“ Chief will be long remembered and never forgotten. He has left a long lasting impression on the people that have met him. It is a great loss to the people who never had a chance to meet him. We will always remember his little and big things that he did. If a student wasn't able to get over the fence, he would give them a hand and give them that extra push. The chief will never be forgotten!##imported-begin##Adam R. Jensen##imported-end##

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“ I will miss one of the most caring and protective fire chiefs I have ever worked with! Anytime Matt would make a call day or night he always made sure the ambulance crew was safe! Always juming in to help out if we needed an extra hand! Never leaving us on the road without his eyes watching for possible danger! To your loving family, I am so sorry for your loss and know this community will never forget him and all that he has done for us!##imported-begin##Tami Walters##imported-end##

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“ It was such a shock to hear of Matt's heart attach and death. We were in shock. I want to send my deepest sympathies to the entire family. And remember "Gone from the home, not from the Heart". And he is in good company....Matt and Dad have a lot of catching up to do.....##imported-begin##Sylvia Lowe##imported-end##

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“ Matt was a great friend to us. He will be deeply missed by us and so many others. Matt touched alot of peoples lives. He could always be counted on when someone was in need of help.##imported-begin##Steve & Cindi Faford##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences in Matt's passing. ĩ½What a wonderful friend and colleague he was in offering me his superb know-how in the emergency management field of work. ĩ½Matt became one of my main support people for learning about the firefighting and emergency management do's and don'ts. ĩ½What a wonderful man, a wonderful friend who believed in what he was doing. ĩ½I always enjoyed interviewing him in my media work. ĩ½And oh, how he loved his family. ĩ½God Bless the Family and please accept my sympathy.

--Carl Gerdovich

 ĩ½WGFA Radio

 ĩ½Iroquois County ESDA###imported-begin##Carl Gerdovich###imported-end##

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“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of Matt. Our hearts go out to you Debby, Aaron, Noah. You are in our thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin##Rob and Brenda Hlawek###imported-end##

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“ MATT A TRUE FRIEND,A PERSON WHO WOULD GIVE YOU HIS 100% ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.

THE BECKMAN PARK DAYS PLAYING FRISBEE

WATCHING MATT AND DEBBIE BECOME A COUPLE

THOSE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE THINGS I WILL REMEMBER.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HUBLY FAMILY.MATT WOULD WANT THEM TO HOLD THERE HEADS HIGH AND MOVE IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION

THINKING OF YOU MY BUDDY

MY SPECIAL NICK NAME GIVEN TO ME

BY MATT SCOTT (TISSUE) BOWSHER###imported-begin##SCOTT ï¿½(TISSUE) ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½BOWSHER ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½###imported-end##

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“ Matt was an amazing instructor, Matt took over for FF Joe Jay and it was a great teaching experience and a pleasure to teach with him. I can remember 2 years ago while teaching Nozzles Fire Streams & Foam, Bradley got a call for a confirmed fire in Quail Hollow, upon returing Matt had went into a long explanation of basically FAE, with numbers, calculations and the look on the students faces was "priceless" I asked him if he was OK, because apparently FAE was being taught instead of the academy class, he laughed with that roar of a laugh and we finished the class and I ribbed him the rest of the night, team teaching with Matt was always fun, he was credible, had great stories and he will be sadly missed by many, and shoes that will be most difficult to fill.

Lt. Eric Dockus###imported-begin##Eric & Robin Dockus###imported-end##

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“ Chief, it is hard to believe that your gone. However I just want you to know that I will always remember the laughter. I also want you to know that I am going to do my very best when I compete at skills. There's two huge advantage that all the KACC Fire/Rescue students will have over all the others. We were taught by the best, and we all have an angle on our shoulders.

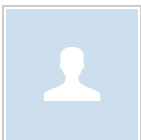
 Love, Austyn "Gusher" Bruno##imported-begin##Austyn James Bruno##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Dave & Lois Allen##imported-end##

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“ Words cannot express how we are so sorry for the loss of Matt. Our hearts go out to you Deb, Aaron, Noah, and family at this sorrowful time. Matt was a very special person who was always there for many! There is nothing but great memories of him and his laughter will never be forgotten. You are in our prayers and thoughts!

 Joe, Shawn, Steve, and Stephanie Marcotte##imported-begin##The Marcottes-Joe and Shawn##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family in this trying time.##imported-begin##Lawrence & Lynda Burkhalter##imported-end##

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“ I remember a young, firey red-head running around Trinity Lutheran Church grounds with my girls Shelly and Stacey trying their best to keep up.

I am deeply sorry for your loss and extend my most heartfelt condolences to your family.

May God keep you in his loving arms at this difficult time.

##imported-begin##Becky Posing Erickson##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with you and your family. Let the memories of time spent with Matt help sustain you thru these difficult times. With deepest sympathy, Roy and Teresa Smith family. ##imported-begin##Roy and Teresa Smith##imported-end##

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“ Matt was a true professional, who had integrity, pride, & dedication. Both in his work and personal life. I will always remember and be proud to say I worked with him during the academy and haz-mat classes. ##imported-begin##Joseph Hall##imported-end##

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“ Chief Hubleys Family,
I've known Matt for many years as the professional he was. Matt and I worked together on many fires over the years and he will be sadly missed by the friends and firefighters throughout the area. I retired 5 yrs. ago from the Kankakee Fire Department and spend the winter in Florida and will not be able to attend his services. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family, I'am verry sorry for your loss.
Terry Lewis
RTD. Chief
Kankakee Fire Department

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“ We are sorry for your loss,we will miss Matt.

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“ Debby - My sincere sympathy for your loss. I know Matt made you very happy.

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“ May our God help ease your pain in this sad loss to all who knew Matt. May your wonderful memories bring smiles to your faces in the sad days ahead.

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“ Chief was one amazing firefighter. ĩ½So many people in this county wouldn't be such great firefighters if it weren't for his instruction and dedication to the service. ĩ½The firehouse sure is going to be different without hearing that laugh from across the bays. ĩ½

See ya at the big one, Chief!##imported-begin##Vicki Hays##imported-end##

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“ Hubly Family, Our deepest sympathy to ĩ½your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Matt was an Great guy. I knew Matt from the being a fellow Firefighter for years and doing business with him here at Nordmeyer Graphics while he was chief. You could always tell when Matt walked in the shop, that great laugh could be heard trough out the shop. He was dedicated to the Fire Department but, was more dedicated and proud of his Family.##imported-begin##Kevin Nordmeyer##imported-end##

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“ We remember Matt and Deb from bowling and I will always remember Matt's laugh and that he was always smiling. He did alot for the fire service and will be remembered for this also.

Take care Deb and you all will be in our prayers.

Jim, Kathy Ryan and Alexis Keener##imported-begin##Jim and Kathy Keener##imported-end##

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“ Debra and boys,

I enjoyed your boys so much and thought so much of your family. ĩ½My deepest condolences.
Barb##imported-begin##"Miss Barbara" Quinn##imported-end##

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“ Dear Debbie,

 ĩ½Sorry for your loss. You are

in our thoughts and prayers. Our

deepest sympathy to Noah and Aaron

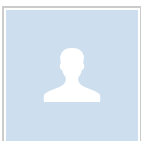
also.##imported-begin##Walt and Christine Howard##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Hubly family, their friends and the Kankakee Township Fire Dept for their loss.##imported-begin##Lisa (Chouinard) Gumprecht##imported-end##

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“ Though I never met him I know he was a great human being. ĩ½He touched the lives of so many kids through his class at the career center. I know of two very special boys that will miss him tremendously. ĩ½One is our nephew and cousin Nick Brault and the other is a very special friend Mitch Nettledingham. ĩ½Both boys couldn't go a day without mentioning his name. ĩ½So our hearts and prayers go out to your family for your loss. He is greatly missed.

ĩ½The Osterhous Family##imported-begin##The Osterhous Family##imported-end##

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“ I knew Matt from Eastridge High School, I had the honor of assisting at Kankakee TWP FD, just prior to Matt joining the Department in 1991. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

##imported-begin##Doug Schnell##imported-end##

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“ Hubley Family,

I met Matt many years ago at the farm when he sold my husband tools. I would constantly tease him about selling Jason tools and he would give it right back! ï¿½We had been talking about how we missed Matt coming out to the farm. Then, to open the paper and see this article.

 We simply wanted to send our deepest sympathy. ï¿½And to make sure Matt's family and friends know that we will keep them in our thoughts and our prayers.##imported-begin##Briana Grove##imported-end##

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